

## BNA in Hertfordshire & North Middlesex

- ❖ founded over seventy years ago, we are a small and friendly group with about 45 members.
- ❖ we arrange a fortnightly programme of walks throughout the year exploring Hertfordshire and, occasionally, surrounding counties. Our meetings include bird watching, moth nights, plant hunts, fungus forays, insect study days and an annual general meeting.
- ❖ Our members enjoy looking for and finding a wide variety of species and learning about them. We also send our records to county experts who maintain species databases.
- ❖ we produce a twice-yearly 'Bulletin' for members which includes our meeting reports and records of wildlife sightings. Many of BNA's records have helped to provide information about wildlife habitats in Hertfordshire helping protect them from potential development.

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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 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!

Branch members must be paid-up members of the national organisation.

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



## WINTER PROGRAMME

2022 - 2023

2022

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

**THERFIELD, a half-day meeting for Fungi**

Leader: Kerry Robinson (Tel. 01462 893326)

Park and meet at Hay Green, approximately half a mile south of Therfield (TL340 367) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens and a field guide

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**ST. PAULS WALDEN near HITCHIN**

For autumn wildlife on 'The Stagenhoe Tour'

Leaders: Julie Wise (Tel. 01438 821509 / Mob. 07759

462330) and Sophie Barber

Park and meet just inside the Stagenhoe main gate at Stagenhoe Lodges, off the B651 at St Pauls Walden, SG4 8DD (TL194228) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**FISHERS GREEN, CHESHUNT for Birds**

Leader: Steve Kiln (Mob. 07920 482111)

Meet in the Turnford Brook Car Park (TL365037) along minor road off B176 next to St. Clement Church at 10 am.

Bring lunch, binoculars and a field guide

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**ESSENDON for Winter Wildlife**

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

Park and Meet in School Lane, Essendon (TL275086) at 10 am

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

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

**WIGGINTON for Lichens and other Winter Wildlife**

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

Park and meet in the Village Hall and Community Shop Car Park off Chesham Road, Wigginton HP23 6HH (SP938099) at 10 am

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

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

**BERKHAMSTED for end-of-year Plant Hunt**

Leader: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412)

Park in Gaveston Drive and meet at the junction with Murray Road (SP990085) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens and field guides

2023

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**OUGHTONHEAD COMMON near HITCHIN for Winter Tree Identification**

Leader Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627)

Park and meet in Westmill, on north-west edge of Hitchin, at junction of Oughtonhead Lane and Redhill Road (TL173298) at 10 am. (There is also parking along Redhill Road)

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and a tree field guide.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**HERTS BRANCH AGM AT DIGSWELL, near Welwyn. Digswell Village Church Hall at bottom of Warren Way AL6 0DH (TL 244153) at 2.00 pm.**

**Bring digital images/prints to show and other items of interest plus tea-time food to share**

**Annual subscriptions (£7) will be collected**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**LEMSFORD SPRINGS NATURE RESERVE, WELWYN GARDEN CITY, a half-day meeting for Birds**

Leader: Steve Kiln (Mob. 07920 482111)

Park and meet at Lemsford Village in cul-de-sac off roundabout on B197 on west side of A1(M) at junction 5 AL8 7TN (TL222122) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, binoculars and a field guide

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

**HITCHIN CEMETERY for Winter Wildlife**

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)

Park near main entrance off St. John's Road SG4 9JP (TL 187286). Meet in the middle of the cemetery by the Chapel at 10 am

If there is time we have the option of exploring the local countryside too.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

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

**WHIPPENDELL WOODS for Winter wildlife**

Leader: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412)

Meet in car park off Rousebarn Lane (TQ072976) at 10 am.

**NB Approach from Chandler's Cross, as it is a 'no through road' from other end!**

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

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

**BENINGTON for early Spring Wildlife**

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

Park & meet at Hebing End (TL 308226) at 10am.

Bring lunch, binoculars and field guides

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

**STAPLEFORD for early Spring wildlife**

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

Park and meet in 'Clusterbolts' off Church Lane in Stapleford (TL312169) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**ST. PAULS WALDEN near HITCHIN**

For a re-run of 'The Stagenhoe Tour' for Spring wildlife

Leaders: Julie Wise (Tel. 01438 821509 / Mob. 07759

462330) and Sophie Barber

Park and meet just inside the Stagenhoe main gate at Stagenhoe Lodges, off the B651 at St Pauls Walden SG4 8DD (TL194228) at 10am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**PIRTON for Spring Wildlife**

Leader: Ruth Graham (Tel. 01462 712682 / Mob. 07914 421552)

Park in the village and meet by the Motte & Bailey pub at Great Green SG5 3QD (TL145316) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and 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 appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear.*

*Please try and share lifts if possible.*