

Friends of Blunts Wood and Paiges Meadows



Blunts Wood and Paiges Meadows has been a Nature Reserve since 2004. The total area of 68 acres includes 2 Deciduous woodlands (some of which is designated Ancient), 8 meadows, 5 ponds and an ancient hedgerow. The site was historically productive woodland (the ponds are thought to be the result of clay extraction) and pastoral farmland.



The area was identified as a strategic gap between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath in 1996 and a year later the Friends Group was formed to represent the community interest in the area. Today, the Friends Volunteers continue to carry out conservation tasks aiming to protect the habitat and encourage biodiversity and wildlife.

There is a diverse range of habitats on the Reserve, our projects include:- Reestablishing a coppice cycle, clearing woodland paths, pond clearance, digging drainage ditches, flailing bracken and bramble, Ragwort pulling. We actively encourage surveys and recording of species, and in 2025 a Butterfly survey identified supporting practices now adopted across the reserve.

We meet on the third Saturday of the month, mornings 9-12, and all are welcome. No experience is necessary and tools are provided, with mid morning refreshments. For dates and projects contact Sue at friendsofbwpm@gmail.com.