

BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION



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ESSEX

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Saturday 28th April

River invertebrate sampling "pond dipping",
Chelmsford, Essex,
Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation
Leader: Ken Biggins
Meet on towpath at Springfield Lock, Wharf Road, Chelmsford,
Essex CM2 6YT
10.30am - 12.00

Wed 27th - 30th June 2018

Brightlingsea, some joint events with BNA S Yorks visitors
Details TBA

Saturday 11th August 2018

Summer Coast Walk, Brightlingsea, Essex,
Leader: Roger Tabor
10am - 12.30
Details TBA

Bank Holiday Monday 27th August 2018

Nature Spotting at the Lozenge, Brightlingsea, for Families
Leader: Roger Tabor
Lozenge Nature Area, Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7
0LG
Open 11.30am - 4.30pm
(This annual event is a jointly organised by the BNA & the Cinque
Port Liberty of Brightlingsea).

HERTFORDSHIRE

Contact: Trevor James FLS, FRES, FBNA Tel: 01 462 742684
<http://hertsbna.org.uk/index.html>



@hertsbna

Saturday 6th January

STOCKERS LAKE NR for farmland and water birds
Leader: William Bishop (Mob. 07935 287231)
Meet in Stockers Farm Road by the pumping station
(TQ 055934) at 10 am
Bring lunch, binoculars and a field guide.

Saturday 20th January

HERTS BRANCH AGM
Digsell Village Church Hall, Warren Way, near
Welwyn (TL 243153) at 2 pm.
Bring digital images/prints to show and other items of
interest as well as tea-time food to share
Annual subscriptions (£7) will be collected.

Saturday 3rd February

LITTLE GADESEN for lichens and winter wildlife
Leader: Paula Shipway (Tel. 01296 668639 Mob.
07791 986951)
Meet in small car park off Nettleden Road near junction
with Hudnall Lane (SP 997128) at 10 am.
Bring lunch, hand lens and a field guide.

Saturday 17th February

WALLINGTON for birds and winter wildlife
Leader: William Bishop (Mob. 07935 287231)
Park in the village and meet by Church (TL 292 335)
at 10 am.
Bring lunch, binoculars, a hand lens and field guides.

Saturday 3rd March

BENINGTON for general wildlife
Leader: Chris James (Tel. 01462 742684, Mob. 07771
902976)
Park and meet in the centre of Benington (TL 298236)
at 10 am
Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Sunday 18th March

PLASHES WOOD near STANDON for fungi and
other wildlife
Leader: Kerry Robinson (Tel. 01462 893326)
Park and Meet in the High Street, Standon

(TL 396223) at 10 am

Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Saturday 31st March

CHISWELL GREEN for early spring flowers and
other wildlife
Leader: Alla Mashanova (Tel. 07986 083412)
Meet in Midway Surgery car park (the surgery is closed
on Saturdays) off Watford Road, B4630 (TL 137051)
at 10 am
Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Sunday 15th April

CHARLTON, near HITCHIN for spring wildlife
Leaders: Ruth Graham (Tel. 01462 712682 Mob.
07914 421552) and Jean Williamson (Tel. 01707
654131 Mob. 07951 990908)
Meet near the Windmill Pub Charlton (TL 178281)
at 10 am.
Bring lunch, hand lens, binoculars and field guides.

Saturday 28th April

HUNSDON MEAD NR for flowers and insects
Leader: Trevor James (Tel. 01462 742684 Mob.07834
392017)
Park and meet at Roydon Railway Station (TL 405105)
at 10 am.
Bring lunch, binoculars, a hand lens and field guides.
Please note that there is a charge for the car park.
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

LINCOLNSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Contact Dr. Robert Tansey FLS MBNA Tel: 01 777 948369
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Branch Affiliated Groups and Societies:

LENS Long Eaton Natural History Society: Marion Bryce / lensnaturalhistory@gmail.com /
DANES Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society: David Budworth / abud01@aol.com /
NBG Nottinghamshire Bat Group: Michael Walker / nottsbatgroup@gmail.com

The Canal and River Trust/BNA Partnership

Please contact event organisers to check for last minute diary changes, or permission to attend if you are not a member of that specific group.

