

Natural Woodhurst

What's On:

December

Saturday 4th – 10am

Scrub bashing in Butt Lane with coffee & cakes at the Church afterwards.

Forthcoming Events:

January

New Year's Day Stroll

A gentle stroll across the fields to the Mad Cat pub at Pidley. Starting out at 12pm at the Church.

Sat 15th - Tree planting

Planting some new native trees along the section of Butt Lane cleared in December.

February

Thursday 17th

Wildlife Gardening Talk

An evening talk at the Village Hall.

Keep an eye out for posters and on our [facebook](#) page for further details!

Or:

Log on to the village

website at: www.woodhurst-cams.com

OTHER EVENTS

Christmas Birds & Christmas Music at Paxton Pits Nature Reserve

Sunday 12th December 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Join a short walk to see some of the Reserve's winter visitors, then enjoy seasonal refreshments and Christmas carols with live music back at the visitors' centre. No need to book. Donation to cover costs.

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We got it!

As you may have seen in the current Village newsletter, or you may remember from the consultation earlier in the year, NW had applied for a grant from the National Lottery to undertake various projects around the village to enhance the natural environment. We received confirmation of approval last week, which means we can go ahead & start planning the projects, most of which will take place next year. Here is a reminder of these projects:

Claypits Conservation Area: Restoration of the hedgerow, pond & marshy areas, maintenance of paths & installation of an interpretation board.

Ridges Pond (on South Street): Restoration of the pond to a more healthy state.

50m stretch of Butt Lane: Restoration of the hedgerow.

Swan Weir Pond: Creation of soil banks planted up with reed & other native species to encourage wildlife & help remove nutrients from the pond, discouraging blanket & duckweed.

The Green: Create a wildflower meadow & build willow fencing at the back of the Green.

Parts of these projects will require the help of professional contractors, but most of them will be open to village residents to come & get involved & learn new skills. For example, the work at Ridges Pond, Swan Weir & the Green will be done as village workparties, supervised by professional experts in pond restoration & making willow hurdles. You can even learn how to make a hurdle to put in your own garden! You can also come along to plant a tree in Butt Lane, or help clear vegetation at Claypits Conservation Area, or in Butt Lane.

NATURE NOTES – AUTUMN/WINTER

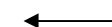
Listen out for: Redwings flying at night – stand outside on a clear night & hear their high-pitched "zztseep" calls as they pass on the wing.

Look out for: *Hoar frost* - The white crystals seen on the grass on a cold morning are neither a ground nor an air frost. This is a 'hoar frost', which forms when the air cools and water condenses onto the grass.

Hoar frost is very different from frozen dew, which is dew that has frozen after it has formed. They are very different to look at, frozen dew looks like frozen water droplets, and a hoar frost is a delicate icy structure.



Frozen Dew



Hoar Frost

