



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

# Friends of Oxleas Woodlands



## Volunteering Dates

### March

Friday 15th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation  
Saturday 16th, 10am-noon Rose Garden  
Tuesday 19th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation  
Saturday 23rd, 10am-noon Litter Picking

### April

Friday 5th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation  
Friday 12th, 2-4pm Rose Garden  
Saturday 13th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation\*  
Friday 19th, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation  
Saturday 20th, 10am-noon Rose Garden  
Tuesday 23rd, 10am-1pm Woodland Conservation  
Saturday 27th, 10am-noon Litter Picking

\*Shooters Hill Woodlands Working Party

**For more information about volunteering contact** [oxleas.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:oxleas.volunteers@gmail.com)

## Annual General Meeting

We are looking forward to welcoming you to FOW's AGM which will take place on Tuesday 19th March, 7.30pm at Shrewsbury House. We will formally be electing the Steering Group, hearing the annual report and looking ahead to our aims for 2024.

We hope to be joined by a representative from the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Parks, Estates and Open Spaces service to talk about the woodlands and our work together.

Hello I'm Mike,

Having lived on the edge of Oxleas Woodlands since 1976, I am passionate about the conservation, history and natural life of the woodlands. I joined the Friends initially to help with the restoration of the Rose Gardens and for the past year I've coordinated the events.

Last year, we ran a programme of 20 informative walks led by volunteers. Participants fed back how enthralled they were with the experiences. In addition, several Family Explorer Events were run for primary aged children and their parents. In total, over 225 people booked on the events, 80% of whom were not members of FOW. These events raised over £300 in donations.

Our programme for 2024 starts in earnest this April, with four walks across the month. I hope that you will join us.

Mike, FOW Events Coordinator

To suggest new walks, offer to lead a walk or to book a place, please email Mike [oxleas.events@gmail.com](mailto:oxleas.events@gmail.com)

[www.oxleaswoodlands.uk](http://www.oxleaswoodlands.uk)

For More Information

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## Houses in the Woodlands

A guided and illustrated walk to identify the Houses in the Woods. Join Tom and explore the locations of six of the great houses which once stood in the woodlands. Using images and anecdotes, Tom will tell the story of the houses and introduce you to some of the fascinating people who once lived in them.



## HOUSES IN THE WOODS

Saturday 13th April  
2pm - 4:30pm

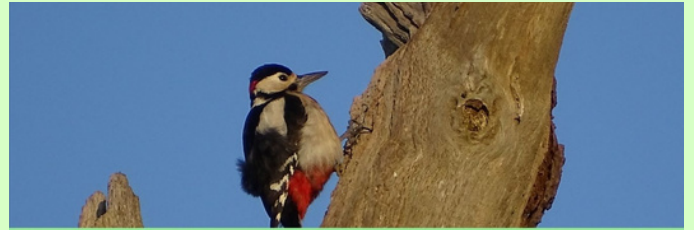


Eventbrite Booking option



## Spring Birds Walk

Whether you're a seasoned birdwatcher or just starting out, this walk is perfect for everyone. David will share fascinating insights about the local bird population and their behaviours. Spring is the best time of year to spot birds in Oxleas Wood. Resident birds like Dunnock and Robin will be joined by summer visitors like Whitethroat and Swallow.



## SPRING BIRDS

Saturday 20th April  
9:30 - 11am



Eventbrite Booking option



## Spring Family Explorer

A family event for primary aged children and their parents. The woodlands around Sevendroog Castle might be muddy but they are still fun to explore! Through lots of fun sensory games and activities, the colours, smells and sounds will be brought to life, helping us to discover the amazing variety of plants and animals at this time of year.



## SPRING FAMILY EXPLORER

Sunday 21st April  
10:15am - noon



Eventbrite Booking option



## Spring Flowers Walk

A guided walk to identify Spring flowers. Join Laurie, and other enthusiasts for a guided walk through Oxleas Woods. The Spring flowers should be at their peak, from the cuckoo flower to the bluebell, and many others. Observe how the conservation work done by volunteers is providing opportunities for more species to live.



## SPRING FLOWERS

Sunday 28th April  
2 - 3:30pm



Eventbrite Booking option



All walks are led by volunteers on behalf of the Friends of Oxleas Woodlands (FOW). We welcome donations at the time of booking, or cash on the day, if you're in a position to give one. All donations received will help to protect the woodlands. Members can book directly on the walks by emailing Mike at [oxleas.events@gmail.com](mailto:oxleas.events@gmail.com) or use [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).