



Programme of Events 2011- 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

Date	Planned Activities	Meeting Point
Sunday 9th January 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Path maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 13th February 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Hedge planting	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
12 noon	10th Anniversary Celebration	Wrap up warm, come & join us in Natterer's Wood
Sunday 13th March 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Hedge planting	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 10th April 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree & hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 8th May 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree & hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 12th June 10 am to 12 noon	Natterer's Wood Tree & hedge maintenance	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 10th 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 14th August 9.30 to 12.30	Natterer's Wood Wildflower meadow Hay rake	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
And later on...	Barbecue	Venue to be confirmed
Sunday 11th Sept	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Sunday 9th October 10 am to 12 noon	Woodland Ways Pond Hay rake Sycamore Felling	Lawson Place car park (by Osteopaths)
Sunday 13th November	Natterer's Wood Bee orchid count	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
Sunday 11th 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



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

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For more information

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Season's Greetings

At the end of another successful year

A Big Thank You for Renewing Your Membership
As a small local charity, your loyalty & support is
essential to our progress and development

Welcome to all new members

If you have not yet renewed, please ask for a renewal form



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Sunday 12 September – Path edging Natterer’s Wood

In fine weather we started the job of clearing the edge of the tarmac path through the woods. A fairly onerous task but the end result made it worthwhile. Nowton Park Volunteers led by a council ranger will help us with this essential task , and our thanks to them.

Sunday 26 September – Chippenham Fen

Despite a heavy shower eight of us, including our American visitors Karen and Gary, had a walk through this Cambridgeshire fen now in its autumnal decline. To compensate for the seasonal absence of the usual rich wildlife the water buffalo showed up in force much to our delight and enjoyment – they are magnificent animals. The water buffalo are kept for their grazing, which stops the fen from being overgrown.

Sunday 10th October – Woodland Ways Pond Hayrake

We were pleased to be joined by a team of five from Ashton Graham solicitors, who helped us rake the hay from the meadow, prune shrubs and coppice the small willow trees near the pond. The meadow is slowly becoming richer in flowers as a result of our work.

Saturday 16th October - Brownies help at Pond Covert

You may have read in the Bury Free Press – Eight Brownies came to help Katie, Jane, Alistair and Nick to re-surface the path through the wood. This path is a popular route to Sebert Wood School and we are very grateful for the Brownies’ excellent effort to keep it accessible.

Sunday 14 November – Orchid Survey at Natterer’s Wood

We knew there were a lot of bee orchids in the wildflower meadow but we didn’t realise quite how many until we started the count. In two hours we covered only 20% of the meadow and counted 571 plants, so there could be 3000 orchids in total. We will repeat the survey next year to monitor progress. Everyone thought it was a surprisingly satisfying job, getting up-close and personal with these little plants, and we’re looking forward to seeing their delightful flowers again in the spring.

It was noted that the muntjac deer have caused widespread damage to sections of the new hedge and we will replant next spring.



Christmas Party 2010

Clare and Ian cordially invite you to the Woodland Ways Christmas Party on Sunday 5 December. 11.30am at 16 Downing Close. RSVP Clare or Ian on 755154; please offer to bring a small contribution.

The last workparty of 2010!

Sunday 12th December 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock	Pond Covert Home Covert Path maintenance	Community Centre Car Park
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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. 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.

Meet us at the Sebert Wood school Christmas fair, on Saturday 11th December 12 – 3pm. Can you make some cakes for us to sell? Ring Nick 01284 723847 if you are able to.

2011 – the year ahead

Please see overleaf for the Programme of Workparty Events.

But it’s not all work! We’ve got lots of ideas for outings and trips in 2011

- Ramsholt Cliff – fossil shark’s teeth
- RSPB Lakenheath Fen - cranes
- Bradfield Woods - walk and picnic/bbq
- Badgers near Ipswich

Would your group like to help? Contact us if you would like to have a workparty just for you (minimum 10 people).