



The Moreton Hall Wildlife Group
WOODLAND WAYS NEWS
September 2020

What's been happening this summer?

As you might expect, Woodland Ways has been affected by coronavirus although we have been doing our best to manage our community woods whilst keeping safe.

Work party news

We resumed work parties after a three month break, in July 2020 where we were divided into two groups so that each group was no more than six people, and the two groups did not come into contact with each other. We successfully raked the hay from Woodland Ways Pond and from the Pond Covert orchard in our separate groups, but did not have the AGM we normally precede this work party with.

In August 2020 the work party for the first time in fifteen years we didn't rake the hay in Natterer's Wood - a work party of six would not have been able to do the job. however, we did cut out the small bushes which self-seeded into it so that they did not obstruct the mower. We also started clearing stiff weeds from the bat ditch itself, to maintain its definition. By September, the rules for meeting had relaxed for community events where we could have up to thirty people, so our September work party was for unlimited people and fifteen of us continued to clear stiff weeds from the bat ditch. We also cleared some overgrowing branches from one of the paths in Natterer's Wood.

In October we are back at Natterer's Wood, and will only be able to work in groups of six again.

We are trying to keep in touch with regular work party attendees, because as the rules change we are arranging work parties on a month-by-month basis. If you would like to attend a work party, do get in touch for the latest information. As always, we are also very pleased for you to be a member even if you don't come to work parties, because your support really does help keep us going.

Membership renewal

Its now time to renew your annual renewal as we have done since we started in 2001 we ask for a minimum donation of just £5. If you think because of coronavirus you've not had good value from us this year, or if you've been financially hit and can't afford a donation, we would love you to stay with us anyway. Simply fill and return the form with £0 as your donation and we will welcome you without judgement and in confidence.

Buzzards

Buzzards were rare twenty years ago. Now we occasionally seen them flying over our woods and open spaces in Moreton Hall. Wonderful!



Its Subscription Renewal Time!

Membership is a minimum of just £5 per household and runs from 1st October to 30th September each year

Existing members with no change to details may pay by bank transfer giving your name as the reference so we know it was you - no need to fill in the form. Or pay by cheque or cash to our Treasurer at the address below using this form

New members, change of address/email or cash/cheque payments - please fill in the form and return to us, giving your name as the reference in the bank transfer.

I/ We would like to donation £5... £10... £...

Title.....Forename.....Surname.....

Address including postcode.....

Names of additional members at same address

Telephone.....Email.....

Signed.....Date.....

Bank transfer direct to our account. Sort code 30-91-49. Account no 02314687.

Please send, with cheque or cash where relevant to:
Woodland Ways, 8 Tassel Road, Bury St Edmunds IP32 7LN

Work parties are usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month

All welcome, and no experience necessary. Please contact us in advance as work parties have been and will continue to change at short notice. In November we will meet in the third Sunday because some members have said they would like to go to a Remembrance Day event.

Date	Activity	Meeting Point
Sunday 11th October 10.00 - 12.00	Natterer's Wood Path maintenance	Entrance gate from Kingsworth Road
Sunday 15 November (3rd Sunday) 10.00 - 12.00	Home Covert Path maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road
Sunday 13 December 10.00 - 12.00	Pond Covert Path maintenance	Woodland Ways storage unit Pond Covert, Sebert Road

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