



## Programme of Events 2016

Work parties are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

All welcome, and no experience necessary

Date	Activity	Meeting Point
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 10.00-12.00	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Path and tree rescue	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 10.00-12.00	<b>Pond Covert</b> Lots of odd jobs that we've been meaning to do for ages!	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 10.00-12.00	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Tree and hedge rescue	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Cherry Trees Wood</b> Tree rescue	Flying Fortress car park
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00 - 12.00	To be announced	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00 - 12.00	To be announced	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00 - 12.00	<b>AGM</b> followed by Woodland Ways Pond hay rake	Meeting room, Moreton Hall Community Centre
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Hay rake	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 12.00 onwards	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Picnic - bring your own	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 12	To be announced	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 10.00 - 12.00	To be announced	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Pond Covert</b> Path maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Home Covert</b> Path maintenance	Moreton Hall Community Centre car park



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

## WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

January 2016

### Happy New Year from Woodland Ways

There's a new programme of community woodland management for 2016 in this newsletter.

There's also advance notice of our summer barbecue - put it in your diary now!

We wish you, our woods and all the wildlife in Moreton Hall a great new year.

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## News from our woods

### Natterer's Wood

Clematis at the western end of the wood grows vigorously, and swamps our trees if left unchecked. We are the ones that check it, spending many work parties last year cutting it down. We'll also be giving it a hard time in the coming months! Clematis does support a wide range of insects, and once we've finished there'll be plenty left.

### Home Covert

Back in March 2015 we removed the pedestrian gate at the Community Centre car park entrance to Home Covert. It was initially installed to keep out motor bikes and fast bicycle users from causing a hazard to pedestrians. However, we haven't had these issues at our other woods, so the gate was removed for a trial. Have you got any views on the trial period? Or have you heard what other people are saying? Let us know and we'll decide whether or not to put the gate back.

### Woodland Ways Pond

A family of mice is living happily under an old pallet in the woodland. We hope they survive the winter and the local cat population.

### Wildlife news

The mild autumn and winter has been good news for those animals such as hedgehogs that hibernate. The mild weather has meant that they can feed for longer into the winter than in most years, putting on enough fat reserves to improve their chances of surviving the winter and be fit and healthy in spring. Badgers too can continue to use the seasonal windfall of berries etc for longer into the winter.

It might not be so good news for the bats which hibernate deep under Natterer's Wood. If they can't use the cold weather to drop down their body temperature to under 8°C they will use their fat reserves up to quickly and may not be able to keep going all winter. Despite the mild weather, there are few insects after flowering has ended, so bats can't keep feeding in the same way that hedgehogs can. There have been reports of bats



flying in December around the country, even in daylight, desperately trying to find food. Have you seen bats flying this winter in Moreton Hall?

### Trustees meetings

Trustees meet four times a year to review our work and set the future of our charity. These meetings are open to all. In 2016 the meetings are on Monday evenings, on 21st March, 20th June, 19th September and 12th December.

All are welcome, to give your views or to see what happens during a meeting. We will listen to your views but only Trustees are able to make decisions for the charity.

### Information about work parties

Weather, new needs etc sometimes means we change plans at short notice. Check our website or Twitter for the most up to date information

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 22nd May - Spring barbecue at Bradfield Woods NNR.

Sunday 14th August - picnic from approx 12.00, following the hay rake

Where would you like a Woodland Ways outing to be? Let us know.

### Thanks

Thanks to tree surgeon Stuart Langston for supplying woodchips free of charge for our work party last month in Home Covert. Stuart was previously based in Moreton hall and now works out of Woolpit.