







## BRINGING NATURE TO YOU

We would be very happy to discuss any ideas you may have for a tailor-made nature experience. Perhaps advice on Rewilding your garden, a moth trapping evening or bespoke walk with a group of friends. General cost £5 per hour per person, usual minimum group of 3 or £15 per hour.

THIS MONTH – TAKING A GROUP OF FRIENDS ON A WOODLAND WALK

## POETRY

Many thanks to Berenice Tregenna for a beautiful poem about Oak Marble Galls. She was inspired on a WildEssex walk last summer and has kindly given us permission to reproduce it here. We include a couple of Chris' photos too.

### Oak Marble Gall

on the twig  
proudly sits  
a perfect sphere

leaf bud  
compelled to grow  
and host  
a tiny egg

hatched into  
wasp larva  
once warm within  
this wooden crib

a tell-tale hole  
at one end  
escape route from  
their oak nursery

now they've left  
a brown bauble  
an empty nest  
on display

the wasp had a gall!



## FUTURE EVENTS

Please let us know if you have any ideas of places you would like to visit on a WildEssex walk, or ideas for future free zoom sessions. We were wondering about doing a quiz at sometime...anyone interested?



## AND FINALLY.....

### ..... LITTER

One of our pet hates, why do some people think it's OK to discard their rubbish any old where (what happened to 'take it home with you?').

This article from EWT has horrifying statistics - 2.9 million small mammals get stuck in our rubbish every year! – a reason to get out there and litter picking! We've rather missed the boat for their targeted campaign, but it's never too late to start - just take a plastic bag (& gloves) with you on nature walks and send us a photo of what you find.

[Join the fight against litter](https://mailchi.mp/)  (mailchi.mp)

## PLEASE KEEP SENDING US YOUR PHOTOS AND NATURE NOTES!

Special thanks this time to all in our Whatsapp group for their interesting posts throughout the month plus Val Appleyard, Sally Chandler, Wendy Constance, Clare Kendrick-Robinson, George McKissock, Sue Minta and Berenice Tregenna

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