



Programme of Events 2013- workparties on 2nd Sunday of the month

Please pencil in a few dates to come and help. No experience necessary
For more information please contact Nick 01284-723847

Date	Planned Activities	Meeting Point
Sunday 8 th September 10.00-12.00	Firewood processing and sales / Odd Jobs	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
Sunday 13 th October 10.00-12.00	Woodland Ways Pond Hay rake/coppicing	Lawson Place car park (by Osteopaths)
Sunday 10 th November 10.00-12.00	Natterer's Wood Tree planting	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 9 th December 10.00-12.00	Pond Covert Home Covert Path Maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road

Events are subject to change so please check beforehand if in doubt.
Weather, new needs etc can cause our plans to change occasionally

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.

Work parties start on the dot of 10 o'clock.

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



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For more information

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A renewal form is enclosed.

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News and Updates

A big welcome to our new volunteers, who have joined us over the past few months-Rachel, Maria and the Wordley family.

NATTERER'S WOOD

In May we weeded the hedge round the 'bat 'meadow. The hay rake in August was probably the fastest ever-made more enjoyable for the younger members having borrowed a quad bike from Andrew King of Ruffin's Farm, to tow the trailer! The hay rake was followed later in the day by a barbeque - thank you to Gerald and Brenda for hosting it and to everyone for the delicious food provided.

CHERRY TREES WOOD

In June we replaced the bamboo canes, staking the trees planted in the winter, with sturdier stakes.

SEBERT WOOD SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

9 volunteers helped with the Woodland Ways stall at the Sebert Wood school summer fair. The gazebo and display banners were used, wool from Nick and Jane's sheep was on sale for birds' nests, and there was a 'name the wildlife' picture quiz. Children enjoyed looking into 10 cardboard tubes in order to see the different pictures at the end. A chocolate cake prize went to the entrant with most correct answers!

We have bags of firewood for sale, from 8th September - cherry or Norway spruce, both cut last winter. Contact Nick or come to Pond Covert on 8th September from 10am to midday.

We have spaces for new trustees. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along to any meeting and see what it involves. For information contact Nick- 01284 723847

Anyone willing to write the newsletter or put up signs advertising work parties please contact Nick. Is anyone able to get the newsletter photocopied cheaply or for free?

Kit Welchman undertakes monthly 'beewalks' around Natterer's Wood for the Bumble bee Conservation Trust, here is his report:

Recorded numbers from monthly 'Beewalks' around the Natterer's Wood area, have illustrated a quite dramatic year for bumble bees. A very wet March meant that no young queens emerged till April. By May there should have been plenty of workers for the growing nests, but numbers were still alarmingly low. However by June and July numbers were up to and even exceeding previous years, with the red-tailed just outnumbering the larger yellow-striped buff-tailed bees. The clover on the wild flower bat field in June and willow herb all around it in July were literally buzzing, but the bees also like the varied diet of pollen and nectar from the gardens and different habitats. So now males are appearing and new queens preparing for their hibernation till another spring.

Thanks to Kit and Jenny for their contributions to this newsletter.