



Visit to Nower Wood Educational Nature Reserve Tuesday 26th March 2019 10.00am - 11.30am

Join our Vice President Chris Howard, on this visit to Surrey Wildlife Trust's new Nower Wood building and private Nature Reserve in Leatherhead. This modern facility replaced the out-dated, leaking wooden huts from the 1970s, which the Surrey Hills Society visited in 2015. The building and surrounding countryside is now much more accessible for those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Since opening on 20th April 2017, the £1.2m flagship learning centre has helped SWT grow its efforts to educate and inspire people of all ages about wildlife. The building has already welcomed over 10,000 visitors - 3000 more annual visitors than before the rebuild.

Construction of the new facilities was made possible by generous donations from the Trust members, businesses, and the public, on top of a £360,000 Heritage Lottery Fund. The building was opened by HRH The Countess of Wessex GCVO and is equipped with cutting-edge teaching technology like video microscopes and interactive screens. The centre's design includes various features to minimise its environmental impact, such as cladding made of locally sourced, sustainable timber; solar panels on the roof; and a biomass boiler that uses recycled wood pellets.

Nestling in over 80 acres of ancient woodland with some interesting ponds, the tour of this private woodland and centre will highlight some of the ways the Wildlife Trust uses the centre to engage young people with wildlife and the countryside.

The cost will be £10.00 for members, and £11.00 for non-members, which includes coffee/tea & biscuits on arrival, the tour and talk. At the end of the morning's activities there is an optional lunch or drink at the Cock Inn, Headley. Please indicate if you plan to join us for lunch.

Booking is essential. If you would like to join us, please book your space online at the bottom of the page or complete and return the downloadable slip below before Monday 18th March 2019. Please include a stamped addressed envelope if you are not booking online, so you may be sent full details, directions and locations for the visit.

For further details and enquiries, contact us at info@surreyhillssociety.org or on mobile 07530 949302.

Please note that the Surrey Hills Society and its Event partners accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or personal injury during events. Participants are requested to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and take due care and attention. The Society uses members' photographs on social media and on our website. If you are not happy to have your photo taken during this event, please notify us in writing prior to the event and make the event organiser aware on the day.

Please return this slip with your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope to:
SHS – Visit to Nower Wood, Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DG

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I wish to book _____ member places at £10.00 per person and/or _____ non-members at £11.00.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to “The Surrey Hills Society” and a stamped addressed envelope (if no e-mail address available).

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(if more than three applicants, continue below)

Telephone E-mail

Do you wish to join us for lunch at the Cock Inn? Yes / No

Signed **Date**