



Essex
Wildlife Trust

Uttlesford Local Group

November 2024

The Uttlesford Local Group runs weekday work parties on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9:30 and 12 noon at the nine nature reserves in our district, moving around them as the seasonal work requires. Broadly speaking in the winter months this involves woodland coppicing, in summer meadow management and in the autumn hay cutting and raking. Additional meetings are held at Shadwell Wood on the second and fourth Sunday mornings from September to April to carry out the winter coppicing. These events are a great way of learning how habitats work and seeing wildlife, and are sociable and great fun. Contact volunteering@essexwt.org.uk to register as a volunteer and find out more



Autumn is virtually over now, there were some spectacular leaf colours in the trees, though often not enough sunshine to really make them glow. Out in the woods the fungi were elusive this year, but here is a Magpie Mushroom, one of the Inkcap family that opens early in the morning and then progressively dissolves at the edges of the cap to spread it's spores. These are always to be seen in the same spot in Shadwell Wood outside the huts and around the log piles, showing us that the underground mycelium of the fungus is always there. They partner with trees and exchange nutrients with them that are essential for the trees to grow properly, even giving them a form of immunity to herbivorous insect attacks.

Find Out More on the Kew Gardens website

Our Annual General Meeting

Our Local Group Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday **12 March 2025** starting at 19:00 and finishing no later than 21:00, at the Saffron Community Link Room, Market Street, CB10 1HX, Saffron Walden, and all Essex Wildlife Trust members are welcome.



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