

Stowmarket Wildlife Group

We are a group of volunteers who care deeply about wildlife, not only for its beauty and diversity but its importance to everyone's existence.

We support the Trust's aims and its vision for a Living Landscape. Whole landscapes that are richer in wildlife – landscapes with nature reserves, SSSIs and County Wildlife Sites at their heart, from which species can move through a wildlife-rich countryside along networks of linked-up habitat.

Events are held throughout the year, including wildlife talks and guided walks. The Trust's aims are promoted by becoming involved with local community organisations and events.

We especially encourage the young to appreciate and respect wildlife and help safeguard its future.

Through our activities, we encourage others to become involved, by volunteering, becoming members and making donations to purchase new reserves.

NEWS and EVENTS

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2nd Edition



WHAT'S ON
2018

Wednesday 25 April -7.30pm

BUMBLEBEES - John Taylor

John from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, covers all aspects of Bumblebee life, basic ID of common species, reasons for their decline and what can be done to assist their conservation.

£2.50 *The Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ* ♿

Saturday 19 May - 10am

DISCOVERY WALK - Susan Stone and David Hughes

A special walk led by Susan and David, covering Combs Wood, Combs Meadow and Badley, discovering the hidden wildlife and history of the area.

Free - donations welcome. Booking essential

Wednesday 27 June - 7.30pm

BENEATH THE SURFACE OF SUFFOLK'S FRESHWATER - Adrian Chalkley

This talk will describe the amazing variety of invertebrate life, from large beetles to microscopic crustaceans, which live in the ponds, rivers & streams in Suffolk. This will include examples of life histories, adaptations and the unusual strategies used by these creatures to disperse between water bodies. The talk is fully illustrated by close up photos including many rarely seen invertebrates.

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Thursday 19 July - 6pm

MALT and WILDLIFE WALK Part 3 - Melissa Abbott

The visit to Muntons Malt last year was so popular that the wildlife walk is being held again. Melissa will host a guided walk around the riverside wildlife haven that has been created by Muntons.

Free - donations welcome. Booking essential

Wednesday 26 September - 7.30pm

STONE CURLEWS AND THE BRECKS - Tim Cowan

The Brecks area of Norfolk and Suffolk is the stronghold of stone-curlews in the UK. RSPB has been working with farmers, landowners, and conservation partners to monitor and protect stone-curlews in the Brecks for over 30 years. Hear about this work and these special birds and how conservation effort will continue in the future.

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Wednesday 31 October - 7.30pm

New date

KNOWING YOUR PLACE - WILDLIFE IN SHINGLE STREET - Jeremy Mynott Plus CARD SALE

Local naturalist, Jeremy, persuaded the inhabitants of the tiny Suffolk coastal hamlet of Shingle Street to support a biodiversity survey of the flora and fauna of the place to demonstrate its conservation importance. The results surprised everyone and he has since written a short popular account for general readers, which attracted both national and local attention.

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Wednesday 28 November - 7.30pm

RED SQUIRRELS - Dougal Urquhart

Plus WILDLIFE QUIZ AND Xmas CARD SALE AND RAFFLE

Several red squirrels were introduced to Mersea Island near Colchester between 2011 and 2015 and have been successfully breeding since then. The population is thriving thanks to the support and keen interest of many of the local residents. The talk will explain a bit about general red squirrel breeding and behaviour, how the Mersea red squirrel project started, how it is currently progressing and what the future plans are.

This will be followed by a fun wildlife quiz plus our annual prize draw and sale of the Trust's Christmas cards and gifts.

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