

LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

TALKS • WALKS • WORKSHOPS • EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026 – FEBRUARY 2027



Online Programme – for updates/changes

The programme is also published on the LNHS website [LNHS.org.uk](https://lnhs.org.uk). Please check the LNHS website for updates: <https://lnhs.org.uk/index.php/activities/full-programme>.

Hampstead Heath Survey Section Walks

Due to high demand we are asking people to register to attend some of the Hampstead Heath Survey Section walks through Eventbrite. Those without access to Eventbrite are still welcome to turn up but the new registration system will allow us to cap group numbers and communicate any last-minute changes directly.

The LNHS Library

The LNHS Library is a fantastic resource for London-based naturalists. The Library is located within the Angela Marmont Centre inside the Natural History Museum and contains well over 4000 natural history books and journals, primarily covering Britain and Ireland, waiting to be borrowed. There is an emphasis on our London recording area and the Home Counties. The library contains species lists and in-depth guides to specific plant and animal families as well as popular nature non-fiction. All LNHS members are welcome and those new to the library are advised to make their first visit on a Wednesday, when library assistants are there, to receive a library induction. Once shown our self-issue system, members can come to the library whenever the Angela Marmont Centre is open, Mon-Fri 10:00 – 17:00 and third Saturdays. LNHS members may also join the Book Club which meets every 2 months, from 10:30 – 12:00. See programme for future dates. Email: Library@LNHS.org.uk

Invertebrate Study Days

Join LNHS at the Natural History Museum to make use of access to microscopes, lab equipment and literature to prepare invertebrate specimens and identify them alongside other like-minded individuals. Recorders of all abilities are welcome, but due to high demand and limited spaces, booking is required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Bookham Commons Survey

Bookham Common is an historic, and much studied mosaic of woodland, meadows and ponds in Surrey. Throughout the year, it provides naturalists a wide variety of birds, mammals, wildflowers, fungi and invertebrates. The site has an enviable list of resident and seasonal specialities including Slow-worms, Ravens, Hawfinches, Purple Emperors and Hazel Dormice. The LNHS has spearheaded research here for 80 years, and continues to organise self-led surveys or guided walks, generally on the second Saturday of the month. Please wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear (wellies advised during the wetter months). There are tea and coffee making facilities at the LNHS hut and a toilet but please bring your own lunch. Please see <https://www.lnhs.org.uk/index.php/sections/bookham-common-survey> for more information.

Weather & Clothing

Weather conditions can vary (sometimes suddenly) from extreme cold to extreme heat. Rain can result in muddy and flooded footpaths. Please ensure you have appropriate clothing (plus food and water).

Sat 5 September 2026 10:00–15:00

Survey

Hampstead Heath Survey Section: Tommy Root

A look at the fascinating variety of tree and other galls on the Heath. Of interest to beginners and experts alike. Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground station, 4 South End Rd, London, NW3 2PY. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. Book to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hampstead-heath-plant-galls-tickets-1991360698455?aff=oddtcreator>

Sat 5 September 2026 10:00–13:00

Guided Walk

London Bird Club: Ruislip Woods – Neil Anderson

Meet at bus stop for the Ruislip Lido (Stop W near Water's Edge pub) on Reservoir Road. Toilets, cafe & pub.

Sat 5 September 2026 11:00–14:00 **Talk**
***Botany:* Angela Marmot Centre (AMC), Natural History Museum – Andrew Planet**

A Natural History of Life on Earth. Presentation followed by a complimentary tour of the Natural History Museum Evolution Garden. See online calendar for further details. Meet at 10:45 at the west entrance to the Museum garden at Queen’s Gate Road. Meeting point on Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qLWsGxVFoAsSQCXq8>. Advance booking is required; e-mail Andrew Planet on botanysecretary@lnhs.org.uk to book.

Sun 6 September 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Wanstead Flats – Bob Vaughan**
Meet outside Manor Park Station. Toilets at station.

Sat 12 September 2026 10:45–15:00 **Survey**
***Bookham Commons:* Group Recording Day**
Self-led recording day. Meet at Bookham Station.

Sun 13 September 2026 10:00–13:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Trent Park – Julia Courtney**
Meet at Cockfosters Underground Station. Toilets at station and in park.

Wed 16 September 2026 10:30–15:30 **Field Recorder Day**
***Ecology & Entomology:* Tolworth Court Farm – Keiron Brown and Joss Carr**

Invertebrate Field Recorder Day. Recorders of all taxa welcome. Booking required via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes : <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Thu 17 September 2026 19:00–20:00 **Virtual Talk**
***Virtual Talks:* Online – Amanda Tuke**
Amanda will be sharing some of the urban species and urban nature adventures which feature in her first book, *Wild Pavements – Exploring Britain’s Cities with an Urban Naturalist*. Book via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

Sat 19 September 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Fairlop Waters – Nick Ryde**
Meet at Fairlop Waters Underground Station. Toilets at station and in park.

