

## **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 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February	Coppicing at Battlemead	Harvesting material for hedgelaying event on Sunday February 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Brian Clews on "Winter Birds"	Zoom talk for paid-up members only.
W.	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> February	Hedgelaying at Battlemead	Laying more of the hedge next to the Thames. <a href="https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhe">https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhe</a> ad/events/305997705/?eventOrigin=hom  e page upcoming events\$all
?	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Wildlife Quiz organised by Wildlife in Ascot	Evening, at the Stag Pub, Ascot High Street. Teams to register their interest.

	Sunday March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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=groupupcomingevents
	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Wildflower seed sowing in plots at Braywick Park (Landfill site).	10am to 3pm. Park at Braywick Nature Centre.
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	AGM	At Maidenhead United Reform Church 7pm for 7.30pm – 9pm
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	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 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Bray Pit Open Day	An annual offer to see this local nature reserve via guided walks.
	Sunday August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Botany walk at Taplow Sailing Lake and the Jubilee River	Followed by Tea and cake at the Taplow Sailing Lake café.

September	Leaf miners	Join Ian Simms at Waltham Place Farm to learn all about leaf miners. Details to be confirmed.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Tuesday November 11th	The use of Soundscapes in survey of urban wildlife	A talk in Pangbourne at the invitation of the Reading and District Natural History Society Venue in Pangbourne.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	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.