

## 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

2024-2025

2024

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**HITCH WOOD for autumn wildlife**

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

Meet at the Hitch Wood car park at junction of B651 & lane to Preston. TL197 238, SG4 7SA, W3W slowly.folds.poem. (The car park can be busy so an alternative is to park at Rusling End and lift share – contact Julie if you want to do this.)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**AYOT AREA for general winter wildlife**

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

Meet in Ayot Greenway Car Park off Ayot St. Peter Road, grid Ref TL 222 143, WTW grows.fund.spicy.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**DANEMEAD AND BROXBORNE WOODS L.N.R.s for late fungi and galls**

Leader: Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627).

Meet in the Danemead car park on Cock Lane TL347 077, W3W cone.ticket.paid.

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

**WATERFORD HEATH N.R. for winter wildlife**

Leader: Richard Haworth (Mob. 07467 447849)

Meet in reserve car park in Vicarage Lane, TL316 150, W3W truly.tooth.shiny.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

**GADEBRIDGE PARK, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, for an early new year plant hunt**

**This is a joint meeting with the Herts Flora Group**

Leader: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412)

Park and meet in Gadebridge Park car park, TL051 081, W3W puts.cars.comic.

2025

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

**OUGHTONHEAD COMMON L.N.R. IN HITCHIN**

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)

Park in Burford Way (last turn L going N on A600 just S of River Oughton) and meet near its junction with the A600. TL178 309, W3W fake.cling.questions).

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

**HERTS BRANCH AGM at Digswell, near Welwyn.**

**Digswell Village Church Hall at bottom of Warren Way, Digswell AL6 0DH (TL244 153) 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 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**UPPER GADE VALLEY for winter wildlife including lichens**

Leader: Andrew Harris (Tel. 01582 840598)

Park and meet in Great Gaddesden village near to the school, TL029 112, W3W bumps.ages.round.

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

**LEMSFORD SPRINGS N.R. NEAR WELWYN**

**GARDEN CITY for winter birds**

Leader: Steve Kiln (Mob. 07920 482111)

Park and meet outside reserve, in layby off B197 roundabout adjacent J5 of A1(M). TL223 123, W3W snap.sits.result.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**HIGH WOOD BENINGTON for fungi and general wildlife of early spring**

Leader: Kerry Robinson (Tel: 01462 893326)

Park and meet in Benington Village Hall car park, TL298 237, W3W camp.translate.seagulls.

**N.B. This meeting will finish around 1.30pm.**

**Sunday 23<sup>th</sup> March**

**RIVER STORT (NAVIGATION) for early spring wildlife**

Leader: Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627)

Park and meet in the private drive of Northfields House, just north of Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9BZ, grid ref. TL485 160, W3W type.edge.dash. As you leave Sawbridgeworth on the A1184 take a slight R turn signposted 'Cemetery' and IMMEDIATELY turn R through the gate for Northfields House.

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

**BRAMFIELD WOODS, NEAR HERTFORD for spring wildlife**

Leader: Rhodri Gruffydd (Mob. 07421 267130)

Park and meet in Bramfield Village Hall car park, Bury Lane, Bramfield, SG14 2QL, TL 290 157, W3W dust.option.card. If no spaces, park in village along Winding Shott or Turners Close.

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

**PRESTON AND WAIN WOOD for early spring flowers**

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)

Park and meet in School Lane near the Red Lion pub; grid ref. TL180 247, W3W ocean.daring.counts.

***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 the What3Words (W3W) app.***

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

***All meetings start at 10.00 and last till approx. 15.30 unless otherwise stated.***

***Bring lunch and, if you have them, binoculars, hand lens and appropriate field guides.***