



## Looking forward

If you'd like to get involved why not come along to one of our events. You can see our future monthly meetings and events listed at <http://bradgershill.org/events.html>.

### Acknowledgements

We are grateful to all who have made this weekend possible, particularly acknowledging the support of Luton Borough Council (LBC) through their "Your Say Your Way" programme, Trevor Tween (LBC), The Wildlife Trust and The Conservation Volunteers.



### Contact Details

You can keep in touch with our activities and leave your own contact details in the following ways:

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# Friends of BRADGERS HILL

## WILDLIFE WEEKEND

A weekend of free activities to celebrate the wildlife and history of our local nature reserve.



## Friday to Sunday 14th-16th July 2017



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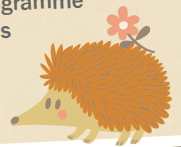
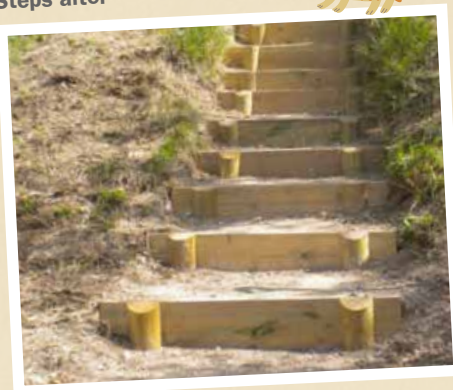
Since November 2015 the Friends of Bradgers Hill, a group of community volunteers, have been dedicated to preserving Bradgers Hill for the community's enjoyment and that of future generations. Bradgers Hill is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, which means that the landscape has a tale to tell. With abundant wildlife, consideration is also being given to making Bradgers Hill a designated Site of Special Interest.

2017 has been a busy year so far. As well as running our monthly meetings with guest speakers, including local wildlife experts, we have also been busy with a programme of scrub clearance work, rebuilding the steps on the right of way on Bradgers Hill and surveying the butterfly species.

## Steps Before



## Steps after



For our third Wildlife Weekend we have scheduled a programme of activities to celebrate the wildlife of our local nature reserve.

Our group's committee currently meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Bushmead Community Hub from 19:00 – 20:30pm and we are always looking for new members. We plan community events ranging from nature talks and walks, litter picks, surveys and social events for members. Check out the events tab and find one that suits you at <http://bradgershill.org/>

We have 3 main aims to help sustain Bradgers Hill as an asset for future generations:

- 1 To bring the community together to celebrate all that Bradgers Hill brings to our neighbourhood**
- 2 To inform, educate and raise awareness of the rich source of wildlife on the Hill and surrounding area**
- 3 To generate a pool of Bushmead volunteers who can sustain this work of education, celebration and conservation.**



# Weekend programme



## Friday 14th July

**9pm** Bat Evening with The Bedfordshire Bat Society (<http://www.bedsbatgroup.org.uk/wordpress/>) who will host a brief talk outside the Community Hub (Hancock Drive, Luton, LU2 7SF), followed by a walk with bat detectors at 9:15pm.

## Saturday 15th July

**10am - 4pm** Volunteer Work Party for Ragwort Clearance – hosted by Esther Clarke of the Wildlife Trust. Go along for a taster of clearance. Meet at the main glade on Bradgers Hill/Stopsley Common.

**10am - 12 noon** Mini Beasts Session with the Wildlife Trust – Discover the many different mini beasts that live in the trees of Bradgers Hill. Have a closer look at them and learn what role they play in the woodland.

**11am - 1pm** Geocaching Treasure Hunt – Join our geocaching event (<https://www.geocaching.com/play>) and find the hidden treasures on Bradgers Hill. Meet at the Community Hub. Aimed at all ages.

**8pm - late** Astronomy Evening – Hands on activity with the Luton Astronomical Society (<http://www.lutonastrolink.org.uk/>). Telescopes will be available, but please bring binoculars if you wish. Meet at the top of Stopsley Common. If walking home please remember to bring a torch.

## Sunday 16th July

**12.30 - 1.30pm** Butterfly Walk – Take part in our regular butterfly survey and spot some of the beautiful coloured butterflies living on the Hill. Meet at the Green on Gleneagles Drive, LU2 7TA.

**2 - 4pm** Chris's Animal Encounters (<https://www.tropicalencounters.co.uk/>). Chris will bring along a selection of his animals including mini beasts, amphibians and reptiles, depending on which ones want to come out for the afternoon! Meet at the Green on Gleneagles Drive, LU2 7TA.

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