

# Dumbleton Conservation Society

## Newsletter May 2026



### Introduction

This year Dumbleton Conservation Society (DCS) is expanding its activities with our inaugural "Dumbly" Day, more fantastic opportunities to enjoy free nature activities in the company of Anne Goodenough, Professor of Applied Ecology at the University of Gloucestershire, and the launch of our 2026 appeal to raise funds for the restoration and relocation of our Red Telephone Kiosk.

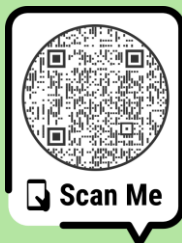
### Introducing "Dumbly" Day\*

Our vision is to create an annual event for residents of the village, 'Dumbles', to participate in a Spring Clean for Dumbleton and to grow this into an annual event where villagers can come together to keep our village looking and feeling good with a social activity built in.



In 2026 our focus is on helping the Church with a few hours of gardening, clearing and cleaning on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9:30am.**

Details of this were included in a recent St Peters Church Newsletter. If you would like to support this event, please let us know by email to the [secretary@dumbletonconservation.org](mailto:secretary@dumbletonconservation.org), or scan the QR code on your mobile phone.



\* Participation is at your own risk

### Red Telephone Kiosk Restoration and Relocation

With your support DCS has raised another £880, from proceeds of Village Calendar sales in 2024 and 2025, and this has been added to the ring-fenced fund of £1,348 held by Dumbleton Village Hall (DVH) from donations previously made by villagers. DCS will continue to fund raise through calendar Sales and other activities, and will be working very closely with DVH who are now the owners of the kiosk and are responsible for safety and ongoing maintenance.



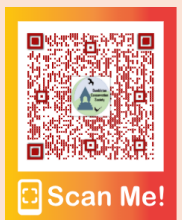
### New Location

Gloucestershire Highways will not allow the kiosk to remain on the pavement now that it is owned by the Village Hall, and so it must be situated on private land. That means we are unable to keep the kiosk in its current location, or opposite on the corner of Blacksmiths Lane due to footpath, highway safety and planning issues.

We can site the kiosk in front of the Village Hall itself, adjacent to the car parking where there are currently shrubs close to the pavement. This would be central to the village, visible from Main street, and of course would be a focal point for visitors to the village hall, cricket club and walkers. This is the Village Hall's preferred location unless anyone has a valid objection or can suggest a better location.

Wherever the kiosk is located we need to consider access for the public, an electricity supply for lighting (security) and ease of maintenance.

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### Red Telephone Kiosk Restoration and Relocation (continued)

### Future Uses

Kiosks have been used as libraries or book/jigsaw exchanges, coffee shops, defibrillation sites and even mini convenience stores. If you have any ideas, or would like to suggest a use for the kiosk, please contact [secretary@dumbletonconservation.org](mailto:secretary@dumbletonconservation.org)

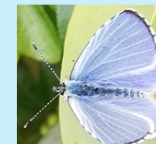
### Archaeological Open Day – Gold Hay Field Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Over 60 villagers and near village neighbours walked the site. Our thanks to Centaur Homes (Builder) for funding this event and to TVAS & ADAS, especially Helen, Emily, Megan, Steve, Jack and Mike (onsite archaeologists) who did an excellent job of explaining the process and the "finds". If you missed out on the day, the display will be available at the Village Club, during normal opening hours for a couple of weeks. (approx. end May)



### Nature Walk – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 9:30am to 11:00pm

Enjoy a free nature walk up Dumbleton Hill discovering woodland plants, butterflies, birds and more in the company of Anne Goodenough, Professor of Applied Ecology at the University of Gloucestershire. The walk will be 2-3 miles, including some uphill sections, but at a leisurely pace. Maximum 18 participants.

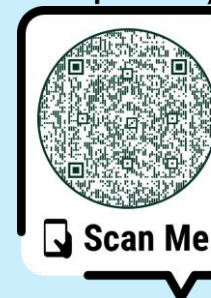


### Bat Walk Sat 12 or Sun 13 Sept 2026 19:45 (weather dependent)

Following the last 3 years highly successful events, Professor Anne Goodenough, will host another bat walk in 2026. We will use audio and, if available, night vision equipment, so we can hear and hopefully see the bats. With at least 11 of the 17 UK bat species in the area, we always have a great evening!

Meeting point for both events:  
Village Hall Car Park

How to book: All nature events are free, simply email [secretary@dumbletonconservation.org](mailto:secretary@dumbletonconservation.org) with names of the participants, or scan the QR code here to create an email on your phone.



### New Dumbleton Conservation website

DCS is currently refreshing and enhancing our website with more content, a new Archive sections for Dumbleton history and even an online shop for the Village Calendar 2027. The site is "under construction" but is available online for you to look at and provide feedback.

We'd love to know what you think of the new site and, or if you have anything you would like us to add to the content created so far. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.dumbletonconservation.org/>

