


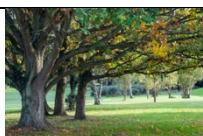












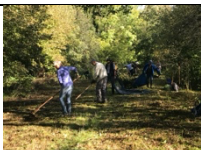







Events and Activities Calendar 2025






Here are Wild Maidenhead's events and activities which have been organised for 2025 so far. More events will be added to this calendar so please watch out for changes. For those events with limited places, please register on Meetup (<https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/>) so that you can book your place. Please see www.wildmaidenhead.org.uk/events for more information.

If you use Facebook, we are at www.facebook.com/groups/WildMaidenhead. If you have spare time and can volunteer, please email wildmaidenhead@gmail.com to offer. We always need help.

	Saturday 25 th & Sunday 26 th January 10am to 3pm	Hedgelaying at Battlemead	Wild Maidenhead and other groups planted the hedge next to the Thames at Battlemead in 2019. This year we are going to start laying the hedge.
	Sunday 9 th February	Coppicing at Battlemead	Harvesting material for hedgelaying event on Sunday February 23 rd .
	Tuesday 11 th February	Brian Clews on "Winter Birds"	Zoom talk for paid-up members only.
	Saturday 22 nd February	Maidenhead Great Park Open Day	Opportunity to discuss the latest position. To be held at Larchfield Community Centre, Desborough Park, Desborough Crescent, SL6 4BB 10am to 4pm.
	Sunday 23 rd February	Hedgelaying at Battlemead	Laying more of the hedge next to the Thames. https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/305997705/?eventOrigin=home_page_upcoming_events\$all
	Monday 24 th February	Wildlife Quiz organised by Wildlife in Ascot	Evening, at the Stag Pub, Ascot High Street. Teams to register their interest.

	Sunday March 2 nd 10am to 1pm	CANCELLED "Homes for Nature" at Braywick Nature Centre	CANCELLED Another opportunity to make and purchase your own bird box, hedgehog house or bee hotel under guidance from Bob Keene and colleagues from the Bisham Nest Box Group. https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/298950289/
	Sunday March 2 nd 2.30pm to 4.30pm	Wassailing at Oaken Grove	The Ellington Morris group are coming to help the friends of Oaken Grove Park reap a good harvest in the coming years at the park's recently planted orchard. https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/306102676/?eventOrigin=group_upcoming_events
	Sunday 23 rd March	Wildflower seed sowing in plots at Braywick Park (Landfill site).	10am to 3pm. Park at Braywick Nature Centre.
	Tuesday 1 st April	AGM	At Maidenhead United Reform Church 7pm for 7.30pm – 9pm
	Sunday June 8th	The wildlife in non-mown grassland at Braywick Park	A slow walk around this part of the former landfill site but at the area closest to town to see the rich mix of plants and insects compared with the much larger regularly mown area.
	Saturday June 21 st	An introduction to plant galls	One of a series of teach-ins organised by BBOWT throughout the year at Woolley Firs. A limited number of places available.
	Sunday July 20 th	Bray Pit Open Day	An annual offer to see this local nature reserve via guided walks.
	Sunday August 17 th	Botany walk at Taplow Sailing Lake and the Jubilee River	Followed by Tea and cake at the Taplow Sailing Lake café.
	Saturday 6 th September	Bray Pit annual haircut	This long-established Nature Reserve Bray Lake and the M4 owes its biodiversity to the annual cut of much of the grassland, thereby reducing rank grasses and allowing the many non-grass species of plants to thrive. The machine

			cut will have been done a few days before ... our job is to move cut material to the margins of the area.
	Saturday 20 th September	BBOWT Apple Day	The annual APPLE DAY at Woolley Firs, Cherry Garden Lane, Maidenhead 10.30am to 15.30 pm Organised by our local Wildlife Trust BBOWT. Many varieties of apple fruit on show, some you can taste test. Lots of advice available about growing fruit trees in your garden. Includes visits to the orchards on site. Free and open to all. See https://www.bbowt.org.uk/events/2025-09-20-apple-day-woolley-firs-saturday-20-september
	Wednesday 1 st October 8pm	Heal the Land at Norden Farm	Showing of a short film about HEAL - a rewilding project in Somerset developed by Jan Stannard, founder member of Wild Maidenhead. A story of success, followed by discussion. Book here https://norden.farm/events/heal-the-land-u/2025-10-01/20:00/add to basket using the code WILD.
	Sunday 19 th October 10am	Raking Bisham Woods Hog Trough field	Hog Trough field is a botanically valuable piece of chalk grassland owned by the Woodland Trust (part of the Bisham Woods property). The Woodland Trust mow it and we rake off the mowings. This is a joint task with Windsor and Maidenhead Conservation Volunteers (WMCV). Details of parking, etc to follow.
	Tuesday 4 th November	Surveying urban hedgehogs and bats	An evening talk by experts from the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species and the Bat Conservation Trust: "Use of various new methods for surveying urban hedgehogs and bats." This is a Zoom talk arranged by Reading and District Natural History Society. A limited number of slots will be available for non-members of this Society. If you'd like a Zoom link please contact rdnhszoom@outlook.com
	Sunday 16 th November 10 am	Ockwells Park woodland management	Woodland habitat management in Ockwells Park, including coppicing of old hazel. A joint task with WMCV.

	Sunday 30 th November 10am	Pond management in Braywick Park	Join members of Windsor and Maidenhead Conservation Volunteers and staff from Braywick Nature Centre on this annual task on the two ponds used throughout the Summer by visiting school groups. Removal of excessive vegetation is the main task. All tools will be provided but wear clothing which you don't mind getting wet and very muddy.
	Sunday 14 th December 10am	Thriftwood woodland management	Further creation of gaps within the long-established oak and hazel coppiced woodland at Thriftwood - a major Borough-owned site. This will rescue the ground flora, give it a bit of sunshine and boost its biodiversity again. A joint task with WMCV.
	Sunday 8 th February 2026 10am	Thriftwood woodland management	Continuation of habitat management at Thriftwood.
	A Saturday in February 2026	BBOWT Conifer Identification Workshop	A conifer identification workshop at Woolley Firs Education Centre, Cherry Garden Lane. A joint event with BBOWT and for Trust members, to which WM members are invited. Conifers (even though we have few native species in the UK) are important trees for wildlife in many ways, so this day is to help you identify them and appreciate them more! A good collection of conifer species exists on the estate and nearby. More details to follow.
	Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	An Introduction to Plant Galls	A Zoom talk "An introduction to plant galls - their vast variety, natural function and occasional use by us."