

Wild about... Watford!

Watford Borough Council's Nature conservation programme April to June 2009

Watford Borough Council is working with partners and residents to protect and enhance the town's biodiversity through its nature conservation programme.

You don't need any previous experience, as there will be a leader on the day and tools are provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You are advised to wear old clothes and sturdy shoes.

Saturday 18 April Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve

Join the Friends of Cassiobury Park to construct a new viewing hide in the northern cross beds and to put mulch around newly planted trees. The Friends will also be picking litter to help keep the park looking beautiful.

Meet at: Gade Avenue car park, Cassiobury Park.
Start at: 10am

Saturday 18 April River Colne Clean-up

Join the Friends of Knutsford Playing Fields on a guided bird walk with the council's Conservation Officer. They will also be taking the opportunity to clear litter from the river and surrounding park. All welcome.

Meet at: Car park on corner of Radlett Road and Colonial Way (opposite Sanyo building).
Start at: 10.30am



Saturday 18 April Harebreaks Wood Local Nature Reserve

Join the Friends for a bluebell walk and litter clearance, with the council's Conservation Officer.

Meet at: St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way.
Start at: 1.30pm

Saturday 25 April Albans Wood Local Nature Reserve

Albans Wood is possibly at its best at this time of year, when bluebells carpet the woodland and the birds are singing. Why not join us for a walk? We'll also be helping to keep the woods looking attractive by clearing litter.

Meet at: Woodgate entrance, Woodgate.
Start at: 10am

Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 May King George V Nature Reserve

A nature reserve is being created in West Watford. Join the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) to construct a pond dipping platform and carry out tree maintenance on the trees planted last winter.

Meet at: King George V Playing Fields car park, Tolpits Lane.
Start at: 10am

Saturday 9 May Oxhey Park

You are welcome to join us for a litter clearance morning to help us keep Oxhey Park looking beautiful.

Meet at: River entrance at Oxhey Park, Wiggshall Road.
Start at: 10.30am

Tuesday 12 May Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve

To increase the wildlife value of the meadows we will be cutting and raking previously overgrown wet grassland.

Meet at: Rustic Bridge, Langley Way entrance, Cassiobury Park.
Start at: 10am

Friday 15 May Cheslyn House and Gardens

Come and join the council's Conservation Officer on a bat safari around the grounds of Cheslyn House. We will be looking for bats and identifying them with special bat detectors. Please note start time.

Meet at: The front of Cheslyn House, Nascot Wood Road.
Start at: 8.50pm



Saturday 16 May Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve

To increase the wildlife value of the meadows the Friends will be cutting and raking previously overgrown wet grassland. There will also be litter-picking in the park.

Meet at: Gade Avenue car park, Cassiobury Park.
Start at: 10am

Saturday 16 May River Colne nature walk

Join the Friends of Knutsford Playing Fields on a riverside nature walk with the council's Conservation Officer. We will also be taking the opportunity to clear litter from the river and surrounding park.

Meet at: Car park on corner of Radlett Road and Colonial Way (opposite Sanyo building).
Start at: 10.30am

Sunday 17 May Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve

Come and join the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust for a day of walks and activities, starting with a dawn chorus walk and ending with an evening bat walk. Please check the park notice boards or telephone for further times and information.

Meet at: Cassiobury Park
Start at: 4.30am

Saturday 23 May Albans Wood Local Nature Reserve

Rise with the lark this morning to hear the woodland dawn chorus. Please note meeting time. Refreshments provided.

Meet at: Woodgate entrance, Woodgate.
Start at: 4.45am

Saturday 30 May Buryfield Nature Garden

Join local residents who will be out this morning planting out the pond and carrying out some aftercare on the newly planted trees.

Meet at: Buryfield Nature Garden, Hatfield Road.
Start at: 10.30am

Sunday 31 May King George V Playing Fields

Join local residents who will be out this morning planting out the pond and carrying out some aftercare on the newly planted trees.

Meet at: King George V Playing Fields car park, Tolpits Lane.
Start at: 10.30am

Friday 12 June Oxhey Park

Join the Friends and the council's Conservation Officer for our annual bat safari evening with special bat detectors.

Meet at: The Oxhey Park shelter by the traffic lights at the junction of Deacon's Hill and Eastbury Road.
Start at: 9.30pm

Saturday 13 June Oxhey Park

Come and help us clear Himalayan Balsam, an exotic non native weed.

There will also be some litter picking to help keep the park looking beautiful.
Meet at: River entrance at Oxhey Park, Wiggshall Road.
Start at: 10.30am

Tuesday 16 June Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve

Come and help us clear Himalayan Balsam, an exotic non native weed.

Meet at: Rustic Bridge, Langley Way entrance, Cassiobury Park.
Start at: 10am

Saturday 20 June Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve

Come and help us clear Himalayan Balsam, an exotic non native weed.

There will also be some litter picking to help keep the park looking beautiful.

Meet at: Gade Avenue car park, Cassiobury Park.
Start at: 10am

Saturday 20 June River Colne clean-up

Join the Friends of Knutsford Playing Fields to help clear invasive Himalayan balsam, an exotic non native weed, from the banks of the River Colne. We will also be taking the opportunity to clear litter from the river and surrounding park.

Meet at: Car park on corner of Radlett Road and Colonial Way (opposite Sanyo building).
Start at: 10.30am



For further information please tel: 01923 278333 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)