



Sarah's Wildlife Projects

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Update to Sarah's Friends – January 2023



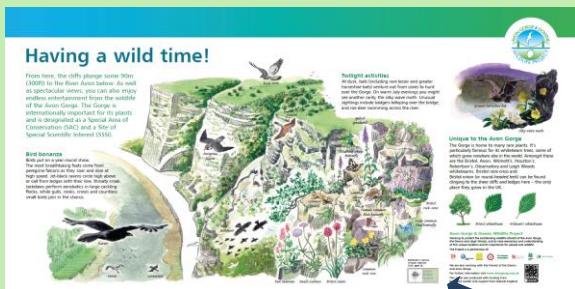
Firstly, a Very Happy New Year to you all. Sarah would and should have been here to wish you all that personally but that was not to be. We are still struggling with having lost Sarah and Christmas especially hard as we all know how Sarah loved Christmas. We came to Oman in December to avoid the reminders as well as the weather, staying at Simon's house while he working in the Desert

Through 2022 we have progressed a few Wildlife Projects in Sarah's name as a memorial to her and to use some of the money that friends and colleagues donated in 2020. This newsletter shares a little of what we have done so far.

- **Brandon Hill Tree** – Sarah's tree (Persian Spire) is doing well. We know some of you have been visiting and we have planted some native bulbs for the spring.



- **Clifton Downs Nature Information Boards** – We sponsored the refreshing of 4 of the Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project's Nature Info. Boards across the Clifton Downs. Some had become quite shabby and the Project were keen to refresh them. They were also got funding to renew the other 5 and, printed on aluminium, they now all look great! Thanks to Mandy and Team for making that happen.



Refreshed Info. Board at Clifton Observatory

- **Website** – We have a website but you'll see we need help. Can anybody help please? <https://sarahswildlifeprojects.org/>



- **Clifton Downs Tree Trails etc.** – Next for the Gorge and Downs Project is to do something on their tree trails. We have met with Rosie and Vanessa and plan to be doing something to make that more informative and interesting for families to follow and to extend that to the Observatory. Any help on trees please?

- **Bats** – With Max, past colleague of Sarah's, and some new friends from Avon Bat Group (ABG), we did a 'bat box check' on the 10 bat boxes around Paradise Bottom since Forestry England mounted them for us and Anna at My Green World organised our bat walk last year. Also checked some older ones at Tyntesfield and Dad actually saw some bats in one of those – Yay! We also have the 4 bat boxes in Avon Wildlife Trust's Weston Moor Reserve to check out. We, ABG and Sarah's colleagues from Motts keen to do more on bats with surveys, info packs and education. More on that shortly.



Picture from Sarah's Archive – Bahla Fort, Oman

- **Dormice in Leigh Woods** – Keen to do more in Leigh Woods and with Forestry England (FE) on their initiatives we are sponsoring dormouse boxes for their and My Green World's 'little human' education projects. Also looking at other ideas with Nikki, Greg and Sian at FE.

- **Wildflowers** – We finally managed to get wildflowers to grow in our small front garden thanks to Shaun at AWT's Grow Wilder. His plugs worked where turf and seeds didn't! Now working with him to see if we can refresh and re-launch the Wildflower Chart that we saw on a wall at Grow Wilder. Anybody know InDesign?



- **Other Ideas** - We are looking into other projects with various organisations. Any other Projects you think Sarah would like us to support and/or any help you can give, please get in touch.

- **Sarah's Birthday** – We have yet to finalise details and will update later but we will have a couple of get togethers on the weekend before Sarah's Birthday (March 6) to share more about our projects and ideas, to think about Sarah and to have some Pepsi & Jaffa Cakes and/or Chilli & Cider in her memory. Please save the date(s) we've sent in emails and come join us.

- **Sarah's Friends** – We again thank you for being part of Sarah's life and for your interest and support now.

😊❤️ Love Sally, Paul, Simon and Becky.