

## **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-trapping, 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 provided information about wildlife habitats in Hertfordshire helping to 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.

Expert knowledge of natural history is not a requirement for membership – just enthusiasm! 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**

**2025**

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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**COLNEY HEATH for spring wildlife**

Leader: Eric Sharman (Mob. 07527 850563)  
Park at the end of Church Lane near the model railway.  
TL198 058, W3W march.caked.police.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Recent developments at HEARTWOOD FOREST, SANDRIDGE**

Leader: Jean Williamson (Tel. 01707 654131 / Mob. 07951 990908)  
Meet in the Heartwood Forest car park. TL168108, W3W defend.grapes.summer.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
**THERFIELD HEATH N.R. for butterflies**

Leader: Steve Kiln (Mob. 07920 482111).  
Meet in the car park off Therfield Road, TL336 402, W3W receiving.punch.eyelid.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**PITSTONE LOCAL WILDLIFE AREA for chalkland flowers and butterflies**

Leader: Mike Demidecki (Mob. 07887 980004)  
Park and meet in the layby on the east side of Northfield Road. SP945 135, W3W scorpions.school.unloaded.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**IVINGHOE HILLS N.R. for chalkland flora and other summer wildlife**

Leader: Paula Shipway (Mob. 07791 986951)  
Park and meet in the car park off Stocks Road between Aldbury and Ivinghoe. SP955 149. W3W perfume.meanings.serenade.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
**HEXTON HILLS for summer flora**

Leader: Ruth Graham (Tel. 01462 712682 / Mob. 07535 523016)  
Access to the reserve is through the gate off Lilley Road next to the layby, about 200m south of the Hexton cross roads. TL106 302, W3W marmalade.inhaled.guarded.  
At the gate you will be directed to the parking place.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**  
**RUSLING END, LANGLEY, STEVENAGE for moths**

Leader: Julie Wise (Tel. 01438 821509 / Mob. 07759 462330)  
We will be examining the contents of moth traps, followed by a short walk. Park and meet in the private field at Rusling End, SG4 8TD. TL210 211, W3W tonic.glee.gold.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**ASHWELL QUARRY N.R. for flora and insects**

Leader: Chris James (Tel: 01462 742684/Mob. 07518 053971)  
Meet at reserve car park in Loves Lane, off Hinxworth Rd, TL252 397, W3W cork.headlines.drilled for a morning exploring the reserve followed by an afternoon social & tea at 56 Back Street, Ashwell SG7 5PE.  
*NB car-sharing helpful as parking limited in both locations.*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
**CHARLTON, NEAR HITCHIN for summer flora and fauna**

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)  
Park on the road on the Hitchin side of Charlton. TL179 281, W3W public.courier.hurry. Meet outside The Windmill pub.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**TEWIN ORCHARD N.R for badger watching**

Leader: Andy Holtham (Tel: 07583 470627)  
Park and meet in the reserve car park **from 3pm**. TL268 155, W3W feel.icon.luck. We will explore the reserve and enjoy our picnic teas. We then have a group booking for the badger hide for the evening. We will gather in the hide no later than 7.15pm.

**Booking for the badger watching is essential and numbers are limited**— please book via the programme secretary Andy Holtham (number above). There will be a fee of £3 per member (£5 non-members) as a donation to the Herts Badger Group. No booking needed to join in the afternoon walk.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Evening bat walk**

Leader: Rhodri Gruffydd (Mob. 07421 267130)  
Details TBC.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
**BALLS WOOD & HERTFORD HEATH N.Rs. for autumn wildlife**

Leader: Richard Haworth (Mob. 07467 447849)  
Park on the road in the Roundings near the College Arms, Hertford Heath. TL351 108, W3W seats.code.appeal.

**Saturday 18 October**  
**NORTHAW GREAT WOOD L.N.R. for fungi**

Leader Claudi Soler (Mob.07979 882518)  
Park and meet at the car park: TL282 040, W3W comic.breed.since. *Note: a £1 donation for parking is requested (honesty box).*

*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, as is the What3Words (W3W) app.*

*Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear and bring plenty to drink in hot weather.*

*Please do share lifts if possible.*

*All meetings start at 10.00am and continue until about 15.30pm unless otherwise stated.*

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

