



Broken Bridges Nature Reserve

There's lots happening, and we need your help!

Broken Bridges is a much-loved local haven for wildlife, nature and people. As we enter our second year as a registered charity in the autumn of 2026, we're working hard to protect and improve this special place for the whole community.

There are exciting developments ahead, but we need local people to get involved.

Can you support our bid to improve the footpath?

We are applying to Salisbury City Council for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding from the Netherhampton Road housing developments to improve the footpath across Broken Bridges.

Our aim is to make the route more accessible to wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs, while retaining the natural, rural character of the reserve. The work would include:

- Removing damaging tree roots
- Raising low-lying sections of the path
- Replacing the central stone slab bridge
- Resurfacing the footpath to create a safer, more accessible route

Will you support our application?

If you value Broken Bridges and would like to see it remain accessible to everyone, please send a short statement of support.

Simply email your name, postcode and a brief reason why you support the improvements to: anneinbemerton@gmail.com

Every voice helps demonstrate how important Broken Bridges is to our local community.

Could you help nature thrive as a new Trustee?

Broken Bridges Nature Reserve CIO is looking for up to three additional Trustees to help guide our growing charity.

Our current team of four Trustees and one Co-opted Trustee has achieved a great deal in our first year as a registered charity. Now we want to build on that progress.

We are particularly interested in people with skills or experience in:

- Conservation & biodiversity
- Community engagement
- Fundraising & communications
- Financial management
- Governance

You don't need previous Trustee experience, support and guidance will be provided. If you care about wildlife, conservation and our local environment, can contribute your skills and ideas, and would enjoy working with a friendly community team, we'd love to hear from you.

Live in or around Salisbury? Why not help shape the future of Broken Bridges?



Coming up at Broken Bridges

Share your Broken Bridges memories

**Wed 30 Sept | 2.30-4.30pm |
Salisbury Methodist Church**

Do you remember Broken Bridges from years ago? Perhaps your family has stories, memories or photographs to share.

Join us for an informal afternoon led by John Abbott, collecting memories of this special place and its place in the history of our community.

Everyone is welcome — come along and share your story.



Live folk music

Sat 24 Oct | St John's Place

Enjoy an evening of music from local folk group **Maerefolk**, with proceeds helping to support Broken Bridges Nature Reserve.

**More details to follow —
save the date!**



Update on Progress

**Sat 14 Nov | 10am-12 noon | Harnham
Parish Hall**

Come along to hear about the latest developments at Broken Bridges, our plans and how you can get involved.

Keep an eye out for further details.



A new chapter online

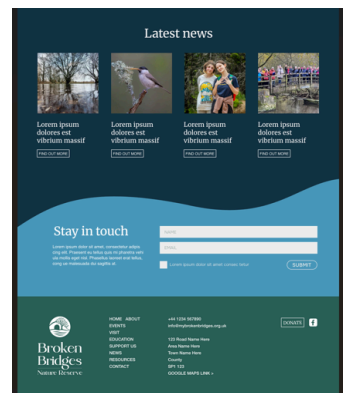
For the past year, our website has been an important way of sharing the story of our Reserve, and we owe a huge thank you to Greg, a dedicated volunteer, who created and has continued to maintain the site for us.

Now, thanks to a generous donation, we're able to take our online presence to a new level.

The new website that will make it easier for visitors to discover the reserve, find out about our wildlife and conservation work, plan a visit, hear our latest news and, importantly, find ways to get involved and support us.

It will also give our growing team of volunteers, supporters and community partners a better platform to share what's happening at Broken Bridges.

We're excited about our next chapter. Look out for the website launch!



Become a Friend of Broken Bridges...

...and help us protect this special
place for wildlife and people.

Choose the option that works for you:

Individual
£15/year

Two adults
£25/year

*at the same
address*

For just £15 or £25 a year, your support helps us restore habitats, care for the reserve, run community events and create opportunities for people to get involved.

Friends receive seasonal updates, invitations to events and activities, and early access to volunteer days - as well as the satisfaction of helping Broken Bridges thrive for generations to come.

To join our growing community of Friends today, simply drop us a line at **info@mybrokenbridges.org.uk** and we'll send you form.

To simply donate a one-off amount via BACs, these are our bank details:

Bank Account: Broken Bridges Nature Reserve CIO

Sort code: 82 12 08

Account: 70036255

Sarah Eagle, our new Volunteer Co-ordinator



Sarah has recently been settling into Lower Bemerton, although she has known the area for decades.

Her connection goes back to visits to her parents, who had moved into the house her grandfather built after the war.

Those who knew Sarah's parents will remember them as part of the team that helped bring St John's Place into being. Her mother Clare was also well known for her extensive botanical knowledge, and Sarah likes to think she is building on that family heritage.

Sarah plans to make Wednesdays a regular day for BBNR, and you may well find her by the river, running an informal nature discovery drop-in.

Our work days had to take a pause during the recent heatwave, but we know many of you are keen to see them return! They'll be starting up again very soon, with opportunities to meet Sarah, discover what she has planned and, most importantly, get involved.

Look out for more from Sarah once our new website and email system are up and running!