



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 13th October 10.00 - 12.00	Natterer's Wood Tree maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close entrance
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

Natterer's Wood news

Our hay meadow management at Natterer's Wood has moved into a new phase following fifteen years of an annual hay rake. The annual grass removal has successfully removed soil nutrients so that grasses grow more sparsely, leaving room for the wonderful display of wild flowers. However, combined with recent summer droughts the growth has been rather inhibited. We have changed to making hay in the bat meadow once every two years, to give it time to recover between cuts. This means that we can now bring grassland around the edge of the meadow into hay-making, providing those biodiversity benefits to an additional 50% of grassland. This August we did just that, with West Suffolk Council cutting the grass for us just before our work party. The Council has a drum mower which leaves the grass in neat rows instead of scattered everywhere, making it easier for us to rake it up.

In our September work party at Natterer's Wood we cleared Clematis off some trees which was overwhelming them. We even uncovered some elm in the wood which we didn't know we had, moving in from the original hedged boundary. The work party was so popular with those present that by popular demand we will repeat it in October.



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

October 2019

Membership renewal time

Our membership year starts from 1st October. We hope that you will renew, and do ask a friend or neighbour to join too!

Our membership system is catching up with technology and for the first time you can pay by bank transfer. This saves you and us from having to deal with cheques (remember them?) or cash.

We very much appreciate your support as a member, because it makes us stronger and so we can achieve more. You also receive four editions of this newsletter, the opportunity to come to twelve work parties per year and occasional other social events or nature reserve visits. Please contact us for more information.

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The Moreton Hall Elm survey

In the last newsletter we reported that our elm survey would be written up by now. However, several dog walks later, and elm has been found in a few more places. It seems to be one of the commonest, if not the commonest, shrub in the pre-development rural hedges incorporated into the estate. Tracking down and recording the final few bits might take a while.

Trustee vacancies

Thank you very much to Alison Roome and Tony Potter for your time as trustees; we appreciated your contributions to the trustees group very much. Alison and Tony have decided to resign, leaving a couple of vacancies. If you would like to become a trustee to help run Woodland Ways, or join the steering group informally first to see what it is like, do contact Nick Sibbett or any of the trustees. There are four meetings per year, on a Monday evening at the Moreton Hall Community Centre, where we discuss recent work parties and plan ahead for the future.

No qualifications or experience are needed; just a willingness to provide your ideas on what we should be doing to improve the community woods that we manage.

We are additionally in need of someone with skills and enthusiasm for public engagement to help encourage new members to join. If you think that's you - do get in touch!

Its Subscription Renewal Time!

Membership is a minimum of just £5 per household and runs from 1st October to 30th September each year

Existing members with no change to details can now pay by bank transfer giving your name as the reference so we know it was you - no need to fill in the form. Or pay by cheque or cash to our new Treasurer's address below using this form

New members or change of address - please fill in the form and return to us, giving your name as the reference in the bank transfer.

I/ We would like to donation £5... £10... £...

Title.....Forename.....Surname.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Other members at same address

Telephone.....Email.....

Signed.....Date.....

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