

## **BNHS Events Programme**

### **THURSDAY 24TH APRIL, WOODWALTON FEN 10:00am**

Following on from February's inspiring talk via Zoom given by Henry Stanier, the BNHS is arranging a group guided walk around Woodwalton Fen from 10 to 12.30pm. There is a charge of £7.50 per person and this will be collected in cash on the day but please contact Mike Bird on [council14@bnhs.org.uk](mailto:council14@bnhs.org.uk) to reserve a place on the tour. The Wildlife Trust staff can accommodate a maximum of 20 people so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Booking is essential.

Woodwalton Fen is famous for being the first reserve of its kind in the UK and it formed an important focal point for the Great Fen Project which continues to expand across Cambridgeshire.

The meeting point and car park for the guided walk is along the drainage bank at the entrance to the reserve on Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights, PE26 2RS. If you prefer to park at the Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve there will be an extra half mile walk to the Woodwalton Fen entrance.

More details can be found at <https://www.greatfen.org.uk/woodwalton-fen>

Please note there are no toilet facilities in Woodwalton Fen reserve although these are available at the Wildlife Centre at the Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve. We suggest you bring a picnic lunch.

Leader: Mike Bird

### **SATURDAY 24TH MAY, TURVEY 10:00am**

Brother John Mayhead has kindly arranged a visit to the old railway line, Turvey. It will be fascinating to see the flora and fauna of this rarely visited, private site. Timing and access arrangements will be confirmed on the BNHS website and by email in due course. Leader: Brother John Mayhead, Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Turvey.

### **FRIDAY 30TH MAY, KENSWORTH QUARRY NR 2:00pm**

An afternoon visit to the nature reserve, which is in a restored area of the chalk quarry, as well as to surrounding areas. Hopefully the White Helleborine and Common Twayblade will be flowering well. There are steep and sometimes slippery slopes, so walking shoes or boots should be worn. Meet at 2pm in the National Trust Chiltern Gateway Centre car park, LU6 2GY, TL008195. The car park is pay and display (Free for National Trust members). Leaders: Richard and Geraldine Hogg.

### **TUESDAY 24TH JUNE, SANDY SMITH NR 7:00pm**

An evening walk around Sandy Smith Nature Reserve, Clophill, joint with Bedfordshire Bird Club, looking for resident birds and other wildlife. Park and meet at 7pm at the entrance gate to the reserve TL110387, SG17 5PL. Leaders: Stefan Baltruschatt and Sue Raven

### **WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY, STRAWBERRY HILL FARM 10:00am**

Strawberry Hill Farm, Wednesday 9th July. Visit to Strawberry Hill, now owned by the Wildlife Trust, for a guided walk with staff. Nearly 40 years ago, the previous owner decided to put his 150 hectare farm into a set-aside scheme and let nature take over. The land was transformed from species-poor arable fields to open grassland, then shrub and young

woodland appeared too. As the habitat became wilder, the wildlife moved in – nightingales, turtle doves, grasshopper warblers, harvest mice, badgers and more. Meet at 10am in the temporary car park, TL00546259, MK44 1AA. Leader: Chantelle Warriner & Gwen Hitchcock.