



Cambridgeshire Mammal Group



Event notification

HEDGE PLANTING at MADELEINE'S PATCH

Day and date: Saturday 9 March 2019

Venue: First Turf Fen Drove, Warboys, PE28 2TZ

Further details *You are invited to join in, and bring any interested friends and members of the family!! This event starts at 9am on Saturday 9 March at Greenwillows Farm in First Turf Fen Drove in Warboys. This planting will be particularly important for habitat creation and enhancement in the Patch for the benefit of the animals and other wildlife already there, and to attract more in - both in terms of actual numbers and the number of species.*

Event description

"Our living landscape vision is set for another step forward on Saturday 9th March 2019 when Madeleine's Patch volunteers will help plant 1,000 hedging plants to grow into green corridors and shelter/nesting habitat for a wide range of species. Varieties of plants include the beautiful spindle and dog rose both of which provide nectar and other food sources for a wide range of insects, small mammals and birds. Thanks to those of you have already volunteered to assist with the planting but more volunteers are needed and even if you cannot do the physical work, a helping hand heating the soup and buttering the rolls for the hungry helpers would go down a treat. A great day out in the fresh air for all the family with a positive outcome in the company of fellow country lovers. What could be better?"

What to bring *Wellies advised. Hedging plants supplied - will be useful to bring devices to plant them with in case I don't have enough! Good weather.*

Travel and parking

*Parking at:
Greenwillows Farm
First Turf Fen Drove
Warboys
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
PE28 2TZ
(on a satnav the postcode will take you past the farm on
First Turf Fen Drove))
OS grid reference - TL31758211*

Contact details

Event Leader: Steve Parnwell
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If interested in this event, please respond as soon as possible (to help with equipment and catering).



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Event notification

Mammal Mapper Talk and Walk

Date: 10 March 2019

Venue: Wandlebury Country Park, Cambridge

Further details

An afternoon, 1-4pm, of learning about the Mammal Society's new app, Mammal Mapper (<https://www.mammal.org.uk/volunteering/mammal-mapper/>). Frazer Coomber, the Mammal Society's scientific officer, will be leading a session designed to give us how an insight into how we can make the most of this app.

Event description

The Mammal Mapper is designed to record information on the location and number of animals spotted on walks or bicycle rides. This session will be an opportunity for group members to get more information on the app as well as hands on experience. Frazer will be delivering a classroom session to explain more about how to use the app. This will be held in the stables located near the main building at the site. This classroom session will be followed by a walk around Wandlebury to practice using the app. Frazer will be on hand throughout to answer any questions.

Mammal Mapper can be downloaded on android and iOS in app stores now or using the link above.

What to bring

A data enabled phone with Mammal Mapper downloaded (it's better to do this in advance as it'll be quicker through wifi than data). Good shoes- we'll be walking on paths but these may be wet, muddy and uneven. Appropriate clothing for the weather.

Travel and parking

Wandlebury is located just south of Cambridge, postcode: CB22 3AE

Further directions can be found on their website: <https://www.cambridgeppf.org/wandlebury-visit>

We would like to encourage car sharing where possible, if you would like to car share let me know and I can try and put you in touch with other members travelling to the event. Parking is available at the site for a cost of £3

Contact details

Event Leader: Vicky Dewar-Fowler

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If interested in this event, please respond by 8 March 2019 – we need an idea of numbers.



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Event notification

Extraordinary General Meeting

Day and date: Monday 11 March 2019

Venue: St John's Church Hall, Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 8RN

Further details *You are invited to join the EGM please read the changes to the constitution before the meeting This event starts at 7.30pm on Monday 11 March at St John's Church Hall, Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 8RN.*

Event description Changes to the Mammal Group Constitution

"1 - the provision for EGMs and for quorums (quora?) for them and AGMs - these are new and hopefully self-explanatory. EGMs of course enable us to change the Constitution rather quicker than annually! And we had no minimum number of attendees for AGMs (one-fifth of the membership is the quorum in the new Constitution for EGMs and AGMs).