Sat 19 September 2026 10:00–16:00 **Field Recorder Day**
***Ecology & Entomology:* Welsh Harp Open Space – Tommy Root**
Plant Gall Field Recorder Day. Booking required via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Wed 23 September 2026 10:30–15:30 **Invertebrate Study Day**
***Ecology & Entomology:* Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown and Joss Carr**
Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 26 September 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Wormwood Scrubs – Francis O’Sullivan**
Meet at East Acton underground station (Central Line). No toilets.

Sat 26 September 2026 10:00–16:00 **Field Recorder Day**
***Ecology & Entomology:* Margravine Cemetery – Tommy Root**
Plant Gall Field Recorder Day. Booking required via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 26 September 2026 11:30–13:30 **Guided Walk**
***Botany:* Bandstand Beds, Clapham Common – Roy Vickery**
Looking for allotment ‘weeds’. Meet 11:30 at Bandstand Beds, Windmill Drive, Clapham Common, SW4 9DE. <https://bandstandbeds.org.uk> Bring lunch, or join the Bandstand Beds community for lunch, by booking in advance (£5), contact ccbstandstheds@gmail.com

Sun 27 September 2026 10:00–13:30 **Guided Walk**
***Joint Wood Farm Reserve and London Bird Club:* Wood Farm Reserve and Stanmore Country Park – Marian Rastelli and Leslie Bolsover**
Meet at Stanmore Underground Station (Jubilee Line) for short walk to the park entrance. Toilets at station and on site.

Wed 30 September 2026 10:30–12:00 **Book Club**
***LNHS Bookclub:* LNHS Library – Cathy Ching and Leslie Bolsover**
Informal group to discuss the book, “Groundbreakers: the return of Britain’s wild boar” by Chantal Lyons. No need to book in advance. All newcomers welcome. Contact the LNHS librarian or lbcfieldmeetings@lnhs.org.uk for more details.

Sat 3 October 2026 10:30–15:00 **Guided Walk**
***Joint Hampstead Heath Survey Section & London Bird Club:* Hampstead Heath – Pete Mantle and Kennedy Cruickshank**
Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground Station. Toilets on the Heath.

Sun 4 October 2026 10:30–14:30 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Middlesex Filter Beds and Walthamstow Wetlands – Sue Barry**
Meet at Canal Entrance of Middlesex Filter Beds. Nearest train station is Clapton. Nearest #55/#56 bus stop: Chatsworth Rd. Cross canal to side opposite the Princess of Wales Pub and proceed to signposted entrance. Return from Tottenham Hale. Toilets en route.

Sat 10 October 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Beddington Farmlands-Restricted Site – Amanda Tuke**
Access to permit only site. Numbers are limited. Please register for a place here (<https://tinyurl.com/4wu3uwj2>) and to receive meeting place details. Site is short walk from Hackbridge Station. Waterproof boots recommended. Toilets at station.

Sat 10 October 2026 10:45–15:00 **Survey**
***Bookham Commons:* Group Recording Day**
Self-led recording day. Meet at Bookham Station.

Sun 11 October 2026 10:00–13:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Russia Dock Woodland – John Cadera**
Meet at park entrance at Onega Gate. Closest stations: Surrey Quays and Canada Water, Bermondsey Tube Stn. Bus stop Onega Gate Bus 381. Toilets in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre.

Wed 14 October 2026 10:30–15:30 **Invertebrate Study Day**
***Ecology & Entomology:* Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown and Joss Carr**
Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Thu 15 October 2026 10:00–16:00 **Field Recorder Day**
***Botany:* Welsh Harp Open Space – Mark Spencer**
Fungi Field Recorder Day. Booking required via Eventbrite in order to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 17 October 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Richmond Park – Sennen Powell**
Meet at Richmond Gate entrance of the park. Closest station Richmond. Toilets at station and at gate.

Sat 17 October 2026 10:30–15:00 **Survey**
***Hampstead Heath Survey Section:* Tom Walker**
Hampstead Heath Molluscs led by Tom Walker. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ 26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath St.) from Hampstead underground station. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Sat 17 October 2026 11:00–16:00 **Guided Walk**
***Ecology & Entomology:* Keston Common – Mick Massie and Diana Clements**
Joint meeting of London Geodiversity Partnership/LNHS, exploring the geology and ecology of the site. Meet at 11:00 at Keston Fishponds Car Park.

Sun 18 October 2026 10:30–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* London Wetland Centre – Gehan and Nirma de Silva**
Meet outside visitor centre at 10:30 by Sir Peter Scott statue. Tickets required for Non-WWT members. See WWT website for prices and directions. Café and toilets.

