

Call for Volunteers to assist with Toad Patrol on Woodhill Lane in January /February 2021

Shamley Green has one of the most impressive colonies of common toads in Surrey. However, contrary to the name, Common Toads are not so common these days and need our help. It is estimated that 20 tonnes of unlucky toads are killed on UK's roads each breeding season, when the toads attempt to return to their breeding ponds.

A group of villagers, each January pull on their warm coats, head torches and buckets and walk up and down Wood Hill Lane to pick up the toads and carry them across the road to the ponds before they are run over by passing traffic. We also document the numbers of toads, frogs and newts that we pick up, to monitor their numbers each year.

If you would like to get involved with this important nature recovery project please call Chris Howard to discuss how you could get involved. Just an hour on dusk once a week is enough to make a difference. Oh...and you don't have to pick up the toads if you don't want to....you can just hold the bucket and torch and count.

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