

Conservation and survey days with SW ecologists

Is this something you would enjoy?

We need as much practical help as we can get from people who care about wildlife in this large and complex nature reserve.

If you can spare a few hours, once a month on a Sunday, come and join us in making a real difference to wildlife diversity at Shotover.

You don't need any previous experience, as we provide all necessary guidance and instruction.

Our conservation work is based on specialist knowledge and research by Shotover Wildlife.

You'll meet like-minded people, in a very special nature reserve.

You can go at your own pace and stay for as long as you like, even for just an hour.



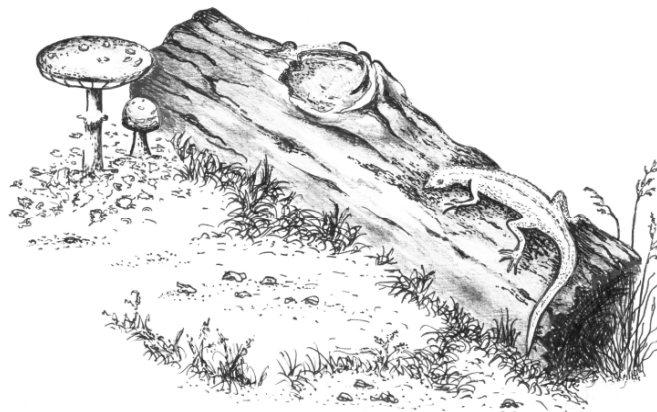
The location for each session is notified by email or phone call prior to each second Sunday of the month.

If it's raining phone 01865 874423 to check if the Work Day is going ahead.

Work supervised by Shotover Wildlife has full insurance cover.

What work will you be doing?

- ❖ species surveys and recovery work
- ❖ woodland conservation
- ❖ improving heathland ecology
- ❖ restoring marshes
- ❖ building habitats for reptiles
- ❖ creating insect nesting sites



What are the rewards?

- ❖ knowing that you are making a real difference to your local natural environment
- ❖ the opportunity to learn conservation and survey skills
- ❖ gaining knowledge about wildlife
- ❖ an appreciation of how you are helping to conserve species diversity
- ❖ the opportunity to join Shotover Wildlife in working for species and wildlife habitats at Shotover

Why does Shotover need conserving?

Shotover's habitats have gradually become less diverse over the decades. We know this through comparing our own survey work with Shotover's long history of recorded wildlife.

Shotover has SSSI status because it supports habitats that are rare in Oxfordshire, and therefore, many of the associated plants and insects are also rare.

What is conservation?

The world is teeming with wildlife, from the rainforests of Brazil to the Canadian tundra. The British Isles is no different, with many thousands of species of wild plants, animals, insects, birds, fungi etc. Wildlife is everywhere, but it is also in decline. Some species are threatened with extinction, even in Britain, and one of the aims of Shotover Wildlife is to prevent the loss of rare species from Shotover.

Knowledge-based conservation and monitoring is the key to preventing the decline of wildlife diversity.

How is wildlife protected?

Wildlife is an integral part of our environment. If we do nothing to conserve it, it will gradually disappear, or get built on. The government and other national organisations believe that wildlife diversity of the British Isles should be conserved and protected, and so we have a system of nationally recognized statuses or 'designations' for protecting our wildlife.

Probably the best-known designated sites are the National Nature Reserves (NNR) such as Snowdonia, the Lake District, and the New Forest. Following the NNR, is the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), of which Brasenose Wood and Shotover Hill is one, and is among the largest in Oxfordshire.



Conservation & Survey Days on Shotover

Second Sunday of each month

09.30am - 2.00pm (approx.)

Meeting place notified by email prior to the day

Tools and equipment provided
Wear suitable clothing and footwear

Bring your own drink (and lunch)
Stay for as long as you like

Everyone welcome (no dogs please)

If you come later, find us by phoning
the SW mobile: 07881 977481

Get away from it all ...

... get yourself to Shotover !

Shotover Wildlife is an independent organisation of volunteer naturalists.

The organisation was founded in 1999 to research and communicate the importance of Shotover Hill for wildlife. We record the wildlife of Shotover Hill and Brasenose Wood, and conserve habitats for biodiversity.

SW members range from specialists to generalists, and from learners to experts. SW embodies life-long learning and supports school and university students with project work and research. We also run species identification courses. Join us!

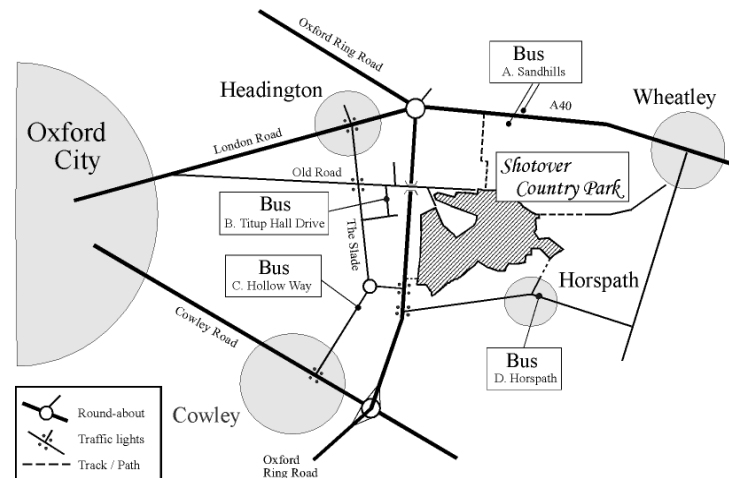
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See also *Discovering Shotover* leaflet (map)
www.shotover-wildlife.org.uk/sw_how2get2
for map & bus routes.

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