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Update and prayer requests from A Rocha



We were pleased to receive warm thanks for our annual support for Wolf Fields (£3,000, plus a special collection of £342, in 2022) and the following annual report:

Wolf Fields continued to flourish in 2022, with a range of social prescribing and mental health groups using the site for events and activities. To enable wider access for all user groups, the existing allotment areas were enhanced with three new raised beds built by the volunteer team. These raised beds were set at a height to enable wheelchair and mobility scooter users to participate in fruit and vegetable planting without a need to bend down or elevate. Improvements were also made to the pond and orchard areas to help wildlife recover during times of drought and heat. This included a new volunteer-led mulching programme to help with water management and retention across the entire orchard area. Members of the local community built a new labyrinth on site to encourage visitors to slow down and reflect on the value of nature.

2022 saw the recruitment of a new Reserve Manager, Andrew Samuel, who joined the team with a background in conservation and sustainability. He will be pioneering a new range of events and activities in the year ahead and intends to expand our education work with local schools and grow our volunteer base.

Please pray for:

- Andrew as he settles in, pioneers a new range of events, works with schools and grows the volunteers
- an early opportunity to meet with and hear from Andrew
- our ongoing contribution to developing a wildflower meadow

on behalf of the Mission Partnering Committee