Thu 22 October 2026 10:00–16:00 **Field Recorder Day**
***Botany:* Wormwood Scrubs – Mark Spencer**
Fungi Field Recorder Day. Booking required via Eventbrite for meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 24 October 2026 10:30–12:30 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Walthamstow Wetlands-Restricted Areas – Andy Washington (London Wildlife Trust Volunteer Walk Leader)**
Meet at Walthamstow Wetland Visitor Centre. Access to restricted areas is limited in numbers. Please email lbcfieldmeetings@lnhs.org.uk referencing Walthamstow Wetlands to reserve a place on a first come first served basis. Online donations to the London Wildlife Trust welcome (details at visitor centre). Toilets and café.

Sat 31 October 2026 10:00–16:00 **Guided Walk**
***Botany:* Queen’s Wood and Alexandra Palace – Mark Spencer**
The Great Haringey Fungus Foray. Mark Spencer. 10:00-16:00. Meet at 10am Highgate u/g (Northern), at the junction of Wood Lane and Muswell Hill Rd (TQ28478821), on the north-west side of the station. Bring lunch.

Sat 31 October 2026 10:30–17:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Two Tree Island – George Kalli**
Meet at Leigh-on-Sea Station. Toilets at station.

Sun 1 November 2026 10:30–15:00 **Guided Walk**
***Hampstead Heath Survey Section:* Mario Tortelli**
Hampstead Heath Introduction to Fungi led by Mario Tortelli. Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground station, 4 South End Rd,

London, NW3 2PY, (which is a few minutes’ walk from Belsize Park tube station). Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath.

Sat 7 November 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Danson Park – Harry Halstead**
Meet at Welling Station. Toilets and café.

Wed 11 November 2026 10:30–15:30 **Invertebrate Study Day**
***Ecology & Entomology:* Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown and Joss Carr**
Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required via Eventbrite for meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Thu 12 November 2026 10:00–16:00 **Field Recorder Day**
***Ecology & Entomology:* South Park – Keiron Brown**
Earthworm Sampling Day. No experience required, full training provided on the day. Booking required via Eventbrite for meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Thu 12 November 2026 18:30–20:00 **AGM**
***Botany:* AGM and Talk Online**
Botany AGM will start at 18:30 followed by a talk at 19:00 by George Hounsome on his botanical career, details to be confirmed, book talk via Eventbrite (see LNHS website).

Sat 14 November 2026 10:45–15:00 **Survey**
***Bookham Commons:* Group Recording Day**
Self-led recording day. Meet at Bookham Station.

Thu 19 November 2026 18:30–20:15 **AGM**
***London Bird Club:* AGM and Talk Online**
London Bird Club AGM. AGM starts at 18:30 followed by talk by Andrew Cleave and Paul Sterry at 19:00. Register in usual way for LNHS Virtual Talks. ‘Birds on the Brink’. Conservation projects in the past, present and future supported by the charity ‘Birds on the Brink’.

Sat 21 November 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Crossness – George Kalli**
Meet at Belvedere Station at 10:00. Portaloos available on TWA reserve.

Sun 22 November 2026 10:00–14:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Regent’s Park – Sennen Powell**
Meet at Marylebone Station. Toilets at station.

Wed 25 November 2026 10:30–12:00 **Book Club**
***LNHS Bookclub:* LNHS Library – Cathy Ching and Leslie Bolsover**
Informal group to discuss the book, “Raising Hare: the heart-warming true story of an unlikely friendship”, by Chloe Dalton. No need to book in advance. All newcomers welcome. Contact the LNHS librarian or lbcfieldmeetings@lnhs.org.uk for more details.

Thu 26 November 2026 18:30–20:15 **AGM**
***Ecology & Entomology:* AGM and Talk Online**
Ecology and Entomology AGM. AGM starts at 18:30 followed by talk by Keiron Brown at 19:00. Booking required via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 28 November 2026 10:00–13:00 **Guided Walk**
***London Bird Club:* Ruislip Woods – Dick Middleton**
Meet at bus stop for the Ruislip Lido. Bus Stop W near Water’s Edge pub on Reservoir Road. Toilets, café & pub.

Sun 29 November 2026 10:30–14:30 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: Rainham Marshes – Dave Clark
 Meet at Reserve Car Park. Nearest station Purfleet. No café. Parking fee for non-RSPB members. Toilets.

Tue 1 December 2026 10:30–15:00 Guided Walk
Botany: Deptford – Nick Bertrand
 The traditional hunt for wildflowers in flower in Deptford on the first day of winter. Meet 10:30 Deptford Stn (What3Words ///people.forgot.blitz TQ371774, NR Cannon St). Joint with the Creekside Education Trust.

