



Programme of Events 2010- workparties on 2nd 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
Sunday 10th January 10 am to 12 noon	Home Covert Path maintenance Natterer's Wood Willow Hedge Planting	Home Covert Community Centre car park, for both work parties
Sunday 14th February 10 am to 12 noon	Pond Covert Box Hedge Coppicing	Pond Covert by WoodlandWays container
Sunday 14th March 10 am to 12 noon	Pond Covert Box Hedge Weed & Mulch	Pond Covert by Woodland Ways container
Sunday 11th April 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree & hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 9th May 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree & hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 13th June 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree & hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 11th July 10 am to 12 noon	AGM Woodland Ways Pond Hay rake & pond dipping	Moreton Hall Community Centre Meeting room And afterwards WW Pond
Sunday 8th August 9.30 to 12.30	Natterer's Wood Wildflower meadow Hay rake Barbecue	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close Venue to be confirmed
And later on... Sunday 12th Sept	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Sunday 10th October 10 am to 12 noon	Woodland Ways Pond Hay rake/coppicing	Lawson Place car park (by Osteopaths)
Sunday 14th November	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Sunday 12th December 10 am to 12 noon	Pond Covert/ Home Covert 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.



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

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Happy New Year!

A Big Thank You for Renewing Your Membership
Your loyalty and continuing support is vital to

Woodland Ways

AND

A Warm Woodland Ways Welcome

to all

New Members





Sunday 8 November Hedgehog houses at Natterer's Wood

Hedgehogs will no longer be homeless at Natterer's Wood thanks to some crafty constructions. Nineteen people made 9 hedgehog houses in just 2 hours, making a structure out of logs collected from Woodland Ways Pond, locally gathered branches to provide shape, and last August's hay to provide insulation. Inside these houses, the hedgehogs will be as warm as toast!

We don't know how many of them will be used by hedgehogs, but they will also be great shelter for frogs, toads, insects, and of course a great resource for fungi.

Sunday 6 December - Pond Covert

It was dark, cold and raining heavily fifteen minutes before the work party was due to start. But on the stroke of 10 o'clock it stopped raining, fifteen volunteers turned up and by the end of a successful session a couple of hardy souls had stripped down to their T-shirts! The main path through the wood was maintained, to the thanks of passers-by, and even the school seating area was surfaced with woodchips.

The woodchips are supplied free of charge by local tree surgeon and arboricultural specialist Stuart Langston, to whom we are very grateful. Re-use of locally produced materials also saves us from having to buy in materials from elsewhere, saving transportation costs.

Sunday 13 December – Baby Seals at Horsey

Maybe the daunting prospect of a morning outdoors on the north east coast of Norfolk in December (and a not-very-promising weather forecast) put a lot of members off the idea. But for the six people who made the trip, it was worth the effort.

At Horsey we enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine (many thanks to Luke Sibbett and Shirley Foreman) before setting off in winter sunshine along the sheltered path behind the sand dunes. Climbing the steps over the top, we saw the North Sea, the sandy beach, adult male and female seals, and yes... baby seals! Ahhh lovely. Even the strong biting wind did not stop us enjoying the fabulous wildlife spectacle, as good as anywhere in the world.

We thawed out at nearby pub over a good lunch before driving home in torrential rain.



New Information Boards for Woodland Ways

The new Woodland Ways leaflets have now been delivered to most Moreton Hall households thanks to several Woodland Ways members. If you would like more copies, just ask at a work party or contact us (details on the front page).

We are very grateful to Suffolk County Councillor Trevor Beckwith for a generous donation from his Locality Budget which enabled Woodland Ways to order four new information boards similar to but smaller than the board at Ten Acre Field in Symonds Road.

Look out for the new signs at Natterer's Wood, Woodland Ways Pond, Home Covert and Pond Covert which will be appearing over the next few weeks.

Looking to the Future

As mentioned in the October newsletter, we are actively looking for somewhere to plant trees in the newer part of Moreton Hall towards Thurston, as that area is deficient in woodland compared with the older part of Moreton Hall where most of our members live. We have identified some options but it is likely to take several months, at the earliest, before any real progress is made.

We are presently working with St Edmundsbury Borough Council with respect to renewing our management agreement for Natterer's Wood which expires in 2013. We hope that the on-going Council re-organisation saga does not cause big staff and cultural changes, causing a disruption to our relationship with the people we work so closely with.

Waitrose August charity of the month

We were very pleased to receive £200, thanks for all your contributions.

Goodbye to Anna Valdiserri

Anna Valdiserri, Senior ranger based at Nowton Park, has helped Woodland Ways since it formed in 2001. She has been a great source of practical help, advice, all with lots of energy and enthusiasm. She also designed our new signs, spending several hours of her own time on the task. Anna has now moved on to a new job with a circus and we wish her well. Thanks for all your help, Anna!