



## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the Moreton Hall Community Centre, Symonds Road, Bury St Edmunds  
10am - 10.30pm on Sunday 10 July 2011  
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 year ended  
31 March 2011 and the reports of the charity trustees
- 3. Appointment of charity trustees**  
To reappoint the trustees as listed below  
Nick Sibbett, Gary Hook, Jenny Green, Sue Gridley, Gillian Miller, Shirley Foreman, Gerald Cartwright, Janet Scorer, Katie Noble
- 4. Any other business.**

The essential AGM business doesn't take long.  
The annual review of Woodland Ways achievements is always worth a few minutes of your time.

- Do you have any ambitions for Woodland Ways?
- We are already trying to get more land for tree planting. Should we try to buy the woodland beyond the Flying Fortress where badgers live?
- What more can we do for the community?



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

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For more information

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## Where were you?

As another series of BBC Springwatch ends, do you wish to know more about the wildlife in your local area? With Woodland Ways you can experience your very own local Springwatch! But sadly you've missed it this year!

Overleaf there's an update of places we've been recently.

For example RSPB Lakenheath Fen on your own is interesting, you'll hear birdsong, maybe see a few birds, enjoy the view over the River Little Ouse. But if you've got an expert to bring it alive, it's a totally different experience. This is what you get on a Woodland Ways visit.

It doesn't matter if you're not an active Woodland Ways member, make a date in next year's diary to come along with us to these wonderful locations and enjoy the local wildlife.

In December we're planning a visit to the Deben Estuary to look for fossils. We'll give you more details in the next newsletter  
You'll be very welcome!

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### Updates

April and June Workparties - Natterer's Wood. We finished weeding the hedge around the bat meadow. The hedge is



doing better than we first thought despite the severe winter and the muntjac damage.

May - Visit to RSPB Lakenheath Fen. Twelve members enjoyed a walk around the reedbeds and pools of this fen which was until recently a carrot field. Norman Sills RSPB warden showed us many reedbed birds including reed warblers and sedge warblers and also habitat for cranes.

At one point some of us heard a distant bittern boom. A highlight for some was the sighting of fen ragwort, a very rare plant.

May - Two visits to Badger Sett at secret location near Ipswich. The hide was situated in a hobbit-like valley. At dusk on the first visit two badgers were seen. On the second visit 3 adults and 4 cubs! It was a magical experience.

June - Visit to Bradfield Woods owned and managed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust. SWT woodsman Giles Cawston took us on a fascinating 2-hour walk through the different stages of the 25-year coppicing programme which has carried on for hundreds of years. The diversity of species in this ancient woodland is amazing. SWT is currently fundraising to complete a green oak education centre in the woods. Giles got an excellent Heath Robinson barbecue ready for us, and we ended the day with an delicious feast of sausages, burgers and steaks!

### Woodland Ways Future Plans

Woodland Ways continues to work with St Edmundsbury towards tree planting on proposed public space at Airfield Road but progress is slow. We are also strongly advocating a new community woodland at Lady Miriam Way and have attended a number of meetings with developers to influence allocation of land within the new 500-house development. We are working with the Moreton Hall Residents Association on this.

Woodland Ways are discussing the need for a new pedestrian bridge over Mount Road to connect Ten Acre Field and Natterer's Wood. Although the two green-spaces are just 30m apart it is currently a one-mile walk from one to the other. Following the publication of this idea in Moreton Hall Directory, 100% of a small response was in favour. Please keep your ideas and views coming in.



### Programme of Events 2011- workparties on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Please pencil in a few dates to come and help. No experience necessary

For more information please contact Nick 01284-723847 or Sue 01284-700046

Date	Planned Activities	Meeting Point
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> 10 am to 12 noon	<b>AGM</b> <b>Woodland Ways Pond</b> Hay rake & pond dipping	Moreton Hall Community Centre Meeting room & afterwards Lawson Place car park (by Osteopaths)
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b> 9.30 to 12.30	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Wildflower meadow Hay rake	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Pond Covert</b> Ground clearance & General Maintenance	Sebert Road Woodland Ways Container
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Woodland Ways Pond</b> Hay rake Sycamore felling	Lawson Place car park (by Osteopaths)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Bee Orchid survey	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> 10 am to 12 noon	<b>Pond Covert/ Home Covert</b> Path maintenance	Moreton Hall Community Centre Car Park

Events are subject to change so please check beforehand.

Weather, new needs etc can cause our plans to change occasionally

### 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.

Work parties start on the dot of 10 o'clock. We start with a 'tools talk' so please try to be on time not to miss the 5-minute 'what and how' chat.

### **First Aider needed for Workparties and Outings:**

**If you would like to volunteer to be a first aider, Woodland Ways will pay for your training. It's a very useful skill to have in life in general.**

**Phone Nick on 723847 if you're interested.**