Note: LENS meets monthly at the Long Eaton School NG10 3NP at 7 pm every second Monday unless otherwise advised. Practical conservation sessions are undertaken at Forbes Hole Nature Reserve NG10 1FX at 10am every Monday.

Note: BNA undertakes small mammal trapping activities at Notts Wildlife Trust Reserves in North Notts, which may not all be noted in the diary, if you wish to participate contact BNA organiser. Bat Detecting and Moth Trapping are undertaken every month Spring to Autumn at dusk (Chesterfield Canal Drakeholes Depot) contact BNA organiser for times and dates, weather permitting.

Note: NBG undertake regular bat detecting evenings throughout the year, along with some training sessions, please contact them directly for up to date details etc.

Saturday 3rd February

Vole and badgers survey
Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey 10-12am BNA

Monday 12th February

Indoor Talk: Introducing Dormice
Long Eaton School
7.15 pm LENS

Wednesday 14th February

K and M Beckingham Marsh RSPB
Reserve.
12am meet BNA

Saturday 3rd March

Invertebrate survey
Drakeholes Canal Trust Depot
10-12am BNA

Monday 5th March

AGM NBG
7.30pm

Monday 12th March

Indoor Talk: Bats in Romania
Long Eaton School
7.15pm LENS

Wednesday 14th March

Idle Valley: Invertebrate survey and small mammal trapping
1pm BNA

Saturday 17th

Retford Library: Natural History Day-all-welcome
10am-4pm BNA

(For details of Bat Detecting/Moth Trapping/Small Mammal Trapping April to September contact organiser)

Saturday 7th April

Potteric Carr YWT Reserve/Doncaster
Meet in reserve car park: (Entry Charge)
11am BNA

Wednesday 18th April

Idle Valley: Invertebrate survey and small mammal trapping
1pm BNA

Saturday 21st

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12 noon BNA

1-4th May

Bempton and Flamborough Boat trip
to be arranged, cost approx £13-15 plus travel to Bridlington BNA

Saturday 10th May

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
12th -12pm BNA

Saturday 16th June

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12am BNA

Saturday 21st July

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12am BNA

Sunday 22nd July

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
Entomological Society Exhibition
ShIPLEY Country Park Visitor Centre, DE75 7GX DANES
11-4pm

18th August

Drakeholes Depot: Invertebrate survey
10-12am BNA

NENE & WELLAND BRANCH

Contact: J White Tel: 0844 892 1817

Branch walks take place on the third Sunday of each month except in December when we meet on Boxing Day morning.
Please telephone for details.

OUSE & NENE BRANCH

Contact: T J Thomas FBNA Tel: 0844 892 1817

1st Sunday of every month 10 a.m. Woodland Walks & Survey

Venue: West Wood near Souldrop on A6 between Rushden and Bedford.
Meet at entrance gate by cottages, not the farm side.

OXFORDSHIRE & GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Contact: Kara Majerus Tel: 0844 892 1817



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Oxfordshire & Gloucestershire BNA

BNA's newest Branch and currently building membership. We will shortly be arranging a programme of events which will be based primarily within the Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire counties, with the occasional trip further afield.

Some of the activities we are planning include badger watching, moth trapping nights, botanical surveys, fungus forays, insect days, bird watching excursions and occasional indoor meetings.

We will also be arranging presentations and workshops lead by expert naturalists as well as short courses for members. These activities will cover various aspects of natural history, field skills and biological communication topics such as wildlife photography.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Contact: Steve Rutherford MBNA Tel: 07504 356028



BNA South Yorkshire

March 11th – Walk along the TPT

By the railway line at Elsecar to look at hedgerows, meet in the car park at 10am.

