

NEWS FROM THE SWAN SANCTUARY

October 2018



At last, the Project's food store is up and running, and in the nick of time! We do thank Worcester City Council, The Duckworth Worcestershire Trust, Fortis Housing, Worcester Stone Masons, Worcester Sand & Gravel, WCCC and volunteers for help with siting, funding, equipping and fitting out.

Broomfield's deliver a ton of mixed corn at a time, and kindly help us get the sacks into the store. The swans will have a sack each lunchtime, with extra planned for the worst of the winter weather. Please get in touch if you could help us unload the lorry.

An unplanned use of the food store area has been for feeding vulnerable cygnets. Cygnets don't usually start arriving in the sanctuary until autumn, but this needy pair came downriver months early with their first-time parents. A team of volunteers fed them twice a day in addition to their lunchtime feed.



The Diglis duck island made by volunteers last winter has been used by swans as well as ducks, giving somewhere safe and quiet for their young to climb out to preen and dry off.



Children who help to feed the swans at lunchtime are working towards 'Helper' badges. Each time they help, they earn a smiley face for their loyalty card. Five faces earn a badge! Ask for a card!



The Big Christmas Swan Feed

Feed the swans for free!

26th, 28th, 30th December
1st January 2019
2pm on South Quay

To thank everyone for supporting our project and to celebrate our beautiful swans, we'll be giving out free floating swan pellets for a community swan feed on each day

Car boot sales at Monksfield Farm have raised £348.99 so far this year with one to go on 13th October. Good quality items for sale are needed - persuade your friends to declutter for us!

The next work party in the Sanctuary is on Wednesday 17th October, 9.30 to 1pm. Come along to lend a hand and have fresh air, exercise and good company!

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