

Saturday, 16 March 2024 10:30 AM SU00546129

St Andrew's Church Hall, Devizes

Leader: Kat Newbert

Winter Twigs ID Workshop. A half-day workshop aimed at anyone looking to improve their tree identification skills. We will help you identify a range of British trees with a selection of twig samples and we will cover bud arrangements, leaf scar shapes, pith types and twig armoury. Bring a hand lens if you have one. Refreshments provided.

Park in car park at rear of St Andrews church hall. Parking limited, please car share if possible.

Sunday, 7 April 2024 10:30 AM ST82386067

Bradford-on-Avon

Leaders: Kat Newbert and Fran Sinclair

Recording for beginners. An amble round several different habitats, and a very non-threatening chat – possibly in a pub – about basic recording, with a smattering of plant ID thrown in.

Meet at Bradford-on-Avon Station Car Park (80p for whole day on Sunday in Zone B) ST82386067 W3W patting.pampering.pizzeria

Saturday, 20 April 2024 10:30 AM ST87263100

Great High Croft and Hang Wood, East Knoyle

Leader: David Pickering

A look at Spring flowers and wonderful old trees in ancient woodland. There is no target species for this visit, so let's just see what we find.

Meet at the hill-top windmill 1km NW of East Knoyle. ST87263100 W3W unlisted.tint.scores Park on the verge or under trees to SW over the crossroads. Possibly muddy and strenuous.

Sunday, 28 April 2024 10:30 AM SU01718154

WWT Great Wood, Grittenham

Leaders: Nick Self and Dave Green

We will be assessing the Spring ground flora in this large ancient woodland recently acquired by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

From Trow Lane turn into Great Wood at SU01718154 W3W elections.lighten.gazed Reserve staff will meet us about 200 yards up the track, which may be muddy, and direct us to parking. Parking limited so please car share.

Sunday, 5 May 2024 10:30 AM SU00403760

Wylve Down NNR

Leader: Anne Appleyard and Sue Fitzpatrick

We will look at a range of early small white-flowered species and distinguish between them. We should see the rarer Dwarf and Sea Mouse-ears and compare them with the Common and Sticky Mouse-ears. Other 'small whites' should also be there, and Meadow Saxifrage and Green-winged Orchids should be in flower.

Meet at Wylve just off the A303 near the end of the bridleway. SU00403760 W3W whistling.fool.worm Parking is limited, so please car share if possible. We will walk to Wylve Cow Down Bottom along the bridleway for approx 1 km.

Saturday, 11 May 2024 10:30 AM SU22921674

RSPB Franchises

Leader: Saul Alonso, RSPB Warden

It is hoped that we will visit a range of habitats: native broadleaf woodland and conifer plantations with a few open fields, rides and glades, and a few small streams, a pond and a lake. There is a lichen community of international importance. Our route and possible recording will depend on numbers, so please register with Fran by 1st May.

Meet in car park opposite the Telegraph Hill car park and just past the field gate. SU22921674 W3W emptied.botanists.spice

Saturday, 25 May 2024 10:30 AM ST94967758

NT Sutton Lane Meadows

Leaders: Sam Braine and Kat Newbert

Small is beautiful for this damp, flower-rich meadow site. Southern Marsh orchids, which we will be counting, should be at their best. We may have a look at the nearby R Avon flora after lunch.

Meet on Sutton Lane, a kilometre south of Sutton Benger ST94967758 W3W fancy.bowhead.ooze Limited parking so please car share and, in the layby, block each other in.

Sunday, 2 June 2024 10:30 AM SU18383495

Winterbourne Gunner MOD site

Leaders: Steve Hardicre and Jenny Bennett

Chalk grassland on a west-facing slope and a former barracks site with species-rich (and lichen-rich) chalk grassland recolonising. This meeting will include recording in two monads. Booking is essential before 15 April.

Site staff will meet us at the car park off Thorneydown Road SU18383495 W3W starred.together.summit and direct us to parking and tea/coffee in the range compound. Nearest postcode SP40ES

Saturday, 8 June 2024 10:30 AM SU10806200

Woodborough Hill and Picked Hill, Alton Barnes

Leader: Hannah Howells

This walk will cover private land belonging to two farmers who are keen to get records for their sites, which have some old chalk grasslands as well as some nice arable reversion. Booking is essential as numbers limited.

