

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 9th June 10.00 - 12.00	Cherry Trees Wood Woodland maintenance	Flying Fortress car park, Mount Road
Sunday 14th July 10.00 - 12.00	AGM followed by Woodland Ways Pond hay rake	Community Centre meeting room, Symonds Road
Sunday 11th August 10.00 - 12.00	Natterer's Wood Hay rake	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close entrance
Sunday 8 September 10.00 - 12.00	Natterer's Wood Tree and grassland maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close entrance
Sunday 13th October 10.00 - 12.00	To be announced	
Sunday 10 November 10.00 - 12.00	Home Covert Path maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
Sunday 8th December 10.00 - 12.00	Pond 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 facebook for the most up to date information

The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

June 2019

Elms in Moreton Hall

Our elm survey last month found this species in many places across the estate. Despite Dutch elm Disease, it is thriving here.

See inside for more information

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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The Moreton Hall Elm survey

A group of us gathered at the community centre last month to hear about elms from our chair Nick Sibbett. Dutch Elm disease has been recorded many times in the last five hundred years, and there is evidence of it in the bronze age. Rather than being a 'new' disease in the 1960s and 1970s, it appears to be part of this tree's natural ecology. We were then taught how to identify elm, with its toothed leaf and, critically, asymmetrical leaf bases. Where the leaf joins the leaf stalk, it is symmetrical each side if the stalk in all species apart from elm.

We then went to look for elm across Moreton Hall and found it in many places. The pre-Moreton Hall development hedges were searched, and we found it in many of these historical hedges. We also found it in the boundary of Natterer's Wood to our great surprise and pleasure, and mature elm trees grow in Pond Covert near the pond too. The results will be collated and made available later this summer.

What do we want our woods to be like?

This might be a topic discussed at our AGM. Pond Covert and Home Covert are pieces of old countryside designed into the housing area, and we have been treating Natterer's Wood and Woodland Ways Pond similarly as countryside within the town. This has meant resisting any suggestions to make them more like a garden or urban park, so for example we have not planted garden plants or tried to provide the tidiness that wildlife hates.

Is this the attitude you like and want to continue? Or would something else be better? Let us know.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2019

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 14th July 2019 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 2019 and the reports of the charity trustees
- 3. Appointment of charity trustees**
To elect the trustees as listed below
Nick Sibbett
Jenny Green
Janet Scorer
Tony Potter
Mike Hollins
Alison Roome
- 4. Any other business.**

Everyone Welcome.

After the AGM we will go to Woodland Ways Pond for our work party - making hay whilst the sun shines and some tree maintenance work. As always, the hay will be cut by our chair, Nick /Sibbett, using our brushcutter which does such important work. Nettles, brambles and other overhanging vegetation is also cut using this tool where they overhang