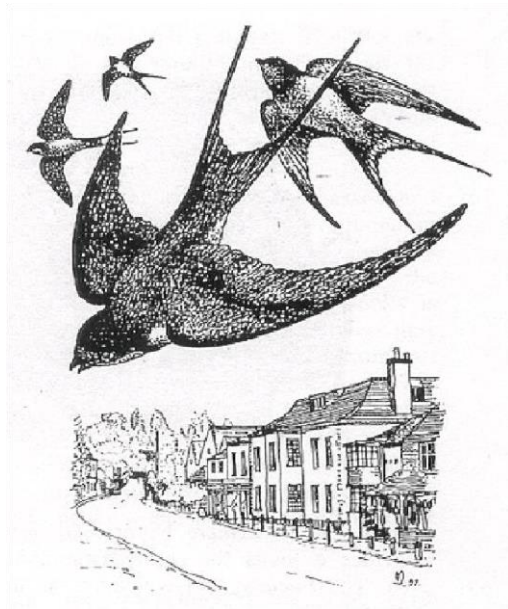


**Haslemere**  
**Natural History Society**  
**Field Meetings**  
**May to December 2025 and**  
**Winter Talk November 2025**



**Haslemere Natural History Society c/o**  
**Haslemere Educational Museum**  
**High Street, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 2LA**  
**[www.haslemerenaturalhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.haslemerenaturalhistorysociety.org.uk)**  
**[e-mail: info@haslemerenaturalhistorysociety.org.uk](mailto:info@haslemerenaturalhistorysociety.org.uk)** **The**  
**Society is a registered charity, Reg. No.279981**

Swallows above Haslemere High Street by Reg Davis © Haslemere  
Educational Museum by D Silcock ©

## Haslemere Natural History Society Field meetings and November Winter talk

- Visitors welcome. A donation of £5 per non-member would be appreciated.
- Children are always welcome but MUST be accompanied by an adult.
- If any leader is unable to be present, we will endeavour to find a substitute.
- HNHS cannot be held responsible for injury, loss or damage to persons or property incurred at any of its meetings.
- Dogs are not permitted.
- Please wear appropriate weatherproof clothing and footwear for the time of year and weather.
- Click on Grid Reference to open Streetmap view.
- W3W is a location system on a mobile phone using three words to identify an area.

### Saturday, May 10th 10.30

GR: [SU852220](#) GU29 0PB W3W: skippers.bolsters.stars

#### Reptiles on Iping Common (Sussex Wildlife Trust)

Leader: **Veronica Carter** (HNHS member)

Veronica undertaking reptile surveys here will explain about the monitoring and allow investigation beneath corrugated sheets.

**Directions:** Take the A272 out of Midhurst towards Petersfield. After passing two roads on R to Stedham take road on L. signposted Elsted and Harting. After 200 yards park on R. under barrier.

### Saturday, May 24th 10.30

GR: [SU859433](#) GU10 2DL W3W: stuns.staining.radiates.

#### Field Crickets at Farnham Heath, Tilford (RSPB Reserve)

Leader: **Mark Crisp** (Warden)

A morning walk in part of the Reserve not open to the public to see the Field Crickets of which there were good numbers in 2024.

**Directions:** From Frensham on A287 at Millbridge turn R. into The Reeds Road; after 1 mile on L. park at Rural Life Centre.

### Saturday, June 7th 10.30

GR: [TQ009304](#) RH14 0NT W3W: playfully.standard.unroll

#### A visit to a garden (near Billingshurst) designed for wildlife

Leaders: **Michael and Jane Joseph** (Wildlife gardeners)

Following Michael's Winter Talk in February an invitation to see their beautiful garden.

Jane has offered to provide morning coffee so bring cash as a donation to Sussex Wildlife Trust.

**Directions:** As parking near their cottage is limited meet at Margaret Hibbard's home in Plaistow (details above) to car-share.

### Saturday, June 21st 10.30

GR: [SU742319](#) GU34 3LW W3W: classics.cleansers.rams

#### Wildflowers and Insects on Noar Hill, Selbourne. (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust)

Leader: **Andy Swan** (HNHS member) One of the best sites in the UK for orchids and should be possible to find one of the site's specialities – the Musk Orchid – along with a spectacular showing of midsummer flowers and accompanying insects.

**Directions:** Approaching Selbourne from the south, turn L into lane leading to East Tisted. Pass first bridle path. Roadside parking near the end of Charity Farm bridle path. Car share if possible.

**Saturday, July 5th 10.30**

GR: [SU932405](#) GU8 5QA W3W: seaside.rank.redeemed

**Fauna, Flora and Butterflies on Witley Common** (National Trust) Leader: **Arthur Greenwood** (HNHS member & N.T. Volunteer) A morning Walk over Witley Common.

**Directions:** From Haslemere on A286, after passing Lee Coach Rd on L at crossroads take service entrance on L signposted "N.T Deliveries", before Webb Road turning. Park and meet outside the Witley Centre.

