

## Herts & Middlesex Branch Winter Programme 2024 /2025

### Brown Hairstreak egg searching and training days 2025

Help us search for Brown Hairstreak eggs and learn the skills to help you look for new sites. Wrap up warm; bring gloves and suitable footwear (ideally old Wellington boots) and a hand lens if possible.

Before the hunt, we recommend you watch our You Tube presentation from 2021 which tells you all about finding Brown Hairstreak eggs and the history of the species in Middlesex.

<https://youtu.be/LTQiet-GRQA>

In advance - please contact Liz Goodyear ([elizabethgoodyear@talk21.com](mailto:elizabethgoodyear@talk21.com)) to confirm which event you wish to attend. This is essential in case of bad weather and the need to cancel or postpone! We will then contact you prior to each event to confirm you are still coming and any extra contact details for the day.

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>
<b>Event Title:</b>	<b>Brown Hairstreak egg hunt and training morning</b>
<b>Site:</b>	<b>Stafford Road Open Space (London Borough of Hillingdon)</b>
<b>Address &amp; grid ref:</b>	Postcode HA4 6NF - TQ100858 [Landranger Map 176]
<b>Time &amp; meeting place:</b>	10:15 at Ruislip Gardens Underground Station (Central Line Zone 7) (There is approx. 1km walk to the site along the Yeading Brook from Ruislip Gardens) for 10:30 start at Stafford Road Open Space. Meet by the welcome sign on the brook side path (TQ0961085515). From the Bedford Road entrance, walk 250m along the service road past the allotment entrance. We aim to finish by 13:00.
<b>What3words:</b>	Ruislip Gardens Station - <a href="https://w3w.co/pace.ashes.bump">https://w3w.co/pace.ashes.bump</a>
<b>Transport:</b>	On Central Line, also E7 bus (every 20 minutes) from Ruislip (Metropolitan & Piccadilly) to Ealing Broadway (District and National rail).
<b>Parking:</b>	Very limited pay and display parking at station, some off street parking plus car parks at Sidmouth Drive (HA4 ODA) and Ruislip Gardens shops at New Pond Parade, West End Road (HA4 6LR). The streets around Stafford Road usually have a few parking spaces but it can be quite busy at the weekend.
<b>Contact on the day:</b>	<b>Nick Furtek email: <a href="mailto:nick_furtek@yahoo.co.uk">nick_furtek@yahoo.co.uk</a></b>

*If you wish to meet at Stafford Road Open Space, please indicate this when booking with Liz Goodyear who will advise the event leader.*



**Brown Hairstreak egg**

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**Date:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
**Event Title:** Brown Hairstreak egg hunt and training morning – join volunteers from the Ealing Wildlife Group to find as many eggs as possible!  
**Site:** Horsenden Hill off Horsenden Lane North, Greenford (London Borough of Ealing)  
**Address & grid ref:** Postcode UB6 7QL - TQ158846 [Landranger Map 176]  
**Time & meeting place:** Meet at 10:30 start in the carpark opposite the Ballot Box Public House - we aim to finish by 13:00.  
**What3words:** <https://w3w.co/traded.fend.effort>  
**Transport:** The nearest underground station is Sudbury Town (Piccadilly Line Zone 4) – approx. 17 minute walk via Allendale Rd and the Capital Ring. We do not recommend travelling to Perivale on the Central Line as the walk from the station is along a busy road with no safe pavement. Unfortunately this part of the site is not served well by public transport.  
**Contact on the day:** Liz Goodyear mobile: 07815 581934

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**Date:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025  
**Event Title:** Brown Hairstreak egg hunt and training morning – with kind permission of the Woodland Trust  
**Site:** Merry Hill off Merry Hill Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire  
**Address & grid ref:** Nearest Postcode WD23 1DF - TQ136943 [Landranger Map 176]  
**Time & meeting place:** Meet at 10:30 at the **upper** footpath entrance on Merry Hill Road just past number 125 - we aim to finish by 13:00.  
**What3words:** <https://w3w.co/apples.wallet.chair>  
**Transport:** The nearest mainline station is Bushey (London Northwestern Railway from London Euston (approx. 1 mile walk) alternatively it is possible to walk across the site from Carpenders Park (London Overground). Buses are reasonably frequent and stop at Merry Hill Road (eastern end). The 258 runs from Watford Junction to South Harrow station and the 142 runs from Watford Junction to Brent Cross – both call at Bushey Station. It is approx. 8 minute walk along Merry Hill Road to the meet point.  
**Parking:** We suggest you park in Victoria Road just off Merry Hill Road a short distance from the meeting point.  
**Contact on the day:** Peter Fewell mobile: 07814 282356  
*If you plan to come by public transport and walk, please indicate this when booking with Liz Goodyear who will advise the event leader.*

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### Winter Zoom Presentations

Our programme of winter zoom presentations will start on either **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – subject to confirmation.** Steve Bolton and Emma Bickford from Big City Butterflies will be giving their final project update. This will be a joint talk with all the London branches involved and pre-booking will be required. More information will be available on the Branch website when the date and details are confirmed.

**Please also keep the following evenings free for our own branch programme of talks - more details will follow but it is important to note these presentations will start at 19:30 in 2025!**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025:** ‘Colombia - home to 20% of the world’s butterfly species’ - Ian Small

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** ‘My Moth Journey’ – Liz Goodyear

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** ‘A Year of Surprises in Provence’ - Roger Gibbons

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** ‘What's happened since the book? - 10 years of change’ - Andrew Wood