

The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group WOODLAND WAYS NEWS June 2022

News from our woods Natterer's Wood

We met Council staff in February to discuss grass mowing and agreed that the recent damaging changes to mowing would be reversed. We will wait and see what happens in summer when it comes ot the hay rake time! There have also been reports of metal detectoring, with holes dug in the grass but not filled in.

Pond Covert

We have instructed Urban Forestry to make log seats from felled trees, to replace the old rotting log seats. Hopefully this will be in place soon. We have had planning permission for the tools store renewed, as it has been on a five-year temporary permission cycle until now. The permission was conditional on the basis that we would re-paint the tools store container because it is looking shabby.

Thank you to Cllr Birgitte Mager for contributing £1200 from her local budget towards the cost of the two expensive operations in Pond Covert.

Cherry Trees Wood

When we started working in this wood, it was two fields away from the edge of Moreton Hall. It is now on the boundary of Moreton Hall! We haven't had a work party there for three years so it will be good to see how it looks and what we can do to improve it.

Assistance needed

There is an opportunity at Woodland Ways to help manage and up-motivate the group. If you have experience at leading small and happy teams, and have an enthusiasm for our work to make Moreton Hall's woods better for people and wildlife, do get in touch.

If you'd like to come to trustees' meetings to give us your point of view, or to see what they are like, please come! It is friendly and not formal.

Those of us who regularly read and enjoy the Woodland Ways page in Bury St Edmunds Directory (formerly Moreton Hall Directory) may now be disappointed. After 180 articles, the January page was the last one. Thanks to all who contributed to it over the years.

Work parties are usually on the 2nd 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.

For more information please contact us.

| Date and time | Work party | Where to meet |
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| Sunday 12th June | Cherry Trees Wood | Meet in Willis Street near the wood's eastern end. If |
| 10.00 - 12.00 | Tidy up and inspection | you drive, park on Saltsman Road near the junction |
| | | with Willis Street where there is layby parking. |
| Sunday 10th July | AGM and hay rake at | Moreton Hall Community Centre meeting room |
| 10.00 - 12.00 | Woodland Ways Pond | |
| | / Pond Covert orchard | |
| Sunday 14th August | Natterer's Wood | Natterer's Wood |
| 10.00 - 12.00 | The great hay rake | Kingsworth Road entrance |



| Date and time | Work party | Where to meet |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday 11th September | Natterer's Wood | Natterer's Wood |
| 10.00 - 12.00 | Hedge/tree rescue | Kingsworth Road entrance |
| Sunday 9th October | Natterer's Wood | Natterer's Wood |
| 10.00 - 12.00 | Hedge/tree rescue | Kingsworth Road entrance |
| Sunday 20th November | Pond Covert | Woodland Ways storage unit |
| 10.00 - 12.00 | Path maintenance | Pond Covert, Sebert Road |
| Sunday 11th December | Home Covert | Woodland Ways storage unit |
| 10.00 - 12.00 | Path maintenance | 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.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

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 10am – 10.30am on Sunday 10th July 2022 to transact the following business

Agenda

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

To be agreed and matters arising

2. Reports and accounts

To receive and consider the accounts for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021, and the reports of the charity trustees

3. Appointment of charity trustees

To elect the trustees as listed below

Nick Sibbett

Jenny Green

Janet Scorer

Mike Hollins

Jane Starling

Russell Moles

4. Any other business.

Everyone Welcome.

We need enough members to attend so that the meeting is quorate; if this is the only event you come to, please do make the effort. After the AGM we will go to Woodland Ways Pond and to Pond Covert orchard for our work party - making hay whilst the sun shines and some tree maintenance work. Nettles, brambles and other overhanging vegetation is also cut using this tool where they overhang paths or other areas.

Trustees meetings in 2022 are on Thursday evenings, on 24th March, 16th June, 15th September and 8th December. Please come to find out what the trustees do, and contribute anything you might have to tell us.

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