

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

BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH



WINTER PROGRAMME

2023-2024

2023

Saturday 4th November

BRAMFIELD for lichens and autumn wildlife

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

Meet in the village hall car park off Bury Lane, SG14 2QL (TL290156) in Bramfield at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, and field guides.

Saturday 18th November

FLAMSTEAD for lichens and autumn wildlife

Leader: Andrew Harris (Tel. 01582 840598)

Park in Flamstead and meet by St. Leonards Church, AL3 8BS (TL078145) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, and field guides.

Saturday 2nd December

AMWELL NATURE RESERVE near HERTFORD for birds

Leader: Richard Howarth (Mob. 07467 447849)

Park on Amwell Lane and meet by the war memorial (TL373125) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, and field guides.

Saturday 16th December

RUSLING END, LANGLEY, STEVENAGE for local wildlife followed by tea and mince pies

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

Park and meet in the private field at Rusling End, SG4 8TD (TL210211) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and field guides.

Saturday 30th December

HITCHIN CEMETERY FOR AN EARLY NEW YEAR PLANT HUNT

This is a joint meeting with the Herts Flora Group

Leaders: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412) and Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)

Park in St John's Road and meet by the main gate into the Cemetery, SG4 9JP (TL188285) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens and a field guide.

2024

Sunday 14th January

PRESTON for winter tree identification

Leader: Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627)

Park and meet in School Lane, south of Red Lion PH (TL 181247) at 10am. W3W: recent.tasty.remain.

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens and tree guide.

Saturday 20th January

HERTS BRANCH AGM at Digswell, near Welwyn.

Digswell Village Church Hall at bottom of Warren Way, Digswell AL6 0DH (TL244153) at 2 pm.

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

Annual subscriptions (£7) will be collected.

Saturday 27th January

ICKLEFORD for winter wildlife

Leader: Finn Harrigan (Mob. 07394 660795)

Park in local streets and meet by St. Katherine's Church, SG5 3YJ (TL183316) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, binoculars, hand lens & field guides.

Sunday 11th February

WELHAM GREEN for winter wildlife

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

Park and meet at North Mymms Youth & Community Centre, Station Road AL9 7PF (TL 237050), next to St. Thomas Catholic Church, at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, and field guides.

Saturday 24th February

RADWELL MEADOWS near Letchworth for winter wildlife

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)

Park and meet at Radwell Meadows Country Park off Norton Bury Lane (TL234349) at 10 am

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, and field guides.

Wednesday 28th February

WELWYN CIVIC CENTRE - GERALD SALISBURY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Joint meeting organised by the Hertfordshire NHS & Welwyn NHS. For more information see the HNHS website.

Saturday 9th March

WALLINGTON for early Spring wildlife

Leader: Chris James (Tel: 01462 742684 Mob. 07518 053971)

Park and meet west of parish church (TL 292335) at 10am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Sunday 24th March

WATERFORD HEATH for early spring wildlife

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

Park and meet in the Waterford Heath car park (TL316150) off Vicarage Lane at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Saturday 6th April

KIMPTON for spring wildlife

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

Park and meet in Claggy Road, Kimpton, SG4 8QB (TL171184) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Saturday 20th April

BIRCH GREEN and PANSHANGER PARK for fungi and spring wildlife

Leader: Claudi Soler (Mob.07979 882518)

Park in Birch Green and meet by War Memorial close to Hertingfordbury Cowper Primary School SG14 2IR (TL292117) 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 advice if unsure. The Hertfordshire Street Atlas is useful in locating meeting places and uses the OS grid. Google Maps is also good if you have it, as is What3Words app.

Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. Please try and share lifts if possible.