

## BNA in Hertfordshire & North Middlesex

- ❖ founded over seventy years ago, we are a small but thriving group with about 45 members.
- ❖ we arrange a fortnightly programme throughout the year exploring Hertfordshire and, occasionally, surrounding counties on foot. Our meetings include bird watching, moth nights, botanical surveys, fungus forays, insect study days and an annual general meeting.
- ❖ we enjoy the company of like-minded people and examine and learn about all sorts of species and how to record them.
- ❖ we produce a twice-yearly 'Bulletin' for members, reporting on field meetings and recording wildlife sightings. Many of BNA's records have helped to protect wildlife habitats in Hertfordshire from development, so we have an important role to play locally.

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## The British Naturalists' Association

The British Naturalists' Association (BNA) is one of the country's oldest natural history organisations and was founded in 1905. It arranges insurance cover for members of local branches. Branch members must be paid-up members of the national organisation.

It is the only national body promoting the study of all branches of natural history, especially encouraging beginners and newcomers of all ages to discover fascinating wildlife 'in the field' rather than on television programmes!

Members meet annually for a general meeting and biennially for a conference.

BNA's journal '*Country-Side*' is sent to members twice a year. It covers all aspects of natural history and caters for adults and youngsters. The newsletter 'British Naturalist' is also distributed twice a year.

Awards are presented to those who make significant contributions to natural history.

Knowledge of natural history is not a requirement for membership! If you are interested, come and try a Branch meeting before making a commitment to join us.

[www.bna-naturalists.org](http://www.bna-naturalists.org)

# BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION

## HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH



## SUMMER PROGRAMME

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**HERTFORD HEATH for a walk through open heathland, mixed secondary woodland with ponds**

Leader: Jean Williamson (Tel. 01707 654131 Mob. 07951 990908)

**Park & meet** in The Roundings, near the College Arms pub (TL352 108 / SG13 7PW) at 10am

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

**HOW WOOD AREA NEAR ST. ALBANS for plants**

Leader: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412)

**Park & meet** in the Midway Surgery car park, off B4630 Watford Road at north end of Chiswell Green.

(TL136 051 / AL2 3JX) at 10am

Bring lunch, hand lens and field guides.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**ALDBURY COMMON NEAR BERKHAMSTED for lichens, plants and other wildlife**

Leader: Paula Shipway (Tel. 01296 668639 Mob. 07791 986951).

**Park & meet** in the National Trust Car Park at the top of Tom's Hill, Aldbury (SP970 118 / HP23 5SA) at 10 am

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**RUSLING END, LANGLEY, NEAR STEVENAGE**

**Something for everyone: moths, a flowery meadow, a picnic in the garden and an afternoon walk!**

Leader: Julie Wise (Tel. 01438 821509 Mob. 07759 462330)

**Park & meet** in private field at Rusling End (TL210 211 / SG4 8TD) at 10 am.

We will examine the previous night's moth catch and then explore Julie's meadow to find plants and insects – an opportunity for members to use sweep nets. After a picnic in the garden there will be a short afternoon walk or members are welcome to linger in the garden.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, sweep net if you have one and field guides

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**ELLENBROOK FIELDS, HATFIELD for summer wildlife**

Leaders: Rose and David Seabrook (Tel: 01707 257279)

**Park & meet** in Notcutts Garden Centre car park, Smallford, off the A1057 (TL196 077 / AL4 0HN) at 10 am

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**CHARLTON NEAR HITCHIN for summer wildlife**

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob 07743 629127)

**Park & meet** in small car park off Charlton Road near the closed pub (TL178 281) at 10 am. There is also limited parking on road-side close-by.

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**BRAMFIELD AREA for summer wildlife**

Leader: William Bishop (Mob. 07935 287231)

Meet at village hall car park in Bury Lane, Bramfield (TL 290157) at 10am. Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens & field guides.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**ICKLEFORD for late summer wildlife**

Leader: Ruth Graham (Mob. 07535 523016)

**Park** near St Katharine's Church on or near Arlesey Road (TL182 316, SG5 3YJ) and **meet** by the church at 10 am.

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**WALLINGTON NEAR BALDOCK for autumnal wildlife including fungi**

Leader: Chris James (Tel: 01462 742684 / 07518 053971)

**Park & meet** near Wallington Church (TL 292336) at 10am for a walk followed by optional afternoon visit for late flowers & insects to Ashwell Quarry NR & tea. Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens & field guides.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**STANSTEAD INNINGS and RYE MEADS NATURE RESERVE for birds**

Leader: William Bishop (Mob. 07935 287231)

**Park & meet** in Marsh Lane car park, off B181, Stanstead Abbots (TL385 114 / SG12 8HL) at 10 am

Bring lunch, binoculars and a field guide.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**BAYFORDBURY PINETUM, University of Hertfordshire Campus near HERTFORD**

Leader: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412)

**Park & meet** in main car park on right hand side at top of drive (TL314104 / SG13 8LD) at 10am.

Please note that entrance drive is opposite St. Mary's Lane and **not the gated exit** from Bayfordbury nearer to Hertford.

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**GOBIONS WOOD NATURE RESERVE, BROOKMANS PARK for fungi**

Leader: Claudi Soler (Mob. 07979 882518).

**Park & meet** in Gobions Wood Open Space Car Park (TL 249 039) off Jonas Way at 10am. NB entrance is between 88 & 94 Moffats Lane AL9 7RU and looks like a bumpy private drive.

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens & field guides

*With thanks to all those who lead our meetings.*

*Map references are taken from the OS Explorer maps. Ring the leader for help with map references. The Hertfordshire Street Atlas is also useful in locating meeting places and uses the OS grid.*

*Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. Don't forget sun screen & plenty to drink in hot weather.*