



SWINTON NOURISH

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WELCOME

Welcome to the third edition of the Swinton Nourish Newsletter, our sustainability-focused and eco-conscious newsletter.

While the warm, bright summer weather has provided fantastic conditions for our biodiversity monitoring—helping local pollinator populations and native species thrive across the Estate—it has also presented its fair share of challenges for our local farmers and food producers. Balancing these seasonal shifts highlights just how crucial high-welfare, regenerative practices and sustainable soil management are to keeping our land resilient.

Through our Nourish initiative, we remain deeply committed to eco-conscious practices and sustainable land management across the Swinton Estate. From monitored biodiversity projects and local estate-to-plate sourcing, including new markets for our estate wool, to renewable energy and charity partnerships, every step we take helps protect and enrich our surrounding environment for the future.

Thank you for your continued support and for joining us on this journey toward a more sustainable future.

Mark Cunliffe-Lister
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PARTNERSHIPS & DEVELOPMENTS



Wildlife monitoring

Understanding and monitoring the natural environment is an important part of responsible land management on the Swinton Estate. In March, team member David Hay took part in a River Fly Monitoring course with Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, gaining practical insight into river health, water quality and biodiversity. Following the training, the Estate joined Earthwatch Europe's Great UK WaterBlitz project, testing rivers, streams and ponds to contribute valuable data to the wider FreshWater Watch programme.

Our monitoring also extends beyond waterways. In June, we took part in a Garden BioBlitz, recording plants, animals and fungi across the Estate, alongside ongoing butterfly counting and our participation in the Bumblebee Conservation Trust's BeeWalk Survey.

Together, these initiatives are helping us build a clearer picture of the species and habitats across the Estate, informing how we protect and enhance biodiversity for the future.

Estate-to-plate partners

Much of the food served across the Swinton Estate begins here on the Estate or with trusted local suppliers, supporting our estate-to-plate philosophy, reducing food miles and strengthening the local rural economy.

From sustainably managed venison and game to flour made from homegrown wheat at Shaws Farm, our kitchens are closely connected to the surrounding landscape. Tenant farms, Hilltop House Farm and Highfield House Farm, also supply pork, lamb and grass-fed Aberdeen Angus beef.

These farmers use high-welfare and sustainable approaches including rotational grazing to support soil health, biodiversity and the long-term health of the land.



We are proud to be working closely with our tenant farms and to bring a taste of the wider Estate to our kitchens.

PARTNERSHIPS & DEVELOPMENTS

Woodland planting to continue this autumn

Our planting programme continues this season, with further woodland planting planned across the Estate. We will also be introducing fruit trees within the BioHub, supporting both biodiversity and future food production.

Our commitment to planting is also being supported through our guest stays, with £1 from every room night contributing towards tree planting. Together, these projects are helping us invest in the long-term health and resilience of the Estate.

Supporting sustainable golf

We are proud to work alongside Estate partners who are taking meaningful steps towards greater sustainability. Masham Golf Club is part of Sustainable.Golf, a global platform led by the GEO Foundation for Sustainable Golf that provides practical guidance and programmes to help golf clubs make environmental and social improvements.

Masham Golf Club's work focuses on protecting nature, conserving resources, taking climate action and supporting the local community. By sharing progress and encouraging practical action, the club is helping demonstrate how golf can play a positive role in the future of sustainable land management.



Fresh planting on the Estate

Fresh planting schemes have transformed areas around the Estate this summer, led by Grounds & Gardens Manager Joe Lofthouse MHort (RHS) MCIHort. At the turning circle in front of Swinton Park Hotel and the beds in front of the Coach House, British planting combines seasonal flowers with structured low hedging to create a classic, timeless welcome to the Hotel.

While the schemes are still developing, we are looking forward to seeing further developments over the next year, providing new opportunities for wildlife alongside an enhanced arrival experience.