Meet on Church Farm Lane, Alton Barnes SU10806200 W3W maddening.rifled.slider We can then take up to 5 vehicles to a hard standing near the site.

Saturday, 15 June 2024 10:30 AM SU08752631

Throope Down

Leader: Sam Braine

'A stunning example' of chalk downland on private land. We are expecting swathes of Squinancywort with Dropwort, Chalk Fragrant-orchid and Bastard-toadflax... and who knows what else? Booking is essential as numbers limited.

Meet in front of Manor House at SU08752631 W3W engine.botanists.request We will then take a few vehicles on to the site. Please car share where possible as parking is limited.

Sunday, 30 June 2024 10:30 AM SU01019065

WWT Emmet Hill Meadows

Leaders: Nick Self and Dave Green

An SSSI site due to a long history of traditional farming, with ridge and furrow features visible. A series of hay meadows with Devil's-bit Scabious, Betony, Saw-wort and Sneezewort.

The reserve is just south-east of Upper Minety. Travelling from Minety towards Upper Minety park on left-hand verge just after Dog Trap Lane at SU01019065 W3W absorbs.stealthier.tries

Sunday, 14 July 2024 10:30 AM SU02418770

WWT Ravensroost Wood

Leaders: Nick Self and Martin Buckland

This is the meeting that had to be cancelled in 2023. We will explore Ravensroost Wood and the local environs. It is hoped that we will find Violet Helleborines, Bird's-nest Orchid and Wild-service Tree.

Meet in the car park at SU02418770 W3W rams.contemplate.mile The car park is quite small so car share if you are able to although we have the choice of parking on the reserve's main track.

Saturday, 20 July 2024 10:30 AM ST88044428

WWT Smallbrook Meadows, Warminster

Leader: Kat Newbert

A stroll through the six small water meadows, with Southern Marsh-orchid, Water Avens and fragrant Water Mint.

Meet at the WWT car park in Smallbrook Road. ST88044428 W3W arrive.swatting.budget Turn south from the B3414 East Street/Boreham Road in Warminster into Smallbrook Road. Continue downhill to the Reserve car park. Alternatively, park in Weymouth Street car park and walk through the Pleasure Grounds.

Saturday, 3 August 2024 12:00 noon ST27726430

Chisbury Wood and Bewley Pond

Leaders: Jane Brown and Paul Darby

As originally planned for 2020; a walk from Great Bedwyn to Chisbury Wood, a very species-rich area. In the past six species of *Epilobium* have been recorded here.

Meet outside Great Bedwyn church at ST27726430 W3W riverside.joins.prance Parking is available along Church Street.

Sunday, 25 August 2024 10:30 AM SU21032477

NT Pepperbox Hill

Leaders: Alex Rose and Pat Woodruffe

A morning hunt to re-find Autumn Lady's-tresses and an afternoon at a nearby location yet to be confirmed.

Meet at the National Trust car park which is reached directly off the A36 south-east of Salisbury at SU21032477 W3W tougher.scorching.food From College roundabout, Salisbury, follow the A36 for approx. 5 miles. The turning is onto a narrow rough track with the car park at the crest of the hill.

Saturday, 7 September 2024 12:00 noon SZ30609148

Keyhaven Marshes, Hampshire

Leader: Fran Sinclair

We will look at an interesting variety of saltmarsh plants and in the grazing marsh hope to see, among others, Marsh Mallow, Strawberry Clover and Sea-milkwort. Those wishing to stay in the area overnight for Sunday's New Forest visit should book their own accommodation.

Meet in Keyhaven Pay & Display car park SZ30609148 W3W prime.fond.hill

Sunday, 8 September 2024 10:30 AM SU36200500

Pigbush, New Forest, Hampshire

Leader: Kat Newbert

A two mile circular walk with views over the valley mires. We hope to see Marsh Gentian, Sundews, Coral-necklace and other boggy and heathy delights including, we hope, Hampshire Purslane.

