



# Newsletter

Summer 2025

## Swan families

Spring and early summer is a time of great activity in the Worcester swan world, as cygnets hatch along different stretches of the canal and river, and in our parks.

Some years ago the Project built a floating platform in Finger Wharf (Diglis) to enable ducklings and cygnets to get out of the water to preen and rest. This year, for the first time, swans have nested on it, and produced 6 cygnets. Cygnets are prey to a number of predators, and quite a few have been lost on other territories, but nearly 2

months on and the Diglis family is still complete, despite being attacked by an aggressive cob when they ventured onto the river for a couple of days. Fortunately, Canal & River Trust volunteers were on hand. They kept the cob at bay with a pole, and got the family safely through the locks and back into Diglis Basin.



*They're a lot bigger now!*

## Swan Sanctuary Drop-in Day

The Swan Food Project is having a Swan Sanctuary Drop-in Day by the boathouse steps on Bromwich Parade, from 11:00 on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. Project volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about swans and volunteering, and to host some fun activities.



**11.00** - Feed the swans for free - give the swans a treat with free floating pellets.

**11.30 - 3.00** - Pick up your swan mask, ask questions, try quizzes and colouring.

**3.30** - Watch the regular afternoon feed. Could this be something you'd enjoy too?

It takes a lot of energy to replace feathers as swans moult, so good nutrition is important at this time of year. An ideal time to take a stroll by the river with some swan pellets!

## Explore the world of swans and river wildlife

You are invited to a free, fun-filled educational event on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August**, a collaboration between the Hive and The Swan Food Project.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in The Hive's Studio space, local artist and volunteer Oly Bliss will lead children aged 6 to 13 and their families in drawing their own beautiful swan and creating their own illustrated booklets filled with swan facts and river wildlife knowledge.

There'll also be a wildlife bingo game and a free bag of swan food for every participant.

Only 30 places available, so please book one ticket per person as soon as you can!



<https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/LibraryEvents/EventBooking.aspx?EventID=7346&id=9982>

## Project volunteers join the Worcester City 10km Run

Two of our volunteers and one of their friends are taking part in the Worcester City Run on **13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September**, to raise funds for The Swan Food Project.

Many swans come to the sanctuary to feed in the autumn, when becomes scarce out in the countryside, and cygnets from miles around come to the sanctuary when they leave their parents. They learn social skills and often find a partner of their own, before leaving the sanctuary to start their own family.

We feed mixed corn to the swans each afternoon at the boathouse steps on Bromwich Parade. One ton of corn, which costs £488, will feed them for 25 days, if they have 2 sacks a day.

Could you help feed the swans by sponsoring our runners? *Thank you!*

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