

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.

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BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH



SUMMER PROGRAMME

2026

Sunday 3rd May
RIVER VER TRAIL TO BRICKET WOOD COMMON for spring wildlife

Leader: Rhodri Gruffydd (Mob. 07421 267130).
 Meet and park at the Riverside Way Car Park, Drop Lane, St Stephen, St Albans, AL2 3TX. TL 1505 0214, W3W banks.fact.swan

Saturday 16th May
HEXTON HILLS for spring wildlife

Leader: Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627).
 Access to the reserve is through the gate off Lilley Road next to the layby, about 200m from the Hexton cross roads. TL106 302, W3W marmalade.inhaled.guarded. At the gate you will be directed to the parking place.

Saturday 30th May
BNA AGM

National AGM to be held online by Zoom. The programme starts at 1pm with the AGM at 2.15pm. For details of how to register to attend see British Naturalist magazine or the BNA website.

Sunday 31st May
BUNTINGFORD for late spring hedgerows

Leader: Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627).
 Park in the public car park off Bowling Green Lane (free on Sundays). SG9 9DF, TL3611 2952, W3W joyously.results.trio. Meet in the alley leading to the High Street.

Saturday 13th June
CLOTHALL COMMON for summer wildlife

Leaders: Alison Monckton (Mob. 07938 755185), Rose and David Seabrook (Tel. 01707 257729).
 Turn off the A507 onto Wallington Road, past Tapps Garden Centre then right at the roundabout. Meet in Yeomanry Drive opposite the junction with Maltings Close. TL255 340, W3W shout.next.smashes. Parking on Yeomanry Drive or Wallington Road.

Saturday 27th June
HOO WOOD near Great Gaddesden for summer wildlife
 Leader: Paula Shipway (Mob. 07791 986951)
 Park and meet in Church Meadow off Piper's Hill. TL029 113 W3W tops.calm.table.

Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July
NATURAL HISTORY WEEKEND IN STAFFORDSHIRE
 National event. For details see British Naturalist magazine or the BNA website.

Sunday 12th 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 25th July
HAWKSHEAD WOOD

Leader: Jean Williamson (Tel.01707 654131 / Mob. 07951 990908).
 Meet at the United Reformed Church, Brookmans Park. TL 243 039, W3W spider.prime.singer.
 Park in Oaklands Avenue near the church.

Saturday 8th August
FROGMORE MEADOWS AND THE CHESS VALLEY for lichens and summer wildlife

Leader: Andrew Harris (Mob. 07597 038552).
 Park in Latimer Road, Chenies and meet near the Red Lion pub. TQ021 981, W3W scale.fruit.softly.

Sunday 23rd August
THERFIELD HEATH for Adonis Blue and other butterflies

Leader: Steve Kiln (Mob: 07920 482111)
 Park and meet in the car park by Royston Sports Centre and Rugby Club. TL347 405, W3W alpha.revisit.corrects.
NB this walk will finish by 1pm.

Sunday 6th September
AMWELL NATURE RESERVE for birds

Leader: Richard Haworth (Mob: 07467 447849)
 Park on Amwell Lane and meet by the war memorial. TL373 125, W3W noble.bride.scrap.

Saturday 12th September
BNA NATIONAL EVENT AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

For details please see British Naturalist magazine or the BNA website.

Saturday 19th September
HITCHIN CEMETERY & SURROUNDINGS for general wildlife

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127)
 Meet in the middle of Hitchin Cemetery. TL188 287, W3W lake.axed.leaned. Park on St John's Road.

Sunday 4th October
WATERFORD HEATH NR for fungi

Leader: Kerry Robinson (Tel. 01462 893326).
 Park and meet in the reserve car park in Vicarage Lane. TL 3166 1501, W3W lands.being.nearly. *NB This walk will finish at 1pm.*

Saturday 17th October
FIR AND PONDS WOODS for fungi and autumn wildlife

Leader: Claudi Soler (Mob. 07979 882518).
 Park in the layby at the entrance to the reserve. TL 276 011, W3W mass.boots.doll. If this is full, park across the road in the Oshwal Centre car park.

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.

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

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.