



## Programme of Events 2016

### Work parties are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

All welcome, and no experience necessary

For more information please contact us (see front page for details)

Date	Activity	Meeting Point
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>AGM</b> followed by Woodland Ways Pond hay rake And Pond Covert Orchard hay rake	Meeting room, Moreton Hall Community Centre
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Natterer's Wood</b> Hay rake	Natterer's Wood Kingsworth Road/Arundel Close
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>September 10.00 - 12</b>	To be announced	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> 10.00 - 12.00	To be announced	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>November</b> 10.00 - 12.00	<b>Pond Covert</b> Path maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>December</b>	<b>Home Covert</b> Path maintenance	Moreton Hall Community Centre car park

Weather, new needs etc sometimes means we change plans at short notice.

Check our website or Twitter for the most up to date information

#### 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.

We start with a 'tools talk' so please try to be on time not to miss the 5-minute 'what and how' chat.



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group

## WOODLAND WAYS NEWS

July 2016

### A wonderfully flowery summer

**Natterer's wood's bat meadow has been superb this summer - catch it before its too late.**

**See inside for details.**

**Thanks to Woodland Ways volunteers who have raked the hay from the meadow every year since 2002, the nutrients in the soil have been reduced so the wild flowers can grow well without being dominated by grasses.**

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## News from our woods

In June and early July, the bat meadow is at its peak flowering. Yellow rattle, bee orchids, bugle, broomrape... The variety of wildflowers is amazing. Just outside Natterer's Wood, on Mount Road verge, Ron has found pyramidal orchid again.

Ox-eye daisy has been found in Natterer's Wood in low numbers on the southern side of the wood for many years. This year, an explosion of ox-eye daisy flowers are present in the bat meadow, which we've never seen before. It is a good coloniser; there are swaths of it for example along the A14 road verges and at the Stowmarket junction ox-eye daisy carpets vast areas of verge with its white and yellow flowers.

Although to a botanist, one ox-eye daisy flower is actually not one flower. If you look closely with a powerful lens, each white petal is actually a flower in itself, with all the normal flower parts at its base. And each yellow bobble in the centre is also a separate flower. Through evolution, it has changed, like all others in the daisy / dandelion family, so that the insect-pulling power of each flower is multiplied many times by the adjacent flowers working in harmony to make a 'super flower'.

Ox-eye daisies epitomise the near-vanished habitat, traditional flower-rich meadowland, which along with elms, cuckoos, and the buzz of millions of insects (remember insect-spattered summer windscreens of past decades?) which seem to express more than any other habitat the core of the English countryside. Flower-rich grassland, as opposed to the green sterility of lawns and playing fields, are much rarer than woodland, on a national scale as well as within Moreton Hall. The fabulous colours and diversity of the Natterer's Wood bat meadow is a tribute to Woodland Ways volunteers who have managed it for 15 years.



## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2016

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 13<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<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
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 2013 and the reports of the charity trustees
- 3. Appointment of charity trustees**  
To elect the trustees as listed below  
Nick Sibbett, Gary Hook, Jenny Green, Gillian Miller, Shirley Foreman, Janet Scorer, Tony Potter, Katie Noble, Mike Hollins
- 4. Amendment to Constitution**  
Amend the constitution to expand the geographical scope of our work outside Bury St Edmunds to the whole of St Edmundsbury Borough
- 4. Any other business.**

**The essential AGM business doesn't take long.  
The annual review of Woodland Ways achievements is always interesting.  
Everyone Welcome.**