

A Wildlife Gem Right On Our Doorstep

Regena Coult from the SGEG amphibian group is giving a talk at a Guildford Environment Forum event on the evening of 16th January 2024 to explain the purpose of toad patrols and why it is important to help this wildlife gem. It is hoped this will encourage others to protect amphibian migration routes across the county and encourage people to join existing schemes like the ones in Shamley Green.

SGEG's 2023 toad patrol figures are published on our website [2023 results of the Toad Patrol](#), showing the numbers of amphibians in Shamley Green helped to cross busy roads in order to get to their breeding ponds. 1514 amphibians including 1404 toads were assisted in their migration in Woodhill Lane, slightly down on the numbers in preceding years. Nearly 500 were assisted on Lordshill, a significant increase on previous years but recording there only began three years ago. The decline in Woodhill numbers could be due to habitat loss, (loss of hedges in particular) breeding pond degradation, excessive mowing and verges damaged by wide tractors. Fewer volunteers may also be a factor. Anyone wanting to help the Shamley Green Toad Patrol in 2024 please email info@shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk.

