



Natural Woodhurst

Points to note:

- Guided walk on Sunday 11 April at 2pm
- Volunteers needed
- Your views wanted

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Who are we?

We are a group of enthusiastic local people who enjoy living in Woodhurst and the countryside around it.

We wish to conserve and enhance its surroundings by carrying out a number of projects that will:

- ✓ Restore and manage wildlife habitats,

- ✓ Encourage others to get involved (especially children and young people) and;

- ✓ Help local people discover and learn more about their local environment.

It is also an opportunity for the community to work together on something beneficial for all.

What do we want to do?

We have identified a number of projects around the village to get us started.

We are doing this consultation to seek everyone's thoughts on these projects and whether you support the work we are proposing.

There will also be a guided walk on Sunday 11 April at 2.00pm - starting out from the Village Hall.

We hope this will give you an opportunity to see the projects, find out more details and ask any questions you might have.

In addition, we would be interested to know whether you would be willing to get involved and become a volunteer to help us be successful.

Along with volunteers, some of the projects will need specialist skills and tools and we will therefore be

applying for funding from the National Lottery "Awards for All" grant scheme.

This grant will help pay for contractors to do some of the work, such as the coppicing and pollarding of selected trees, but will also allow us to purchase some hand tools for the village.



We need your support!

It's really important that we find out what you think of the proposed projects – whether you support them, or if there is something else you would like to see done.

It's also really important to know if you would be willing to get involved with the Group doing practical conservation work on

these exciting projects.

Being a volunteer is easy, as we will provide any necessary training, tools and supervision.

Details of the kind of tasks you could expect to take part in are listed on the next page. All ages and abilities are very welcome.

Key:

(C) Contractor Task

(V) Volunteer Task



Claypits Conservation Area



Swan Weir Pond



“The Green”



The existing nesting platform

What are the projects?

Below are the first projects the Natural Woodhurst Group have identified to help improve our local environment and we would very much appreciate your views, help and enthusiasm with these:

Claypits Conservation Area (on the right hand side of the road out of Woodhurst leading to the A141)

- Pollard willow trees around the pond and the willow tree inside the entrance (C)
- Restore the pond and marsh area by coppicing trees, clearing vegetation and introducing native pond plants (V)
- Create a wildflower meadow (V)
- Restore the boundary hedge by coppicing and pollarding trees (C)
- Gap up and replant hedge with native hedgerow species (V)
- Maintain the path by cutting back overhanging vegetation (V)
- Design and install interpretation board (V)

Ridges Pond (on South Street)

- Clean out pond vegetation (V)
- Coppice scrub on southern side (V)
- Plant up with native pond plants (V)

Hedgerow along Butt Lane (alongside the edge of the 70-acre field)

- Restore hedgerow by coppicing and pollarding trees (C)
- Gap up and replant with native hedgerow species (V)

Swan Weir Pond (eastern end of the village)

- Clean out blanket weed (V)
- Plant up with native pond plants (V)
- Rebuild nesting platform for moorhens and ducks (V)
- Coppice some of the surrounding trees to reduce leaf litter (V)

Create wild flower meadow on “the Green”

- Rotavate area to create seed bed (V)
- Hand sow with a native wildflower seed mix (V)

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**Please respond
by the end of
April 2010**



We want your views!

We are very interested in hearing your thoughts and gaining your support, so **please fill in this tear off page** and return to either Phil Clark or Karen Holley (address details on the left). Also if you have any questions, would like further information about the group, or the work we propose, then please get in touch with either Karen or Phil by telephone or email.

I support the projects that the Natural Woodhurst Group is proposing to do (please tick)

I do/don't* support the Claypits Conservation Area project

I do/don't* support the Ridges Pond Restoration project

I do/don't* support the Butt Lane Hedgerow Restoration project

I do/don't* support the Swan Weir Pond Restoration project

I do/don't* support "the Green" wildflower meadow project

*Delete as appropriate

I don't support any of the projects that the Natural Woodhurst Group is proposing to do

I will be attending the walk on 11 April

I think the following project would be good for the Natural Woodhurst Group to do ...

I would like to become a volunteer with the group...

Please provide your name & contact details: