

WEST WEALD FUNGUS RECORDING GROUP

AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2024

All forays start PROMPTLY at 10.30am unless otherwise stated and usually end around 1pm. Children are welcome but these events are not suitable for dogs.

SEPTEMBER

SAT 14th BROOKWOOD CEMETERY, WOKING, SURREY

Car park is at the Cemetery office, just inside the gates on a small, semicircular driveway, midway on south side of Cemetery Pales, to the east of Pirbright Green. SU954564.

TUE 17th PETWORTH HOUSE, PRIVATE GARDEN.

As last year, this is a special survey limited to just five people who need to be able to identify finds.

Details will be circulated beforehand to those likely to be involved.

SAT 21st THE MENS, WISBOROUGH GREEN, W. SUSSEX

One of our original sites, but our last Autumn visit was in 2017. Park in the often-muddy car park on Crimborne Lane, south of the A272 at a marked crossroads two miles west of Wisborough Green village. TQ023237. Otherwise, park in the lane.

Weds 25th LINGFIELD NATURE RESERVE

This will be a small- scale recce for the Eden Valley wildlife corridor scheme.

*Please let us know at least a week beforehand that you are interested in attending, then details will be sent to you.

SUN 29th PUTTENHAM COMMON, PUTTENHAM, SURREY

Between Guildford and Farnham. Meet in Top Car Park on the north side of Suffield Lane, Puttenham, on the hilltop at a bend before the descent down to the crossroads at the Tarn. SU91954618. Same venue as the bioblitz on 21st July this year.

OCTOBER

THU 3rd UNSTEAD WETLAND RESERVE, GODALMING, SURREY

Limited parking on site, so meet at the big lay-by on the west side of the A281 Horsham Road at its junction with Trunley Heath Road just south of Shalford. SU999462

We will car share if necessary, but there's a chance that enough parking will be provided on site at SU995465

SAT 5th UK FUNGUS DAY

Members are encouraged to organise their own public events on this weekend. Please let the committee know of your plans. Literature etc. for distribution will be provided by the British Mycological Society who will be glad of a report on your event.

TUE 8th NEWHOUSE FARM, EAST DEAN, W. SUSSEX

In the first instance meet in the village at the Star & Garter Inn at SU90399 12946, parking on the street or in the church car park. The foray site is two miles north up Newhouse Lane at SU91861 14987. The drive might be tricky after rain so the estate has offered to lay on transport from the village. East Dean can be approached by turning off the A286 (Midhurst to Chichester road) or the A285 (Petworth to Chichester road).

SUN 13th BANSTEAD HEATH, BANSTEAD, SURREY

Meet by the noticeboard on the south side of B290 Mill Road, Tadworth, near its junction with B2022 Dorking Road. Park along the south side of Mill Road. TQ238556

WEDS 16th THE FLASHES, FRENHAM COMMON, Nr. FARNHAM, SURREY

Parking at Millais Nursery, Crosswater Farm, Crosswater Lane, off Jumps Road, Churt, by kind permission of the owner. Please let us know that you will be coming, we need an idea of the numbers to expect. The nursery is a major supplier of Rhododendrons. SU855397, GU10 2JN

SAT 19th PETWORTH PARK, PETWORTH, W. SUSSEX

Meet in the PARK car park, not the House car park. This is well signposted, on the A283 north of Petworth town. Non-National Trust members will be allowed to park free of charge, notes will be supplied to put in your windscreens. SU966238

TUE 22nd HATCHLANDS, EAST CLANDON, Nr. GUILDFORD, SURREY

The long driveway to Hatchlands is on the north side of the A246 Epsom Road just east of Guildford, well signposted. (NOT the entrance from East Clandon village). Meet at the entrance booth, parking is free, and non-National Trust members will be allowed into the park free. Tea room available. TQ066518

SUN 27th LYNCHMERE COMMON, LYNCHMERE, W. SUSSEX

West of Haslemere, Surrey, on the B2131 Liphook Road. Take the lane that runs NW to SE off the south side of the road across the middle of the common. (NOT Lychmere Road, which runs NE to SW). Park beside the lane after about 200m and meet at a main gate onto the site. SU865315

NOVEMBER

FRI 1st KNEPP ESTATE, WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX

A joint meeting with Sussex Fungus Group.

A different meeting place this year, at a newly-opened walkers' car park. Take the north end slip road off the A24 at Dial Post and soon see the new entrance track on the west side (TQ1573 1981). This leads to the car park at TQ1562 2006. There is a shop and café here for tea and cakes that also does a range of organic lunches, no need to book a table

SUN 3rd BEALESWOOD COMMON, DOCKENFIELD, Nr. FRENHAM, Surrey

South of Farnham on the boundary with Hampshire. A small site but noted recently for its impressive show of waxcaps. Dockenfield village lies between the A325 at Bucks Horn Oak and the A287 at Frensham. Parking is at the Bluebell pub at Batts Corner, Dockenfield. (Sunday lunch option, let us know if interested). SU820411

WEDNESDAY 6th BRENTMOOR HEATH, WEST END, BISLEY, SURREY

Car park is directly on the south-western side of the roundabout on the A322 Guildford Road at its junction with B311 Red Road. SU941613. Records needed by Surrey Wildlife Trust; our only previous visit was in 2015.

SUN 10th MARDEN PARK, WOLDINGHAM, SURREY

A large Woodland Trust property on the North Downs above the M25, a fine mix of woodland and grassland. Going from Godstone on the A25 Oxted Road, Flower Lane is a turning on the left that crosses the motorway before becoming Gangers Hill after a hairpin bend. Meet at a car park on Gangers Hill near an obvious double bend at its eastern end. TQ3735 5410

WEDS 13th NONSUCH PARK, EWELL, SURREY

A new habitat management plan has been launched for this historic site and more records are needed. Enter the park at the right-angle bend on A232 Ewell Road, follow the Avenue to a right turn to Mansion House car park – OK to pass sign 'Mansion House traffic only past this point'. Meet at Mansion House appx. TQ235638, Café available there.

SAT 16th EBERNOE COMMON, nr. PETWORTH, W. SUSSEX

We hope to visit the newly acquired extension to the site. Parking as usual in the church car park. Sign for Ebernoe on A283 between Petworth and Northchapel, follow the long lane, over the cricket ground and see the sign for the church on your right. SU975279

WED 20th HOLMBURY HILL, HOLMBURY ST. MARY, SURREY

Part of the vast area of the greensand hills controlled by the Friends of the Hurtwood. Meet outside the Holmbury St. Mary Village Hall in Felday Glade, just off B2126 Horsham Road TQ109445, RH5 6PG.

We hope to arrange a 'pre-Christmas' lunch afterwards at the nearby pub, details later.

SUNDAY 24th OLD COPSE,

OLD COPSE, ST. LEONARD'S FOREST, MANNINGS HEATH, HORSHAM, W. SUSSEX Entrance in Grouse Road, about 100m from its junction with Hammerpond Road, on the E. side of Hawkins Pond. Look out for a car parked by the entrance. TQ220294

WEDS 27th TITTLESFOLD COPSE, THE HAVEN, Nr. RUDGWICK, W. SUSSEX

Haven Road runs from the A281 at Rudgewick to the A29 near Billingshurst. Tittlesfold is about midway on the east side just north of The Haven hamlet at TQ089309. Go through the brick pillar entrance, follow the driveway to the right around a garage and turn left as you enter the woods at a sign for Keepers Wood. Parking is at the next bend at appx. TQ092313 where some old commercial vehicles are parked.

DECEMBER

SUN 1st. RICKHURST REWS, DUNSFOLD, SURREY

Numbers would be useful to know as parking at site is limited, but there is alternative parking available if necessary, with some ferrying involved, so helpful to know that you are coming. Rams Cottage is the only house on the W. side of Rams Lane, off Alfold Road about a mile SE. of Dunsfold Common. TQ015352