

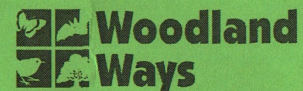
Programme of Events 2013- workparties on 2nd Sunday of the month

Please come and help. No experience necessary

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

Date	Planned Activities	Meeting Point
Sunday 13 th January 10 am to 12 noon	Cherry Tree Wood Tree planting	Park on grass outside and to left of Flying Fortress car park
Sunday 10 th February 10 am to 12 noon	Pond Covert Pull out Yellow Archangel	Woodland Ways Container Sebert Road
Sunday 10 th March 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree, Hedge & Path maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 14 th April 10 am to 12 noon	Pond Covert Pull out Yellow Archangel	Woodland Ways Container Sebert Road
Sunday 12 th May 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree & Hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 9 th June 10 am to 12 noon	Cherry Tree Wood Tree maintenance	Park on grass outside and to left of Flying Fortress car park
Sunday 14 th July 10 am to 12 noon	AGM Woodland Ways Pond Hay rake & insect hunt	Moreton Hall Community Centre Meeting Room Lawson Place car park
Sunday 11 th August 10 am to 12 noon 3.30pm	Natterer's Wood Wildflower meadow Hay rake Annual BBQ	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close Details TBA
Sunday 8 th September 10 am to 12 noon	TBA	
Sunday 13 th October 10 am to 12 noon	Woodland Ways Pond Hay rake/ coppicing	Lawson Place car park (by Osteopaths)
Sunday 10 th November 10 am to 12 noon	TBA	
Sunday 8 th December 10 am to 12 noon	Pond Covert Home Covert Path Maintenance	Moreton Hall Community Centre Car park

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The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group WOODLAND WAYS NEWS January 2013

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Happy 2013

To

All members Old and New

and thanks to

Tim Smith for maintaining our website

www.woodlandways.org.uk

(have a look at the local badgers on line)

Gillian Miller for lovely coffee & scrumptious biscuits
at workparties

Urban Forestry for supplying woodchips



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Autumn 2012 Update

WOODLAND WAYS POND Sunday 14th October

Good turnout, good work party, with all the hay raked. Thanks to Alistair and Owen for coppicing work in the wood.

CHERRY TREE WOOD Sunday 11th November

Another good turnout! We cleared some dense elder from about 20% of the wood, ready for replanting with a range of native species this winter. Although elder is a good shrub for wildlife, we can now diversify. Hazel and other shrubs will in the long run make a better wood for all sorts of wildlife.

POND COVERT Thank you Brownies!

The Brownies visited Pond Covert in November to help Claire & Nick re-surface the path through Pond Covert. Job well done.

POND COVERT AND HOME COVERT Sunday 9th December

Fifteen volunteers split up into 3 work parties. Tony Alistair and Owen cut down some fir trees at Cherry Tree Wood, and two teams of six resurfaced the paths at Pond Covert and Home Covert. Gillian provided some very welcome coffee, festive mince pies and lovely hat-shaped shortbread biscuits.

NEW EQUIPMENT Thanks to Cllr Trevor Beckwith

Suffolk County Councillor who has given Woodland Ways a locality grant for £385 to buy new hayrakes, saws and loppers.

MORETON HALL'S ORCHARD in Sebert Road

Last January at Pond Covert we planted an orchard of St Edmund's Russet dessert apples and Lord Stradbroke cooking apples, continuing the long tradition of orchards in this area. Thanks to the wet weather in Spring 2012, the apple trees have got off to a good start. Gillian, Shirley and Claire will be pruning them this month and we're anticipating a bumper crop in a few years' time!

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Variegated Yellow Archangel in Pond Covert

As you can see from next year's programme, the workparties in February and April are taken up with pulling out an invasive plant that has taken hold in Pond Covert, due to people irresponsibly dumping garden waste. The garden variety of Yellow Archangel has the ability to grow quickly and spread over a large area, so much so that it is a serious weed across the country. Consequently Woodland Ways will now have to expend considerable effort in removing the Yellow Archangel from Pond Covert and try to restore the natural balance.

Ash Die-Back

As far as we know, ash tree disease has not been recorded in our woods, but we will see what the spring will bring. We have planted hundreds of ash trees in Natterer's Wood over the last ten years and we may have to replant with a different species.

Swans at Welney Marshes - 9th February 2013

Woodland Ways is organising a car-share outing to Welney Marshes PE14 9TN. We'll meet at Community Centre car park at 3pm, 4.30pm at Welney Marshes. We hope to see a magnificent sunset and the 6.30pm floodlit swanfeed. If there are more than 12 of us, then group rates apply (but we have to know in advance) Adults £6.10, Concessions £4.65, Children £3.05 otherwise Adults £7.30, Concessions £5.50, Children £3.60. Warm clothes, warm boots/wellies (and binoculars if you've got some). Please phone Tony Potter on 760142 if you would like to come along.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2013 (see back page)

Information about work parties

Everyone is welcome to come along, no experience necessary

The work parties last two hours but you don't have to stay to the end. We usually stop for coffee. Tools are provided. Please wear stout shoes/boots and warm waterproof clothes. Children are very welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Work parties start at 10 o'clock with a 'tools-talk'.

Please don't miss this 5-minute 'what and why and how' safety talk.

Would your group like to help in 2013?

Contact us if you would like to have a workparty just for you (minimum 10 people).

Events are subject to change so please check beforehand.

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