

The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group  
**WOODLAND WAYS NEWS**  
 October 2023

## News from our woods

### Natterer's Wood

August's hay rake went well, and in September we did some essential path widening. September was unseasonably hot, very hot, so we programmed the work party to end at coffee break. It was 28°C by that time and so it was definitely a good time to stop.

### Pond Covert

The fence around our tool store is now at the end of its useful life, having been installed nearly 20 years ago. Posts have rotted away, and the gates have deteriorated badly. We are now looking to have it replaced, although fencing companies are very busy and availability is poor.

We are also looking in to the possibility of hard-surfacing the entrance to Pond Covert near the Sebert Wood School entrance. The grass verge to the woodland path gets muddy in winter, yet we can't woodchip it as we do the rest of the path. This is because when the verge is mown, wood chips cause problem to the mower. A mower can drive over a hard surface with no problems. There might be unintended consequences, and would a new surface need to be strong enough to cope with cars driving on it? Would it be used for school drop-off for turning or parking?

### Work parties are usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month except November

All welcome, and no experience necessary. We'll show you what to do, and we will be friendly and supportive throughout. Do as much or as little as you wish!

There is usually a drinks break part way through each work party. Hot drinks are usually provided.

Date and time	Work party	Where to meet
<b>Sunday 8th October</b> 09.00 - 13.00 (approx.)	<b>Ramsholt Cliff</b> Fossil hunt	Car share from Moreton Hall Community Centre car park. Optional pub lunch and afternoon free in area.
<b>Sunday 19th November</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Pond Covert</b> Path maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
<b>Sunday 10th December</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Home Covert</b> 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 last time we hunted for fossils at Ramsholt Cliff was 2011, and by popular demand we will go back on Sunday 8th October. Meet at 9am at Moreton Hall Community Centre where we will car share, arriving at Ramsholt near Woodbridge at around 10am. There's a two kilometre walk along the estuary wall, which might be uneven in places and exposed to the weather. The cliff itself is at the edge of the Deben Estuary, and the foreshore will be wet. Wellies or good walking boots are essential, as are clothes for the forecast weather. Bring a small bag or tub to collect your fossils, which might include shark's teeth, bones, molluscs and coral. **Please let Nick know** by the Friday evening before if you want to stay afterwards for lunch in the Ramsholt Arms ([www.theramsholtarms.com](http://www.theramsholtarms.com)) afterwards so he can book a table.

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