

# Wild about Watford



Watford Borough Council's  
Nature conservation programme  
April to June 2008



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The parks and open spaces in Watford are home to a wide variety of wildlife.

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

Everyone is welcome to join us at the events listed.

You don't need any previous experience, as there will be an expert leader on the day and tools are provided. You are welcome to come along for just an hour or the entire morning. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You are advised to wear old clothes and stout boots.

*Please note: the details in this leaflet may be subject to change, so do check before turning up!*



For further information please contact Watford Borough Council's Conservation and Development Officer on tel: 01923 278333

**Wednesday 2 April & Thursday 3 April  
Buryfield Nature Reserve**

A new community nature garden is being created in North Watford. Join BTCV to sow a wildflower meadow and construct a disabled access path. Meet at: Buryfield Nature Reserve, Hatfield Road entrance, Watford. Start at: 10.30am

**Monday 14 April  
Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust for a guided walk of the nature reserve. Meet at: Rustic Bridge, nearest entrance Langley Way, Cassiobury Park, Watford. Start at: 10am

**Saturday 19 April  
Cassiobury Park**

Come and join the Friends of Cassiobury Park on a morning of litter picking to help keep the Park looking beautiful. You will be most welcome. Meet at: Gade Avenue Car Park, Cassiobury Park, Watford. Start at: 10am

**Saturday 19 April  
Harebreaks Wood Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Friends of Harebreaks Wood for an afternoon of tidying up to help keep this ancient woodland looking attractive. Meet at: Car park at the Bill Everett Centre, Leggatts Way, Watford. Start at: 1.30pm

**Tuesday 22 April & Thursday 24 April  
Buryfield Nature Reserve**

A new community nature garden is being created in North Watford. Join BTCV to construct a disabled access path. Meet at: Buryfield Nature Reserve, Hatfield Road entrance, Watford. Start at: 10.30am

**Saturday 26 April  
Albans Wood Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Friends of Albans Wood and Watford Borough Council's Conservation Officer for a Spring flower walk in this delightful ancient woodland. Hopefully the bluebells will be at their best! Meet at: Albans Wood, Woodgate entrance, Woodgate, Watford. Start at: 10am



**Saturday 26 April**  
**Harebreaks Wood Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Friends of Harebreaks Wood and Watford Borough Council's Conservation Officer for a bluebell walk in this attractive ancient woodland.

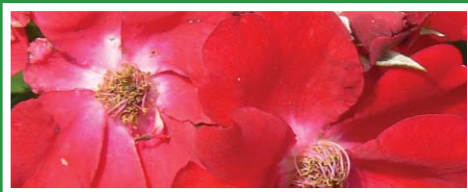
Meet at: Car park at the Bill Everett Centre, Leggatts Way, Watford.  
Start at: 1.30pm

**Sunday 4 May**  
**Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve**

This date is International Dawn Chorus Day. Join the Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust to experience the dawn chorus at Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve, followed by a hot drink and flapjacks!

Meet at: Rustic Bridge, near Langley Way entrance, Cassiobury Park, Watford.

Meet at: 4.45 am for a 5am start



**Saturday 10 May**  
**Oxhey Park**

Join the Friends of Oxhey Park for a morning of tree identification and litter clearance.

Meet at: River entrance at Oxhey Park, Wiggshall Road, Watford.

Start at: 10.30am

**Monday 12 May**  
**Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust for the morning to cut and rake one of the wildflower meadows.

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

**Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May &  
Thursday 15 May**  
**Buryfield Nature Reserve**

A new community nature garden is being created in North Watford. Join BTCV to construct a disabled access path.

Meet at: Buryfield Nature Reserve, Hatfield Road entrance, Watford.  
Start at: 10.30am



**Thursday 15 May**  
**Cheslyn House and Gardens**

Now is the time to get your hanging baskets sorted. Come along to lovely Cheslyn House for a demonstration on how to put an attractive hanging basket together and, of course, to have a go yourself.

Meet at: Cheslyn House, Nascot Wood Road, Watford.  
Start at: 2pm

**Saturday 17 May**  
**Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Friends of Cassiobury Park for the morning to cut and rake one of the wildflower meadows.

