

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

2025-26

2025

Saturday 1st November

CHESHUNT PARK for Autumn wildlife and fungi

Leader: Alison Monckton (Mob. 07938 755185)

Park in the large Cheshunt Park Golf Centre car park off Park Lane, which can be busy with golfers/dog walkers. Meet near the golf clubhouse, top of car park. TL348 037, W3W answer.along.papers.

Sunday 16th November

PIRTON for general wildlife

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)

Park and meet outside the Motte & Bailey pub. TL 14541 31594, W3W almost.bring.petulant.

Saturday 29th November

BUCK'S ALLEY WOOD for an early winter walk

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

Meet and park in Church Road, Little Berkhamsted. TL 292 078, W3W keeps.chief.finger.

Saturday 13th December

SCATTERDELLS WOOD CHIPPERFIELD

Leader: Andrew Harris (Mob. 07597 038552).

Park and meet in the car park on Chipperfield Common. TL044 015, W3W gasp.wash.chew.

2026

Sunday 4th January

HATFIELD, for an early new year plant hunt

Joint meeting with the Herts Flora Group.

Leader: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412)

Park at the back of the University of Hertfordshire car park E (TL 2134 0768). Follow the signs towards the University from Roehyde Way, and then follow the signs to Car Park E from College Lane.

Saturday 10th January

RSPB FOWLMERE for the murmuration and winter wildlife

Leader: Julie Wise ((Tel. 01438 821509 / Mob. 07759 462330). **Note this is an afternoon meeting.**

Park and meet in the reserve car park at **2.30pm** (free parking for RSPB members). Bring a hot drink and refreshments. TL407 459, W3W nylon.ambushed.melts.

Saturday 24th January

HERTS BRANCH AGM at Digswell, near Welwyn

Digswell Village Church at the bottom of Warren Way, Digswell AL6 0DH (TL244 153) at **2 pm**. Follow the path around the left hand side of the hall to find the door to the church.

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

Annual subscriptions will be collected.

Saturday 7th February

BAYFORDBURY PINETUM for conifers

Joint meeting with the Herts Flora Group.

Leaders: Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412) & Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627).

Meet in the car park at the University of Hertfordshire Bayfordbury Campus. TL31431 10402, W3W tuned.fast.stack. Access to the site is from the B158 near the junction with St Mary's Lane (TL30941 10559, W3W paint.remedy.author). NB there is a one-way system on site.

Saturday 21st February

WESTON for general wildlife

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)

Park in the Weston Church car park at the end of Church Lane. TL 266 300, W3W crows.dumps.skirting.

Saturday 7th March

WIDFORD

Leader: Steve Kiln (Tel: 07920 482111)

Park and meet in the layby on the north side of the B1004 approx. 200m west of Widford church (St John the Baptist). TL 411 158, W3W rises.sums.cross.

Saturday 21st March

AMWELL for birds and mammals

Leader: Eric Sharman (Mob. 07527 850563)

Park in Amwell Lane and meet near war memorial. SG12 9SS, TL 373 125, W3W flock.spirit.never.

Saturday 4th April

HUNSDON for early spring flowers and signs of spring

Leader: Peter Alton (Mob. 07812 390892)

Park in the village near the junction of High St (B180) and Drury Lane and meet outside the Crown pub. TL418 142, W3W races.ship.month.

Saturday 18th April

BURNHAM GREEN area for spring wildlife

Leader: Paula Shipway (Tel. 01296 668639/ Mob. 07791986951).

Park on village roads and meet on the village green. TL 262 165, W3W frogs.risk.winks

With thanks to all those who lead our meetings.

Map references are taken from the OS Explorer maps. 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 share lifts if possible.

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

Bring lunch (for full day walks) and, if you have them, binoculars, hand lens and appropriate field guides.