Meet at Pig Bush car park off the B3056. SU36200500 W3W hungry.deep.guilty

Sunday, 6 October 2024 10:30 AM ST79796635

Browne's Folly

Leader: Sharon Pilkington

Browne's Folly is a wooded former Bath stone quarry straddling the Wiltshire-Somerset boundary with some spectacular views across the Avon valley. This meeting will take a gentle look at its mosses and liverworts; no prior knowledge is assumed. Bring a x20 hand-lens if you have one (if not x10/x15 will do).

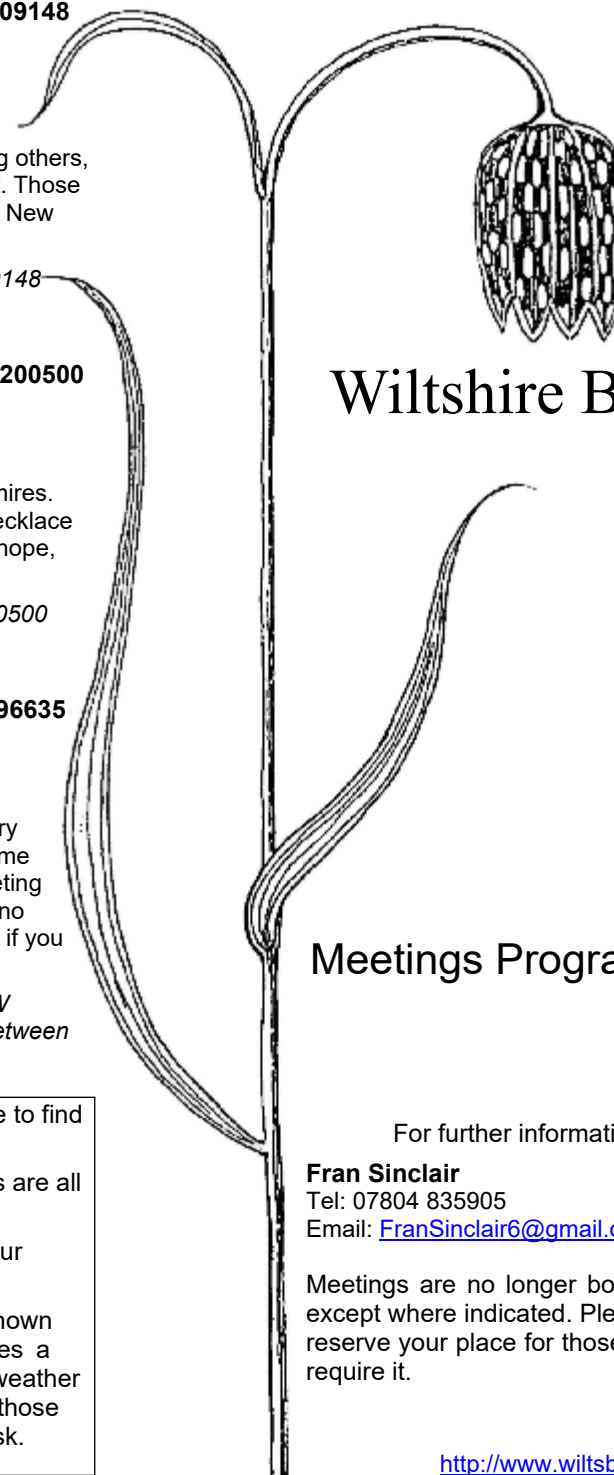
Meet in the small car park at ST79796635 W3W island.lerns.aware on the lane (Prospect Place) between Bathford and Monkton Farleigh.

Please car share if at all possible. You may be able to find passengers or lifts via the WhatsApp Group.

Please note that, except where indicated, meetings are all day, so bring a packed lunch and plenty of water.

We regret that we cannot accommodate dogs on our meetings.

Every effort is made to inform participants of known difficulties associated with visits, and this includes a blanket warning to dress appropriately for terrain, weather and protection against ticks and sun. However, all those attending WBS field meetings do so at their own risk.



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Meetings Programme 2024

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