

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



WINTER PROGRAMME

2026-27

2026

Saturday 31st October
CROMER AND THE BEANE VALLEY for ancient hedgerows

Leader: Jim Egginton (Mob. 07563 737433).
Park in the field by 1 The Heath, Cromer, SG2 7PZ.
Go up the drive (there is a public footpath sign) off Cromer Heath that is just past the junction with the B1037 (where it turns through a right angle); go through the gates and park by the barn. TL299 286, W3W watches.headless.ruin.
This will be a half day walk.

Saturday 14 November
TEWINBURY and ARCHERS GREEN for winter wildlife

Leader: Paula Shipway (Mob. 07791 986951).
Park and meet in the large lay-by off the B1000 between the junction with Churchfield Road and the entrance to Tewinbury Farm Hotel. TL262 139, W3W bride.boots.decks.

Saturday 28th November
GREAT GADDESSEN for winter wildlife

Leader: Andrew Harris (Mob. 07597 038552).
Park and meet in Church Meadow off Piper's Hill. TL029 113, W3W tops.calm.table.

Sunday 13th December
LEA VALLEY AT CHESHUNT for winter birds

Leader: Steve Kiln (Mob. 07920 482111)
Park in the Turnford Brook car park, Cheshunt. TL365 037, W3W acid.older.given.
This will be a half day walk but bring lunch.

2027

Sunday 3rd January
HITCHIN CEMETERY for the New Year Plant Hunt

This is a joint meeting with the Herts Flora Group.
Leaders: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127) and Alla Mashanova (Mob. 07986 083412).

Park in St John's Road and meet by the chapel in the centre of the Cemetery, SG4 9JP, TL188285, W3W train.bulb.fetch.

Saturday 9th January
LEMSFORD SPRINGS AND BROCKET PARK for winter birds

Leader: Steve Kiln (Mob. 07920 482111)
Park and meet in front of the reserve in Lemsford Village off the B197. TL223 123, W3W acted.raft.gently.
This will be a half day walk.

Saturday 23rd 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**. Bring digital images/prints to show and other items of interest plus tea-time food to share.
Annual subscriptions will be collected.

Saturday 6th February
RSPB THE LODGE, SANDY for conifers and heathland wildlife

Leader: Andy Holtham (Mob. 07583 470627).
Meet in the reserve car park. TL192 484, W3W impulse.nearing.jolt. NB a parking charge of £6 applies (free to RSPB members); please contact the walk leader to organise lift sharing.

Saturday 20th February
BURLEIGH FARM (LANGLEY) for general winter wildlife

Leader: Phil Barron (Mob. 07743 629127).
By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Pateman, park by the farm house. The access track to the farm is off the B656 south of Langley. The farm house is at TL222 217, W3W pasta.ocean.invent.

Saturday 6th March
STAPLEFORD for early spring wildlife

Leaders: Rose and David Seabrook (Tel. 01707 257279). Park in the cul-de-sac off Church Lane (immediately first right as you turn into Church Lane off the A119). TL311 168, W3W rental.voice.cracks.

Sunday 21st March
THERFIELD HEATH for Pasque Flowers and other spring wildlife

Leader: Lucy Alexander (Mob: 07541 987920)
Park and meet in the car park on Therfield Road, TL336 402, W3W receiving.punch.eyelid.

Sunday 4th April
BROXBOURNE WOODS for spring wildlife
Leader: Andy Reynolds (Mob: 07890 784349)
Park and meet in Broxbourne Wood East Car Park on Pembridge Lane (not the West Car Park). TL327 069, W3W undulation.marble.zebra.

Sunday 18th April
COLNEY HEATH for spring wildlife

Leader Eric Sharman (Mob 07522 780563).
Park at the end of Church Lane by the miniature railway (carry on after the tarmac ends). TL198 058, W3W march.caked.police.
This will be a half-day walk.

*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 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.