



# ANNUAL PROGRAMME

## 2022

All events are as detailed and as correct as possible at time of publication but can be subject to change at short notice so please check with up-to-date information on the website.

Indoor meetings take place between October and April on the first Tuesday of the month between 7.30 – 9.30pm. We are currently looking for a new location for our indoor meetings beginning in October, as Voluntary Action Rutland (VAR) no longer opens during the evening. If there are government changes to rules, meetings may also be held via zoom if appropriate and members will receive a link via email.

For all indoor and outdoor meetings please book your place with Jeff Wilcox-Smith who will give more detailed information. Contact details at the foot of the programme.

Please note: Outdoor events are likely to be on rough or muddy ground so be sure to wear suitable footwear and clothing and carry drinks and sun cream etc. to suit weather conditions.

Indoor meetings are in [green](#). Outdoor meetings in [purple](#).

Saturday 7th May. 4.00am. Dawn chorus. Join us for an atmospheric early morning in the woods. Listen quietly for the first murmurings of our British songsters tuning up for a full-scale orchestral concert. For more details, please contact Linda and Anthony Biddle. Contact number at foot of the programme.

Saturday 7th May. Nightingale walk. 9.00am. Pickworth woods. Meet at entrance to track by Quarry farm cottages on RHS from Clipsham to Holywell. Ref: SK986 156. There is a 300yd. uphill slope to the wood and then it becomes flat but can be muddy if wet. Led by Linda and Anthony Biddle. Contact details at foot of programme.

Saturday 28th May. Joint RNHS/RCC market stall on Oakham market. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Meet with RNHS members and representatives from the Council to find out more about our Rutland Verge Nature reserves.

Saturday 11th June. 10.00am. Visit to Bedford Purlieus National Nature Reserve. Led by our very own Peter Scott. Covering 520 acres of ancient woodland, there is a lot to explore in this hidden gem. Located just east of Wandsford. From the Duddington island (A43), take A47 for approx. 3 miles towards the A1. There is a sign on the left indicating FARM ACCESS on the right of the road. Meet in car park about 100yds along track on the left. PE8 6NN. Map ref: TF039006.

Thursday 7th July. 5 – 7pm. Langer wildflowers evening walk. Led by Jenny Harris (our bat recorder). Meet in the car park. NG13 9HP. Map ref: SK731 342.

Saturday 23rd July. BIOBLITZ at Oakham canal. This is an all-day event. Leaders will be the recorders of the RNHS. Meet in the lay-by by Langham Road or Ashwell Road. BEWARE. There is deep water here. Wear stout shoes. Map ref: SK856 110.

Saturday 6th August. 11.00am. Ketton Quarry. Led by our own Jayne Walker and Dave Needham. Always a popular visit to find and record butterflies and flowers in this lovely place. Meet in the car park at Pits Lane. Map ref: SK978 053.

Thursday 15th September. 10.00am. Allerton Trust Project. Loddington, Leics. Set on a 318-acre farm, the Trust carries out research on the effects of various farming methods on wildlife and the environment. Postcode LE7 9XE. Map ref: SP791 024.

Tuesday 4th October. 7.30pm. Alan Cann. (Leicester University and Naturespot). Spiders of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Thursday 20th October. 6.00pm. Deer rutting walk at Bradgate park. Meet at Bradgate Park entrance car park. Newtown Linford, nr. Anstey. Postcode LE6 0HB. CHARGES WILL APPLY. Wild animals, particularly in the rutting season can be dangerous so treat with care. Good footwear is essential for this walk.

Tuesday 1st November. 7.30pm. Prof. James Pearce-Higgins. Birds and Climate change. James is a member of the senior management team for the BTO and author of "Birds and Climate change".

Saturday 12th November. 10.00am. Attenborough Nature reserve. Chilwell, Nottinghamshire. A beautiful complex of flooded former gravel pits and islands, providing exceptional habitat for a wide range of wildlife. There are several trails to choose from on our visit. Post code: NG9 6DY. Meet in the car park where THERE IS A CHARGE OF £3.00 for the day. Details of methods of payment can be found on their website. Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn.

Tuesday 6th December. 7.30pm. Members/ recorders evening. A popular event, allowing members to present their stories of the previous twelve months with pictures and videos – and maybe drinks and nibble this year

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