2 - 'rotation' of some officer posts - this is the main matter.

Membership of clubs and societies is declining in the UK. One of the reasons for this is a lack of people willing to stand for positions of responsibility, such as chairperson, treasurer etc. In all too many groups, becoming a club officer is a lifetime commitment for the individual (and their families!). Post holders can often be unwilling to resign as there is a fear that no one will want to replace them, and hence the group may fold.

Restricting (some) Group officers to an initial maximum of three years 'service' has many advantages. It should encourage more people to volunteer. A (maximum of a) three year stint is long enough to 'make your mark' but also short enough to fit into a modern lifestyle. It should encourage more applications from those who want to make a

difference but who do not want to be stuck in a post or, for example, who are concerned that future career and family changes would make it impossible for them to continue in the role. The proposed changes to the constitution allow an officer who's done their maximum of three years to stand for another post while having an enforced break from their previous post as, under normal circumstances and as would be started in the Addendum, all of the key officials would not be replaced in the same year. If all the three posts under consideration did have to be filled by new people in the same year - a lack of continuity and the potential for confusion and disaster. These changes should therefore allow those few who want and are able to undertake long service as a Group officer to do so (albeit not in the same role all the time) while also encouraging the appointment of completely new post holders and thereby the influx of new ideas while retaining the best of our traditions and current practices.

What to bring *Questions.*

Travel and parking

*Parking at:
St John's Church Hall
Hills Rd
Cambridge
Cambridgeshire
CB2 8RN*

Contact details

Event Leader: Joy Dingley
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Event notification

Regular Mammal Group Meeting

Day and date: Wednesday 20 March 2019

Venue: St John's Church Hall, Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 8RN

Further details *Our regular meeting to discuss and plan events etc. This event starts at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 March at St John's Church Hall, Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 8RN.*

Event description

"Our regular meeting to discuss and plan events past and future, make group decisions and chat about mammals over a cup of tea."

What to bring *Ideas for events, enthusiasm.*

Travel and parking

*Parking at:
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Hills Rd
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Event notification

WANDLEBURY WILDLIFE DAY

Dates: (23 and) 24 March 2019

Venue: Wandlebury, Gog Magog Hills, Babraham, Cambridge

Further details *Overnight (from 5.30pm on Saturday 23 March) small mammal trapping and opening (from 8am on Sunday 24 March) of traps followed by showing of some of the trapped animals and of Group display material to the general public attending the event itself - which is from 11am to 3.30pm that day. Volunteers needed for the trapping sessions and for the publicity session.*

Event description *The intention is to do some overnight small mammal trapping around Wandlebury Ring and nearby, open the traps (from 8am on 24 March) and keep some animals in tanks on display for a few hours having reset some traps, opening the traps again (with members of the public) to replace the displayed animals, and removing the traps. We should gain some more records for the next Mammal Atlas from both areas trapped - we have few small mammal records from this area.*

The detail from CPPF (Wandlebury) on its publicity material for 24 March reads: "Join us as we explore the habitats of Wandlebury and the wildlife that call it home. Learn from interactive displays and talks from our conservation partners, and meet the team that works to protect and safeguard Wandlebury's Wildlife."

Our part of the event is suitable for beginners and enthusiasts - training of new members can be part of the exercise!

