

2017

Saturday 6th May
NATIONAL BNA CONFERENCE at THE FOREST SCHOOL, EPPING FOREST

Details to be circulated and on the web site

Saturday 13th May
THE RIVER VER ST. ALBANS, and the WATERCRESS NATURE RESERVE for spring plants and general recording in the nature reserve

Leader: Alla Mashanova (Tel. 07986 083412)

Meet in Argos CP at the end of Griffiths Way (TL148060) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, field guides and notebooks.

Sunday 28th, May
ESSENDON for spring wildlife

Leaders: Jean Williamson (Tel. 01707 654131, Mob. 07951 990908) and Merle Gwyn (Tel. 01707 322321 Mob. 07879 233582)

Meet in School Lane (TL275086) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Sunday 11th June
SHERRARDSPARK WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE, WELWYN GARDEN CITY, for summer wildlife

Leader: Peter Alton (Tel. 020 836 87504)

Meet in the Campus West Car Park, off The Campus (TL235133) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, binoculars hand lens and guide books.

Saturday 24th June
GREYS, THERFIELD for farmland birds, arable plants and insects

Leader: Chris James (Tel. 01462 742684, Mob. 07771 902976).

Meet at Greys (Farm), Therfield Road (TL341395) at 10am ready to explore this very different farm managed to encourage 'red-listed' species. Bring lunch, field guides, binoculars, hand lens and insects nets if you have them. Tea at Ashwell.

By kind invitation of Mr & Mrs E Darling

Saturday 8th July
NATIONAL BNA NATURAL HISTORY DAY and AGM

Attenborough Nature Centre, Nottingham

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Saturday 8th July
DIGSWELL, WELWYN for evening moth trapping BRING AND SHARE SUPPER

Leader: Tom Gladwyn (Tel. 01438 714700)

Meet at 99 Warren Way, Digswell (TL246156) at 7 pm.

Bring a plate of supper time food to share and a moth identification guide.

Saturday 22nd July
HAMMONDS END AND REDBOURNBURY for insects

Leader: Joe Gray (Tel. 01727 790666 evenings 7-9pm; Mob. 07854 940473 - on the morning of the meeting only)

Meet on the southern edge of Harpenden at the junction of Hawsley Road and The Deerings (TL133118) at 10 am.

Street parking in The Deerings.

Bring lunch, hand lens and field guides.

Saturday 5th August
ALDBURY NOWERS near TRING for insects and plants

Leader: William Bishop (Mob. 07935 287231)

Meet at Tring Station car park (SP 951122) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars, field guides and £4 for the car park.

Saturday 19th August
KNOCKING HOE AND THE PEGSDON HILLS for plants

Leaders: Ruth Graham (Tel. 01462 712682, Mob: 07914 421552) and Jean Williamson (Tel. 01707 654131, Mob. 07951 990908)

Meet opposite the Motte and Bailey PH at Great Green, Pirton (TL145315) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens and field guide.

Sunday 3rd September
REDBOURNE AND FLAMSTEAD AREA for late summer wildlife and lichens

Leaders: Andrew Harris (Tel. 01582 840598) and Paula Shipway (Tel. 01296 668639 Mob 07791 986951)

Meet in car park off West Common (TL103119) Redbourne at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Sunday 17th September
TRING AREA for mammal recording

Leader: Michael Demidecki (Tel. 01442 823514, Mob. 07887 980004)

Meet in Hastoe Lane, Tring (SP924109) at 9.30 am.

Bring lunch, binoculars and a field guide.

Please note the early start time.

Saturday 30th September
PATMORE HEATH NATURE RESERVE, NEAR ALBURY for fungi and other autumn wildlife

Leader: Chris James (Tel. 01462 742684, Mob. 07771 902976)

Meet and park near large pond at SW corner of Patmore Heath (TL442255) at 10am.

Bring lunch, field guides, hand lens.

Saturday 14th October
NORTHAW GREAT WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE NEAR CUFFLEY for fungi.

Leader: Claudi Soler (Tel. 020 8882 3082)

Meet in the car park (TL282040) off the B157 at 10 am.

Bring lunch, a hand lens, a field guide and £1 for the car park.

Sunday 29th October
HITCH WOOD near ST. PAUL'S WALDEN for fungi

Leader: Kerry Robinson (Tel. 01462 893326)

Meet in small car park at junction of Hitchwood Lane and B651 (TL196238) at 10 am.

Bring lunch, hand lens and a field guide.

With thanks to all those who lead our meetings.

Map references are taken from the OS Explorer maps. Ring the leader for help with map references. The Hertfordshire Street Atlas is also useful in locating meeting places and uses the OS grid.

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

BNA in Hertfordshire & North Middlesex

- ❖ founded over seventy years ago, we are a small but thriving group with about 55 members.
- ❖ we arrange a fortnightly programme throughout the year exploring Herts and surrounding areas on foot, including bird watching, moth nights, botanical surveys, fungus forays and insect study days.
- ❖ we enjoy occasional wildlife weekends and branch holidays.
- ❖ we examine and learn about all sorts of species and how to record them.
- ❖ we produce a twice-yearly 'Bulletin' for members, reporting on field meetings and recording wildlife sightings. Many of BNA's records have helped to protect wildlife habitats in Hertfordshire from development, so we have an important role to play locally.

Contact Branch Secretary for further information:

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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!

An Annual Meeting and Study Week is held for members at venues throughout the country.

BNA's journal '*Country-Side*' is sent to members twice a year, covers all aspects of natural history and caters for adults and youngsters.

Annual 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 some of our meetings before making a commitment to join us.

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