Meet at: Gade Avenue Car Park, Cassiobury Park, Watford.  
Start at: 10am

**Saturday 31 May**  
**Albans Wood Local Nature Reserve**

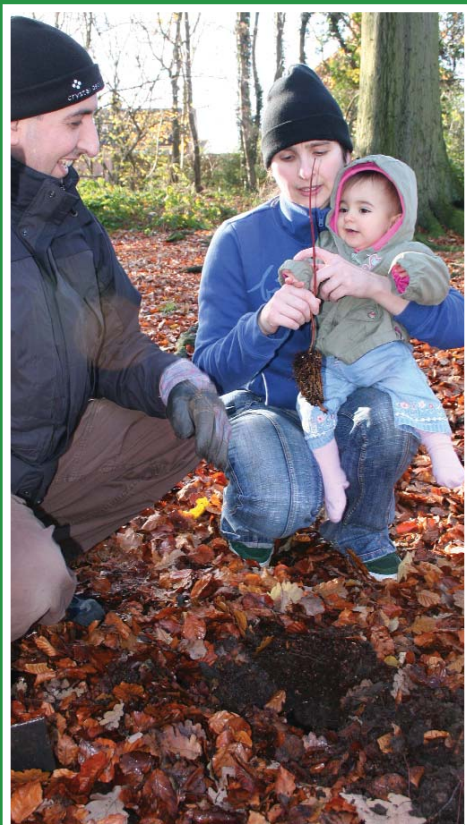
Come and experience the dawn chorus at Albans Wood, followed by hot drinks and cakes.

Meet at: Albans Wood, Woodgate entrance, Woodgate, Watford.  
Start at: 4.30am

**Wednesday 11 June  
& Thursday 12 June**  
**Buryfield Nature Reserve**

A new community nature garden is being created in North Watford. Join BTCV to construct a disabled access path.

Meet at: Buryfield Nature Reserve, Hatfield Road entrance, Watford.  
Start at: 10.30am



**Friday 13 June**  
**Oxhey Park**

If you can brave coming out tonight, of all nights, Watford Borough Council's Conservation Officer will be leading a walk in Oxhey Park to discover and identify its bats.

Meet at: the Shelter, Oxhey Park, corner of Deacon's Hill and Eastbury Road (by the traffic lights), Watford.  
Start at: 9.30pm

Saturday 14 June

**Oxhey Park**

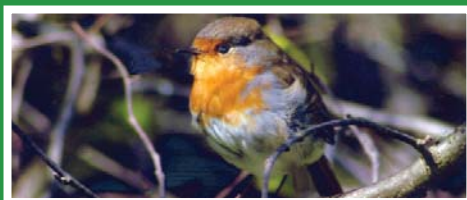
Today is the start of 'Love Parks Week'. Why not help to get it off to a good start in Watford, by joining the Friends of Oxhey Park to help clear the highly invasive exotic weed Himalayan balsam, from the Park? The morning will be led by Watford Borough Council's Conservation Officer.

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

**Saturday 14 June**  
**Harebreaks Wood Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Friends of Harebreaks Wood for an afternoon of tidying up to help keep this ancient woodland looking attractive.

Meet at: Car park at the Bill Everett Centre, Leggatts Way, Watford.  
Start at: 1.30am



**Monday 16 June**  
**Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Friends of Cassiobury Park to help clear Himalayan balsam, an invasive exotic weed, from the wetland areas on this reserve.

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

**Wednesday 18 June**  
**Buryfield Nature Reserve**

A new community nature garden is being created in North Watford. Join BTCV to construct a disabled access path.

Meet at: Buryfield Nature Reserve, Hatfield Road entrance, Watford.  
Start at: 10.30am



**Wednesday 18 June**  
**Cheslyn House and Gardens**

Historic Cheslyn House and its lovely gardens is one of Watford's hidden secrets. Come along today for a guided walk to find out about its history and wildlife.

Meet at: Cheslyn House, Nascot Wood Road, Watford  
Start at: 2pm

**Saturday 21 June**  
**Cassiobury Park Local Nature Reserve**

On this date we will be clearing Himalayan balsam, an invasive exotic weed, from near the river on the reserve.

Meet at: Gade Avenue Car Park, Cassiobury Park, Watford.  
Start at: 10am

**Thursday 26 June**  
**Buryfield Nature Reserve**

A new community nature garden is being created in North Watford. Join BTCV to plant up a new wildlife pond. Meet at: Buryfield Nature Reserve, Hatfield Road entrance, Watford. Start at: 10.30am



**Saturday 28 June**  
**Albans Wood Local Nature Reserve**

Join the Friends of Albans Wood for a morning of tidying up to help keep this ancient woodland looking attractive. Meet at: Albans Wood (Woodgate entrance), Woodgate, Watford. Start at: 10am

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