What to bring *Snacks and drink as appropriate. Wellies advised - mainly grassland. Trapping materials and publicity material supplied.*

Travel and parking

*Car sharing where possible. Parking available on site.
For site location see:*

<https://www.cambridgeppf.org/wandlebury-visit>

Contact details

Event Leader: Peter Pilbeam

Contact phone: 01954251544

Contact e-mail: pgp1@hermes.cam.ac.uk

**If interested in this event, please respond by
20 March 2019.**



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Event notification

NatHistFest

Dates: 12 and 13 April 2019

Venue: Zoology Department, Downing Street, Cambridge

Further details *The event is from 1pm to 6pm on Friday 12 April and from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 13 April 2018. Volunteers are needed to man the Group's display stand - for say two-hour sessions. ID badges supplied.*

Event description *"NatHistFest" is the new name for the Cambridge Natural History Society's annual exhibition of natural history ("an exhibition on the wonders of the natural world") - aka its Conversazione - the 100th in fact since they were started in the early 20th century. This will be the main publicity event for our Group in 2019 and our displays will be visible to the general public and to a large number of other localish conservation-related organisations.*

We're looking for new people to help here - you won't be on your own so you won't need to know everything about the Group and British mammals. A good opportunity to gain experience for the future in meeting and greeting the public on behalf of the Group and to publicise the Group and its activities. And of course, when off duty, to go round the exhibition!

What to bring *Lunch as appropriate! Drinks will be available to stallholders.*

Travel and parking

Parking is not available.

Contact details

Event Leader: Joy Dingley

Contact phone: 01954203097

Contact e-mail: joydingley@hotmail.com

If interested in this event, please respond by 5 April - sessions will be arranged to suit volunteers.



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Event notification

BioBlitz

Dates: 27 and 28 April 2019

Venue: Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Further details *Overnight (from 7pm Saturday 27 April 2019) small mammal trapping and opening (at 7.30am Sunday 28 April 2019) of traps followed by showing of some of the trapped animals and of Group display material to the general public attending the event - until say 1pm. Volunteers needed for the trapping sessions and for the publicity session.*

Event description *The intention is to give a short presentation to members of the public at 7pm on 27 April about small mammal trapping and then (again with members of the public) do some overnight small mammal trapping around the main site of the event, open the traps (at 7.30am on 28 April, again with members of the public), keep some animals in tanks on display for a few hours having reset some traps, opening the traps again (with members of the public) to see what's been caught (but not for display), and removing the traps.*

Suitable for beginners and enthusiasts - the presentation particularly will be very useful for novices to trapping, but not as a replacement for our normal training events.

What to bring *Food and drink as appropriate, though drinks (and probably other refreshments) will be available. Trapping materials and publicity material supplied.*

Travel and parking

Parking not available.

Contact details

Event Leader: Peter Pilbeam

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If interested in this event, please respond by 10 April - sessions will be arranged to suit volunteers.



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Event notification

LEAF Open Farm

Dates: (8 and) 9 June 2019

Venue: RSPB's Hope Farm, Knapwell

Further details *Overnight (from 5pm Saturday 8 June 2019) small mammal trapping and opening (at 8am Sunday 9 June 2019) of traps followed by showing of some of the trapped animals and of Group display material to the general public attending the event. The public event itself is (only) on 10 June. Volunteers needed for the trapping sessions and for the publicity session.*

Event description

This event is designed "to show the general public the importance of wildlife friendly farming, getting people engaged with nature and agriculture" and is a repeat of last year - aiming at 1000 visitors this time. We have been asked again if we could come to the day (9 June) "to engage families, children, some farmers and other members of the public in the importance of mammals in this area".

The intention is to do some overnight (from 5pm Saturday 8 June) small mammal trapping around the main site of the event, open the traps (at 8am on 9 June, keep some animals in tanks on display for a few hours having reset some traps, opening the traps again to replace the displayed animals, and removing the traps. We should also gain some more records for the next Mammal Atlas.

The 9 June part of the trapping would be coupled with a Group publicity display (under cover).

Suitable for beginners and enthusiasts - the trapping part will be very useful for novices to trapping, but not as a replacement for our normal training events.

What to bring *Food and drink as appropriate. Wellies advised - it is a farm! Trapping materials and publicity material supplied.*

Travel and parking

Car sharing where possible. Parking available at the farm.

Contact details

Event Leader: Peter Pilbeam

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If interested in this event, please respond by 5 June 2019 - sessions will be arranged to suit volunteers.

