

Judi Stretton 1948 - 2015



Judi Stretton arrived in Longcot in 1986, when she and her family moved into a new house in Priory Mead. She quickly turned her natural history talents to creating a wildlife garden from builder's rubble and then proceeded in doing similar with the churchyard at Longcot Church. Her work here (with a band of supportive volunteers) was recognised by a visit from John Craven and the *Countryfile* team and the prestigious Civic Trust Green Flag conservation award.

She had long been a supporter of BBONT (later BBOWT) and she was happy to take on the mantle of Manager of Tuckmill Meadows Nature Reserve. With a few helpers (including the family) but largely through her own commitment and efforts she transformed the area into a more user-friendly location, together with a boardwalk and wildlife hide that she designed and for which she raised the necessary funds. Widely appreciated by visitors the hide sadly was burnt down by vandals within a matter of years! John and the family were always impressed with her achievements at Tuckmill and have fond memories of times spent there with Judi.



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