Thu 3 December 2026 18:30–20:00 AGM
Hampstead Heath Survey Section: AGM and Talk Online
 Hampstead Heath Survey Section AGM starts at 18:30 followed by a talk by Liz Andrew at 19:00 on the Hampstead Heath Millennial Flora Project 25 Years On: insights in a changing environment. Book the talk via Eventbrite (see LNHS website).

Sat 5 December 2026 10:00–14:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: River Lee Contry Park – Francis O'Sullivan
 Meet at 10:00 at Cheshunt Station. Toilets at Fishers Green.

Sun 6 December 2026 10:00–14:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: RSPB Vange Marsh and Wat Tyler Country Park – Joyce Huggins
 Meet at Pitsea Station. Toilets and café at visitor centres.

Wed 9 December 2026 10:30–15:30 Invertebrate Study Day
Ecology & Entomology: Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown and Joss Carr
 Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required via Eventbrite for meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Thu 10 December 2026 18:30–20:30 AGM
LNHS: AGM and Talk Online
 Society AGM to be followed by a talk about bees (mainly) from Tony Madgwick, the President at approx 19:30. Book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

Sat 12 December 2026 10:00–14:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: Hainault Forest Park – Nick Ryde
 Meet at Hainault Forest Park Entrance. From Fairlop Waters Station, Bus 247 to Fowler Road Stop. Toilets at Station and in park.

Sat 12 December 2026 10:45–15:00 Survey
Bookham Commons: Group Recording Day
 Self-led recording day. Meet at Bookham Station.

Sun 13 December 2026 10:30–14:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: London Wetland Centre – Harry Halstead
 Meet outside visitor centre by Sir Peter Scott statue. Tickets required for Non-WWT members. Café & toilets.

Sun 3 January 2027 09:30–13:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: East India Dock Basin/Bow Ecology Park – George Kalli
 Meet at East India DLR station. No toilets.

Sun 3 January 2027 11:00–14:00 Guided Walk
Joint Hampstead Heath Survey Section and Botany: Hampstead Heath – Mark Spencer
 New Year Plant Hunt. Meet 11:00 outside Hampstead Heath Overground station, 4 South End Rd, London, NW3 2PY, (which is a few minutes' walk from Belsize Park tube station). TQ 27234 85645. Joint with BSBI.

Sat 9 January 2027 10:45–15:00 Survey
Bookham Commons: Group Recording Day
 Self-led recording day. Meet at Bookham Station.

Sun 10 January 2027 12:30–16:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: Staines Moor – Andrew Peel
 Meet at Staines train station. Toilets at the station. Grassland and water birds, Water Pipit and Short-eared Owl possible.

Thu 14 January 2027 19:00–20:00 Virtual Talk
Virtual Talks: Online – Patrick Cook
 Patrick will be speaking about his research into the response of pollinators to beaver wetlands. Book via Eventbrite to receive meeting details and notification of any changes: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

Sat 16 January 2027 10:00–14:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: Crayford Marshes – Harry Halstead
 Meet at Slade Green rail station for 5 min walk to site. Toilets at station.

Wed 27 January 2027 10:30–12:00 Book Club
LNHS Bookclub: LNHS Library – Cathy Ching and Leslie Bolsover
 Informal group to discuss the book, "Blue Machine: How the Ocean Shapes Our World" by Helen Czerski. No need to book in advance. All newcomers welcome. Contact the LNHS librarian or lbcfieldmeetings@lnhs.org.uk for more details.

Sat 6 February 2027 10:00–14:00 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: Crayford Rough & Hall Place Gardens – Harry Halstead
 Meet at Crayford Station opposite side to Ticket Office. Cafe and toilets at Hall Place.

Sun 7 February 2027 10:30–14:00 Survey
Hampstead Heath Survey Section: Hampstead Heath – Jeff Duckett
 Hampstead Heath Bryophyte Survey with Jeff Duckett. Explore the mosses and liverworts on the Heath. Of interest to beginners and experts alike. This is a joint meeting with the London Bryophyte Group. Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground station (which is a few minutes' walk from Belsize Park tube station). Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Thu 11 February 2027 19:00–20:00 Virtual Talk
Virtual Talks: Online – Henry Miller
 Henry will be talking about the field work he has done this year for his PhD on aquatic plant distributions and ecoogy, see online calendar for further details. Book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

Sat 13 February 2027 10:45–15:00 Survey
Bookham Commons: Group Recording Day
 Self-led recording day. Meet at Bookham Station.

Sat 20 February 2027 10:30–14:30 Guided Walk
London Bird Club: Rainham Marshes – Patrick Hart
 Meet at Reserve Car Park. Nearest station Purfleet. No café. Parking fee for non-RSPB members. Toilets.

Sat 27 February 2027 11:00–15:00 Guided Walk
Botany: Mile End Park – Mark Spencer
 A late winter walk led by Mark in Mile End Park. Meet Mile End Station (TQ 3647 8251) at 11 am.