



## Programme of Events 2012- workparties on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Please come and help. No experience necessary

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Date	Planned Activities	Meeting Point
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Pond Covert</b> Plant fruit trees	Woodland Ways Container Sebert Road
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Tree planting	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 10 am to 12 noon	Possibly Path maintenance Batbox making	To be decided
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Pond Covert</b> Tree maintenance	Woodland Ways Container Sebert Road
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Home Covert</b> Tree maintenance	Moreton Hall Community Centre Car park
Sunday in May Date to be confirmed	<b>Bradfield Woods</b> Bluebell walk	Moreton Hall Community Centre Car park (car sharing)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Tree & Hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 10 am to 12 noon	<b>AGM</b> <b>Woodland Ways Pond</b> Hay rake & insect hunt	Moreton Hall Community Centre Meeting Room And afterwards at WW Pond
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Wildflower meadow Hay rake	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 10 am to 12 noon	<b>To be confirmed</b>	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Woodland Ways Pond</b> Hay rake/ coppicing	Lawson Place car park (by Osteopaths)
Date to be confirmed	<b>Red Deer safari</b>	To be confirmed
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> <b>Orchid Survey</b>	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Pond Covert</b> <b>Home Covert</b> Path Maintenance	Moreton Hall Community Centre Car park



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## WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

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Happy New Year

To

All members New and Old

And for valuable contributions in 2011

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### **POND COVERT Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

There was a very good turnout in mild sunny weather for our first big clear-out and tidy-up of the container in Sebert Road. We must have looked like an army of ants filing in and out with stuff all morning! The result is a cleaner better-organised store to start work in 2012. It was such a good turnout that we were also able to finish re-surfacing the footpath through Pond Covert while Owen Green prepared the ground for fruit tree planting early in 2012.

### **HOME COVERT Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Another good turnout! We completely re-surfaced the footpath through Home Covert. Sadly the tiny oak trees we planted earlier in the year were nibbled away by muntjac deer. So using tree-mats, stakes and tree-guards for the first time, we planted 36 native trees in the covert including field maple, ash, crab apple, elder, wild rose and hazel.

### **Poking about for Fossil Poo with Woodland Ways!**

This group outing on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December was best described as 'character-forming'. The weather was bitterly cold and windy as we walked 2km over rough ground along the banks of the River Deben to Ramsholt Cliff. The red crag cliff and the sticky London Clay foreshore continually yield sharks' teeth, dinosaur poo, shells and other remains as the tidal river scours and washes to and fro. Have a look at photos of the welly-wearing group squelching about on the foreshore on our website [www.woodlandways.org.uk](http://www.woodlandways.org.uk). And we did find lots of sharks' teeth and dinosaur poo! We all thought it was a challenging (this might be due to encroaching old age of some of us!) but thoroughly enjoyable experience. And thanks to Nick's organising it, we had a delicious lunch at the Ramsholt Arms.



### **Moreton Hall's orchard**

Moreton Hall will have its own tradition apple orchard, which we will plant on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at Pond Covert, near Sebert Wood primary school. Most of the trees will be St Edmund's Russet, first recorded in Bury St Edmunds back in 1845. This dessert apple is particularly resistant to scab, mildew and canker so will need no chemical sprays. One or two Lord Stradbroke's cooking apple trees will also be planted, to help with cross-pollination. As the orchard matures, its historical varieties and increasing wildlife will give us a glimpse of a once-common land use.

From September / October 2015 or thereabouts, the fruit crop should be abundant. We will all be able to do our fruit shopping, free of charge. Why buy standard commercial varieties from our supermarkets when you can pick your own local apples from our own orchard?

### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2012 (see back page)**

#### **Information about work parties**

Everyone is welcome to come along, no experience necessary

The work parties last two hours but you don't have to stay to the end. We usually stop for coffee. Tools are provided. Children are very welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Work parties start at 10 o'clock with a 'tools-talk'. Please don't miss this 5-minute 'what and why and how' safety talk.

#### **Would your group like to help in 2012?**

Contact us if you would like to have a workparty just for you (minimum 10 people).

Events are subject to change so please check beforehand.

Weather, new needs etc can occasionally cause our plans to change