

Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission -Report

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The amount of road kill along roads is concerning, foxes, badgers, hedgehogs, squirrels are among the most common victims. At the same time, people I work with through Understory's biodiversity workshops often note that they've never seen badgers and hedgehogs alive in their lifetimes. There is a great need to protect Irish biodiversity through smart infrastructure including wildlife corridors and crossings.

Investment is education and participation through citizen science is key in ensuring the community is working together towards the right goals in the right ways. As an ecologist and educator at Understory, I wish to achieve that but often lack the funding or visibility to offer support to the Wicklow county council. I'd love to establish a relationship with the team as we all have the same goals of making Greystones and Delgany biodiversity and culture-rich communities.

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