



Programme of Events 2017



Work parties are on the 2nd Sunday of the month

All welcome, and no experience necessary

For more information please contact us (see front page for details)

Date	Activity	Meeting Point
Sunday 8 th January 10.00-12.00	Natterer's Wood Tree planting and path maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road entrance
Sunday 12th February 10.00 - 12.00	Natterer's Wood Tree planting and orchard pruning	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road entrance
Sunday 12th March 10.00 - 12.00	Cherry Trees Wood Woodland maintenance	Car park of former Flying Fortress pub, Mount Road
Sunday 9 th April 10.00-12.00	Natterer's Wood Woodland maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road entrance
Sunday 14th May tbc	Excursion to nature reserve	To be announced
Sunday 11th June 10.00 - 12.00	Natterer's Wood Bee orchid survey	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road entrance
Sunday 9th July 10.00 - 12.00	AGM followed by Woodland Ways Pond hay rake	Moreton Hall Community Centre conference room
Sunday 13th August 10,00 - 12.00+	Natterer's Wood Hay rake, followed by bring your own picnic	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road entrance
Sunday 10th September	To be announced	
Sunday 8 th October 10.00-12.00	To be announced	
Sunday 12 th November 10.00-12.00	Pond Covert Path Maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
Sunday 10 th December 10.00-12.00	Home Covert Path Maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road

Weather, new needs etc sometimes means we change plans at short notice. Check our website or Twitter for the most up to date information

The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

January 2017

Welcome to a New Year with Woodland Ways

- Work parties
- Tree planting
- Excursions
- Survey

Make 2017 a Woodland Ways year!

Telephone: Nick Sibbett (chair) 01284 723847
 Telephone: Jenny Green (secretary) 01284 723857
 Email: information@woodlandways.org.uk
 Website: www.woodlandways.org.uk
 Twitter: @NatterersWood



Information about work parties

The work parties last two hours but you don't have to stay to the end. We usually stop for coffee. Tools are provided. If you just want to stop by to say hello (or even shout words of encouragement from the path) we'd still be pleased to see you. Children are very welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult.

We start with a 'tools talk' so please try to be on time not to miss the 5-minute 'what and how' chat.

Forthcoming events

Sunday 15th January 2017 - seals and rooks.

Meet at 8.45 on the free car park on Airfeld Way (near Abbots Green school). Car share, to drive to Horsey Gap, north Norfolk, to see the seals and their young on the beach. This includes walking on sand for about a mile and is very cold. Lunch in a local pub (pre-book with Nick Sibbett) if you wish. Optional stop-off at Buckenham railway station on the way home to see thousands of rooks return to roost at dusk.

Sunday 14th May 2017 - Blackbourne Nature Reserve

We hope to arrange a visit to Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Blackbourne Nature reserve, between Thurston and Norton. Details will be announced in the next newsletter.

News from our woods

Natterer's Wood

Our tallest planted trees, mostly alder, are being overrun with bramble. We will try and get this cut back this winter to keep the trees alive.

Pond Covert and Home Covert

You can now walk mud-free in the woods thanks to several tons of woodchips supplied at a subsidised rate by Urban Forestry and laid by Woodland Ways.



Woodland Ways Pond

We have complained several times to Bury Mercury about large numbers of its free newspaper being dumped in Woodland Ways Pond. Apparently one paper boy has been sacked but papers and advertising leaflets are still being dumped regularly. One wonders why advertisers continue to pay for their advertising leaflets and in-paper adverts to be dumped rather than distributed.

Cherry Trees Wood

We don't often get to Cherry Trees Wood on a work party, but vice-chair tony keeps an eye on it and reports that the wildlife is flourishing.

Other news and updates

In the last newsletter we reported that we had applied to renew our planning permission for the tools store. It is a temporary structure so we only get a temporary permission for five years so we need to renew at those intervals. Thanks to the assistance from Tom Stebbing of John Stebbing Architects, based in Barton Road, it all went very smoothly and the permission was renewed.

Thanks to new Treasurer Katie for her patience in pointless paperwork with our bank. After fifteen years of having a bank account with Lloyds, the bank started asking for our charity's name and other fatuous pieces of information..

Membership news

Our membership year runs from 1st October to 30th September, and thank you to all our members who renewed in October or have recently joined. Some members tell us they are unable to join in with work parties and events, but we very much value your membership - our credibility and strength comes from the depth of membership as well as what we do.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, a form is enclosed with this newsletter. We are looking forward to receiving your renewal