

Natural Woodhurst

What's On:

July

Saturday 17th – 10am

Pondamonium Party at Swan Weir!

Forthcoming Events:


August

Bat Walk

Come & find out about these fascinating night time creatures!

Moth Trapping

Discover some of the beautiful moths that we have in the village.

Keep an eye out for posters and on our  page for further details!

**Or:
Log on to the village website at: www.woodhurst-cambs.com**

All activities start out from the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Offers:

Buy a discounted bee box

A bee box will help bees to shelter from the rain and by encouraging bees into your garden it should also help your garden bloom.



The Co-op has teamed up with GoneGardening.com to give Plan Bee supporters a 15% discount on a FSC-certified Bee Nesting Box with Zinc Roof – £9.34 (reduced from £10.99, plus p&p). No membership necessary, just visit the Co-op website (www.co-operative.coop/ethicsinaction), look for information on "Plan Bee" & use the discount codes provided, or follow the link on the Woodhurst village website or NW Facebook page.

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NEWS

Conservation Area:

A workparty was held in June to cut & rake the meadow and tidy the vegetation from around the entrance. Four keen people turned out and we were able to complete the work in a morning.

We also had a stall at the Village Fete on Sunday 20th June where we had the opportunity to talk to people about the Natural Woodhurst group and the projects we would like to do around the village. We also managed to recruit four new volunteers!

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Natural Woodhurst now has its own group page on the site. Join us there to find out the latest news on activities, other events happening in your local area and national wildlife-related activities that you can take part in. You can also upload your photos or videos of NW activities you have taken part in, start a discussion about an issue important to you in your local natural area, or post your news about the wildlife and nature in the village.

WHAT'S THAT?

With our Pondamonium Party happening this month we thought it would be useful to mention something about **Pond Management**. The UK's ponds are in serious decline. About a third have disappeared in the last 50 years and of those remaining, around 80% are in poor condition for wildlife. Over time ponds will silt up and become dry. Ponds play an important role in water management and carbon capture. They are also as important for biodiversity as rivers and lakes and have many rare species.

We hope our work on the Swan Weir Pond this month will be the start of bringing this vital village feature back to life & improve its wildlife value, so come & help us with this important restoration project and have fun at the same time!

NATURE NOTES – SUMMER

Look out for: baby birds; if you find a baby bird on the ground resist the urge to move it, as the parents will know it's there and will continue to feed it. Barn owls can be seen hunting for small mammals across the fields off South Street. Bats will also be hunting for insects, especially again along South Street. If you're lucky, you may even see a hummingbird hawkmoth visiting the flowers in your garden.



OTHER EVENTS

The Plum Event: Saturday 14 August 2010 (All day) - Sunday 15 August 2010 (All day). Celebrate the plum orchards of the villages of Bluntisham, Colne and Somersham in Cambridgeshire. Take part in an orchard biodiversity workshop, join in a guided walk to discover the mosses, liverworts, fungi and lichens commonly found in orchards & study these further using microscopes and digital photography. For more information visit www.pickofthecrop.org.uk.

The Nature's Calendar Survey – Woodland Trust: It's free, it's on your doorstep and it can be all year round...Anyone can take part & record the changing seasons. You'll be adding to the world's longest written biological record: nearly 2 million dates of seasonal changes recorded in the UK since the 1600s. For more information visit: <http://www.naturescalendar.org.uk/survey/start.htm>.