



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 |
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| Sunday 9 th July 10.00-12.00 | AGM and hay rakes at Woodland Ways Pond / Pond Covert orchard | Moreton Hall Community Centre meeting room, Symonds Road |
| Sunday 13 th August 10.00-12.00+ | Natterer's Wood Annual Hay rake. Bring your picnic, to follow the hay raking | Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close |
| Sunday 10 th September | Natterer's Wood Woodland Maintenance | Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close |
| Sunday 8 th October 10.00-12.00 | Natterer's Wood Woodland Maintenance | Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close |
| Sunday 12 th November 10.00-12.00 | Pond Covert Path Maintenance | Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road |
| Sunday 9 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

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.



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

July 2017

The birds and the bee orchids

As we move deep into summer there have been some exciting wildlife sightings on Moreton Hall

Let us know what you have seen too!

Don't forget to come to the AGM and let us have your views about Woodland Ways.

If you would like to stand for election as a Trustee, let us know beforehand! You would be warmly welcomed to this role.

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News from our woods

Natterer's Wood

Our bee orchid survey in the bat meadow in June counted 574 flowering plants.

The survey methodology ensured a high level of search effort in all parts of the meadow and reduced the likelihood of any plants being not found or double-counted. We used a long rope to mark out a section of the meadow (about 10% of total area) starting from the entrance. Each person hunted for bee orchids and put a coloured flag by each one. After all plants were found, we then picked up and counted coloured flags. We marked out the next section and repeated until the whole meadow was counted. Bee orchids were found in all sections of the meadow, in contrast to a survey we did several years ago where they were mostly in the half nearest the entrance.

Ros heard what she thought was a nightingale singing in Natterer's Wood in May. One was heard several years ago singing in woodland Ways Pond by Russell and Jane, and it is probable that these birds were passing through on migration and stopping off in our 'islands' of habitat to seek company. They probably moved on after a few days, as we have not been able to confirm any nesting. Maybe next year....

Pond Covert

A female pheasant was seen with her chick towards the end of May, in the wood close to our tools store. It is unlikely that she could have brought the chick in from elsewhere, so this is probably a first breeding record for us.

Home Covert

Trees we planted several years ago, close to the rear of the Surgery, are thriving. Dog rose and hazel are doing well. Tree planting in woodland normally has a low survival rate due to shade and root competition, and we are pleased that some of our trees and shrubs have survived and are now well established.



Other wildlife news

Buzzards have been regularly seen flying over Moreton Hall this spring and summer. There is at least one nest in the Thurston area and it may be these birds that we see.

Groups of swifts were seen in June flying and 'screaming' at height above Moreton Hall. The nearest nests known to us are in St John's Church in Bury St Edmunds, but you might know of a closer nest..? Swifts nest only in buildings and are visitors from Africa, just coming here for nesting. If you attach a swift nest box to your building, you'll need to play a CD of tape calls for several hours a day, so that swifts come and investigate, and find the box.

One of our members contacted us recently regarding some small holes found in a dead tree trunk left standing in his garden. From the photo, it looked like beetle larvae had crawled round eating tunnels in the dead wood, and then emerged as adult beetles, leaving the tunnel entrances visible. Fascinating!

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the Moreton Hall Community Centre, Symonds Road, Bury St Edmunds 10am – 10.30pm on Sunday 9th July 2017 to transact the following business

Agenda

- 1. Minutes of the previous meeting**
To be agreed and matters arising
- 2. Reports and accounts**
To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 and the reports of the charity trustees
- 3. Appointment of charity trustees**
To elect the trustees as listed below
Nick Sibbett, Jenny Green, Shirley Foreman, Janet Scorer, Tony Potter, Katie Noble, Mike Hollins, Alison Roome
- 4. Any other business.**

Everyone Welcome.