GETTING INVOLVED



Climate Action Academy Action Days

April's Climate Action Academy Action Day brought Nourish partners together at the Swinton Estate for a day of learning, practical demonstrations, and knowledge sharing. Experts including Tom Previte from Restord, Estate Grounds & Gardens Manager, Joe Lofthouse, and Marian Wilby from Nidderdale National Landscape explored topics including biochar, herbal leys, soil carbon and peatland carbon, and how these approaches can be applied more widely across agriculture and land management.

The next Action Day takes place on 25th September and will explore our estate-to-plate philosophy through foraging, a visit to a tenant farm, and a closer look at the wider landscape with Matthew Trevelyan from Nidderdale National Landscape. The day will also include a Cooper King gin reception and four-course lunch at Samuel's Restaurant, with Executive Chef Steve Darou sharing the stories and provenance behind the Estate and local ingredients.

Nourish partners can register for this day by emailing: nourish@swintonestate.com

Exploring the future of British wool

Earlier in the year, members of the Swinton Estate team visited H. Dawson Wool at Salts Mill to discover more about the heritage, craftsmanship and processes behind its operations. The visit also introduced the team to The Woolkeepers, an initiative supporting British wool growers with compliance while encouraging a transition towards more regenerative farming practices.

The team saw how raw wool is hand-sorted and selected before being developed into finished products, including specialist cleansing carried out locally in the north of England.



With shared values around sustainability and provenance, we are now incorporating British wool into high-quality bedding for guest rooms.

GOOD NEWS

Supporting Harrogate Homeless Project

We are proud to have launched a year-long charity partnership with Harrogate Homeless Project, supporting people experiencing homelessness across the Harrogate District.

The partnership includes fundraising events throughout the year, with proceeds from Winston Swinton merchandise at Swinton Park Hotel also supporting Harrogate Homeless Project. The Swinton Spring Spectacular Raffle led by the charity also helped raise vital funds for its frontline services.



Sustainability in action

Swinton Estate continues to contribute to conversations around nature finance and sustainable land management. Proprietor Mark Cunliffe-Lister took part in events in March exploring how green finance and private investment can support nature restoration and natural flood management.

Our sustainability work also extends to procurement. Chief Executive, Iain Shelton, shared practical advice on making more sustainable purchasing decisions through the

Investors in the Environment Greening Your Procurement webinar in July, highlighting the role responsible sourcing can play in reducing environmental impact.

Recognition for sustainable business

We were delighted to be recognised at The Stray Ferret Business Awards 2026, receiving Best Sustainable Business alongside Lightwater Quarries Limited, as well as being named Business of the Year.

The recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to responsible land management, environmental progress and more sustainable approaches to hospitality.



SWINTON WATCH COMPETITION

This year, we launched Swinton Watch, a photography competition which showcases the incredible wildlife and landscapes of the Swinton Estate, with entries judged by Mark Cunliffe-Lister.

Congratulations to Eleanor Rogers, winner of the Under 19 category with her ox-eye daisy photograph, and @helenofwhitby on Instagram, whose Green Hairstreak butterfly image won the 19+ category.

The Green Hairstreak is the UK's only green butterfly and a valuable indicator of healthy habitats. Its frequent recording around Druid's Temple, following the creation of eight new butterfly monitoring transects, highlights the importance of our ongoing biodiversity work.



GAME WEEK CORPORATE CHARITY ACTIVITY DAY



Following the success of last year's Corporate Charity Activity Day, which raised more than £500, we're bringing the event back this November as part of Great British Game Week.

Taking place on Thursday 5 November, teams of five can enjoy four fun challenges, welcome refreshments and a two-course lunch for £800 per team. It's a great opportunity to bring colleagues together, meet other local businesses and raise funds for our charity partner, Harrogate Homeless Project.

Spaces are limited to eight teams, so register your interest today to secure your place via our website [here](#).

NEW NOURISH PARTNERS

Since our last Swinton Nourish Newsletter, we have been pleased to welcome more Nourish partners to the programme.

Welcome to S&W Group, Duncan Renewables, Hunt Communications, Live For Today, and Harrogate Homeless Project.

NOURISH PARTNERS

We are pleased to recognise 17 companies as part of our Nourish Partnership.

All have demonstrated their commitment to the programme and their support will help grow Nourish projects.

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