April 14th – Moth Trapping and Pond Dipping in Historic Gardens at WGC

Meet at the entrance to the gardens at 10am

May 5th – Spring visit to Staveley Wild Life Trust Reserve

A chance to see flowers and trees as they start growing and hear bird song, meet in the car park at 11am

June 10th – Evening Visit to Old Moor wild flowers and orchids

meet in the car park at 5.30pm; remember to be off the reserve by 8pm

June 27th - 30th – Summer at the Seaside a short break to Brightlingsea

Staying 3 nights B&B including a day visit to Mersea Island, wildlife along the sea wall and a special guided walk with Roger Tabor over the salt marshes, more details to follow – *booking is essential*

July 22nd – Biodiversity in Long Grass Area at Wentworth Garden Centre

Studying and recording the species found in the habitats we have created at the back of the farm; meet outside the entrance to the farm at 10am

August 11th – Visit to Adwick for birds, wild flowers & grasses,

Meet in the car park at 10am

September 8th – Visit to Spottbrough Flash Woodlands for late summer flowers and birds

Car share is essential as there is limited parking, meet in the car park on Nursery Lane at 10am

TAW & EXMOOR BRANCH

Contact: Brian Sims Tel: 01 271 343607



@devonbna

day March 11th

A visit to our local RSPB reserve at Isley Marsh for wetland and river birds followed by a walk around the neighbouring Home Farm Marsh reserve.

Meet on the Yelland Business Park road at 11.00am Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday April 22nd

Dawn chorus walk. Meet at 6.00 am, just west of Parkham Ash (Map Ref SS 3635 2075) another walk afterwards to Peppercombe and then a possible pub lunch. Warm clothes and a warm drink for elevenives.

Sunday May 20th

By popular request, a repeat visit to Gooseham Mill for fritillary butterflies and Spring flowers. Meet there (Map Ref SS 232 172) at 11.00 am. A walk down to the coast in the afternoon. Bring a packed lunch, probable cream tea afterwards.

Sunday June 24th

Another requested repeat visit to the DWT Reserve at Meeth for flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds. Meet there (Map Ref SS 543 081) at 10.30 am. Could go on to the adjoining reserve at Ash Moor afterwards. Bring a packed lunch. Probable cream tea afterwards. Not completely level walking.

Sunday July 15th

Butterflies and dragonflies at a new venue, the DWT reserve at Bystock in conjunction with the Devon branch of Butterfly Conservation. Amalgamate into fewer meetings at the Barnstaple Leisure Centre car park at 9.30 am or meet there (Map Ref SY 033 844) at 11.00 am. Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday August 19th

An evening meeting requested for bats. Meet at The Puffing Billy car park, Torrington at 7.30 pm. With luck may see an otter as well. Level walking. May need insect repellent.

Sunday September 9th

A walk around Morte Point for seals, sea birds and cliff top flowers. Meet at Morte Point car park at 11.00 am complete with a packed lunch and be ready for the last cream tea of the season.

NATIONAL EVENTS

NATIONAL INSECT WEEK

18-24 June. Royal Entomological Society.

UK FUNGUS DAY.

Weekend of 6-7th October 2018.

The outreach arm of the British Mycological Society. Raising awareness of the amazing fungal kingdom.

Please Note: Outdoor Meetings

- It is advisable to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Sorry, but we do not allow dogs to accompany our walks. We would urge members to share car transport to events. If you need to arrange a lift, please telephone. However a spare seat cannot be guaranteed. Should you intend to join any outdoor activity somewhere other than at the meeting place, the leader should be told in advance. We remind you that you will not then know if the walk is cancelled or changed at the start.

BNA cannot be held responsible for any mishaps or accidents that may occur on Branch outings. There is public liability insurance cover for field and indoor meetings arranged by the Branch.

The insurance policy does not cover personal accidents.