

FRIENDS OF BENTLEY WOOD

Programme 2022

Sat 2 April 2022

Bean Pole Celebration at the Barn. 10am to 1pm. Tea/coffee and biscuits plus demonstrations of woodland crafts using hazel. Come and take away coppice products from the wood – bean poles and pea sticks – available for a modest fee. You are welcome to arrive any time during the morning, bring the family. Enter at the Livery Gate entrance (off Livery Road) or the Tytherley Road entrance.

Wed 13 April 2022

Annual General Meeting at East Grimstead Reading Room. The hall will be open at 7pm for payment of subscriptions, AGM starts at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served and you can pick up your 2021 Nature Notes. Chair of the Trustees Jonathan Spencer will address the meeting. Non-members wishing to join on the night are very welcome.

RSVP please by the day before to:
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Sun 1 May 2022

Spring Drive through the Wood. Gates open at 2pm and close at 4.30pm. Drive through the wood by car to see woodland trees springing back into life and, of course, the bluebells. Enter at the Livery Gate or Tytherley Road entrance (off the Tytherley–Winterslow road) and come along for refreshments at the Barn.

Sun 15 May 2022

Early morning Birdsong Walk. We'll listen to birdsong in Howe Copse East as we stroll. Experts will be on hand to help identify the performers. Stout footwear recommended. Tea/coffee and croissants to follow. Meet at 6am at the Eastern Clearing car park (off the Tytherley Road). Do bring all the family, young and not so young!

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Sat 25 June 2022

Pop Up Free Café at the Barn. Drive in at Livery Gate or Tytherley Road Entrance and come for tea, coffee and biscuits at the Barn, any time between 10 am and 12 pm. Phil Read (Professor Bones) will be on hand to show you some amazing skulls and bones, so do bring all younger family members!

Sun 31 July 2022

Morning of Marvellous Moths. At the Barn, drive in at Livery Gate or Tytherley Road entrances, any time between 10 am and 12 pm. A privileged look at the amazing variety of moths found in the wood the previous night, in the company of experts who can identify the largest to the smallest moth, all marvellous. Bring all the family to be amazed! Tea, coffee and biscuits.

Sat 13 August 2022

The summer BBQ. Join Woodland Manager David Lambert on a walk to hear about the plans for the woods and to look at some of the management tasks undertaken. Drive to the Barn, entrance at Livery Gate or Tytherley Road, to set off on the walk at 4.30pm. Return to the Barn for a BBQ at 6pm. Bring your own drinks.

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- Sat 17 September 2022** **Bonus Bats!** A 2-hour walk in the company of enthusiasts who will identify bats as they fly. Stout footwear and a good TORCH recommended. Meet at 7pm at Hawksgrove Car Park on Howe Farm Track (Ben Lane entrance). Bring all the family!
- Sat 22 October 2022** **Annual Bentley Wood Fungus Recording Day.** Meet at Eastern Clearing Car Park at 10am, finished by 1.30pm. Come and learn to recognise and identify some amazing fungi. Joint meeting between FOBW, Salisbury & District Natural History Society and Wiltshire Botanical Society. Coordinator Ailsa McKee will divide us into groups with a few people picking then gather us at the end for an identification session. Please wear suitable footwear for rough/muddy terrain. **This event is NOT open to the general public please.**
- Sun 6 November 2022** **Autumn Drive Through.** Drive into the wood by car and see the autumn colours (if we're lucky!). Enter at Livery Gate or Eastern Clearing Entrance and come along for tea, coffee and home-made cakes at the Barn. Then drive to the Draining Field (**one way** signposted route) and exit via Howe Farm Track onto Livery Road (**NB Forestry operations permitting**). Gates open at 2pm and close at 4.30pm.
- Sat 26 November 2022** **Friends' Christmas Party.** At **Winterslow Village Hall, from 12 noon until 2pm.** Our new lunchtime celebration after the success of 2021. Do come and enjoy an early festive treat. Good food and wine, good company, a raffle, and entertainment. We look forward to welcoming you.
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The Trustees have asked us to remind Friends that the picking of flowers or collecting of any specimen from Bentley Wood is not permitted.

Please refer to your FOBW map for the location of The Barn and the car parks referred to in the programme.

If you require more information on any of the events organised, please contact:
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