**Saturday, July 19th 9.00 (note time)**

GR: [SU945333](#) GU8 4SW W3W: reputable.precautions.tailed

**A morning with Moths**

Leaders: **Margaret Tomsett & Andy Swan** (HNHS members)

Moth traps will have been set up in Margaret Tomsett's garden overnight. If excessive rain overnight the event may have to be cancelled. Consult HNHS website.

**Directions:** From Haslemere on B2131 past Lythe Hill Hotel, take L into Killinghurst Lane. After approx. 1 mile "June Hill" is on R. Park in drive.

**Saturday, August 9th 10.30**

GR: [SU938195](#) GU28 0PS W3W: tarnished.artichoke.empty

**A walk across Graffham Common** (Sussex Wildlife Trust)

Leader **David Bridger** (Ranger for SWT)

A morning walk on lowland heath, heath pasture and wet heath. Home to a scarce long-horn beetle, Marsh Clubmoss and dragonflies.

**Directions:** Approach from A272 Petworth-Midhurst road. West of Petworth at Halfway Bridge turn L to Selham. After Selham at junction take L fork and after 600 metres look for parking area on R.

**Saturday, August 30th 19.30 (note time)**

GR: [SU858417](#) GU10 3BT W3W: safely.assets.polar

**Bats at Frensham Little Pond (National Trust)**

Leader: **Martyn Phillis** (HNHS member)

Martyn will give an introductory talk before leading us over the Common to listen for bats with bat detectors. (HNHS has several/ bring own ) HNHS has provided many bat and bird boxes here.

**Directions:** Meet in the Little Pond car park. (A free parking ticket will be given.) Bring a torch.

**Saturday, September 6th 10.30**

GR: [SU783316](#) GU33 6AZ W3W: shippers.slick.validated

**A morning walk at Woolmer Pond, nr Greatham, Hampshire**

Leaders: **Mike Lawn and Andy Swan** (HNHS members)

In addition to the Pond itself the area's habitats include valley, mire, and heath, each contributing to an exceptional flora and fauna. It is the only site with all 12 of the UK's native reptile and amphibian species and is also excellent for insects. Total walking distance about 3km, Wellington boots recommended unless particularly dry.

**Directions:** Parking at above grid reference (just off roundabout on the A325) is limited; alternative parking will be recommended depending on numbers.

As this is a MoD site access is only permitted when firing ranges are not in use. The date should be clear but this could change at short notice. **Essential to book a place with Society's Secretary by email by August 23rd giving your contact details**, so that any changes can be advised. (If necessary a nearby alternative venue will be arranged.)

**Saturday, October 4th 10.30**

GR: [SU855337](#) GU26 6DN W3W: slurred.fastening.earlobes

**Fungus Foray at Waggoners Wells, west end** (National Trust)

Leader: **Andy Swan** (HNHS member)

The dampness of the valley and the mixed woodland make this one of the best sites for fungi in our area. Walking distance 2.5km with shorter options.

**Directions:** Meet in the car park. Leave [Bramshott](#) village in an easterly direction along Rectory Lane. After about 1km. turn L at the T- junction. Car park is at the end of the road.

**Saturday, October 11th 8.30 (note time)**

GR: [SU922307](#) GU27 3BJ W3W: activism.schematic.remains

**Winter bird arrivals on Black Down** (National Trust)

Leader: **Paul Nevett** (HNHS member)

It is hoped that migratory birds including winter thrushes and Ring Ouzel will have arrived.

**Directions:** From Haslemere at end of Tennyson's Lane, on bend near entrance to Aldworth House, turn R. down to car park.

**Saturday, October 25th 10.30**

GR: [SU965257](#) GU28 9LU W3W: increment.aimlessly.belt

**Autumn in Pheasant Copse, Leconfield Estate, Petworth**

Leader: **Neil Humphris** (Leconfield Estate Head Forester)

A rare opportunity to visit an area of the Estate not open to the public. Trees should be in autumn foliage.

**Directions:** On A283 towards Petworth, 2½ miles south of Northchapel, pass petrol station on L. Very shortly at a Lodge cottage on R enter private drive. At crossroads turn L, crossing over cattle grids and dropping down to parking area.

**Saturday, November 8th 14.15 Winter Talk in Haslemere Museum**

**National Trust Plans for local re-introduction of Water Vole**

Speaker: **Dave Elliott** (Lead Ranger South Downs West, National Trust)

The talk will cover the ecology of the Water Vole, the reasons why it has disappeared locally, and what is happening across the River Wey catchment to try and ensure a comeback.

**Saturday, November 15th 10.30**

GR: [SU842402](#) GU10 2QB W3W: isolating.etchings.fortunes

**Winter Birds at Frensham Great Pond** (leased to and managed by Waverley Borough Council)

Leader: **Sue Bradford** (HNHS member)

A morning walk around the Pond and through the copse by Outlet Pond.

**Directions:** From Haslemere take A287 to Frensham, turn L into Bacon Lane. Car Park on L at Visitor Centre. Bring N.T. Membership card; non-members need to pay by phone (approx. £4).