



## Programme of Events 2014

### Work parties are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10.00-12.00	<b>Cherry Trees Wood</b> Tree and path maintenance,	Grass car park next to Flying Fortress pub
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> 10.00-12.00	<b>Pond Covert Home Covert</b> Box and tree Maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> 10.00-12.00	<b>AGM</b> then to Woodland Ways Pond for hay rake	Moreton Hall Community Centre
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10.00-12.00	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> annual hay rake	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth 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.

#### **Other Activities**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June.** Visit to Chippenham Fen National Nature Reserve, to see orchids and water buffalo. Meet 2pm at Moreton Hall Community Centre for lift share, bring boots, return around 5.30

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August.** Barbecue hosted by Gerald and Brenda, 55 Appledown Drive. Relax after the hay rake in their beautiful garden. RSVP, tel 700991. Starting at 2.30pm.



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

## WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

April 2014

### Spring at last

**After many false starts, spring is here with a riot of wildlife. From the thousands of cowslips in Ten acre Field, the emerging bee orchids, the frogs in our ponds or the songs of birds just flown in from Africa to breed in Moreton Hall, wildlife is all around us. Get outdoors and enjoy the wildlife in our woods!**

**Join us on our work parties as we make the woods even better for wildlife and for people.**

**Don't miss our wonderful summer programme of events!**

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## News from our woods

### Natterer's Wood

Our April work party weeded those large oak trees we planted last November. Thanks to Owen for bringing wood chips from Home Covert to use as a mulch. In March we cleared Clematis and other weeds from the ditch at Natterer's Wood to make it more visible, and therefore reduce the risk of anyone falling in.

### Pond Covert

We've had no more incidents of vandalism since the log seating was thrown around last year. Great spotted woodpeckers and nuthatches have been seen, and may be nesting – have you seen the nest? We've hung up a bird nesting basket on a tree at the rear of our storage container, but no-one has used it yet. Thanks to Sylvia for donating the nest basket. Variegated yellow archangel continues to spread, despite us repeatedly asking the Borough Council to spray it off following our efforts to control it by non-chemical means. If it continues to spread, in some years there will be little other plant life except this non-native species.

The apple trees in our orchard are now flowering and we will get apples for the first time this autumn.

### Woodland Ways Pond

The wet winter meant that there was plenty of water in the pond for a change. In March there were 20 – 30 male toads lining the pond edge, croaking away to attract females. There was also masses of frogs spawn. Have you seen newts there this year? It would be great to have three species of amphibians living there.

### Cherry Trees Wood

Badger activity seems to be ongoing. As the development on the adjacent field creeps closer, we wonder what the long term will hold for the stripy-faced family.

### Home Covert

Thanks to Stuart Langston for supplying woodchips for our maintenance works.



## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2014

**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  
10 – 10.30am on Sunday 13th July 2014**

### Agenda

- 1. Introduction and apologies**
- 2. Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising**
- 3. Reports and accounts**

To receive the chair's report and to receive and consider the accounts of the year ended 31 March 2014

- 4. Appointment of charity trustees**

to elect the trustees as listed below

Nick Sibbett – Chair  
Tony Potter – Vice Chair  
Jenny Green – Secretary  
Gary Hook – Treasurer  
Janet Scorer – Trustee  
Gillian Miller – Trustee  
Shirley Foreman – Trustee  
Gerald Cartwright - Trustee

- 5. Any other business**

**Further nominations for trustees are welcome prior to the AGM. We may have up to 12 trustees. Nominations should be sent to the secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM.**