



**Wildlife Trust for  
Beds, Cambs  
& Northants**

## **Members' Day and AGM 2025: programme**

**Saturday 11 October 2025**

**Prince William School, Oundle, PE8 4BS**

The morning talks and AGM will be live streamed on the Wildlife Trust BCN's YouTube channel and will be available to view after the event.

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| 09:30         | <i>Refreshments</i>   |
| 10:00         | Housekeeping  |
| 10:05         | <b>Welcome and introduction</b><br><i>Dr Hilary Allison, Chair</i>  |
| 10:10         | <b>Talk 1 - Craig Bennett, Chief Executive, The Wildlife Trusts</b><br><i>National overview (recorded presentation)</i>   |
| 10:20         | <b>Talk 2 - Brian Eversham, Chief Executive</b><br><i>Discussing 'The unique importance of the BCN area and the Trust's achievements over 25 years'.</i>  |
| 10:35         | <b>Talk 3 - Dr Hilary Allison, Chair</b><br><i>Discussing 'Our Wilder Future: 5-Year Strategic Plan 2025-2030'.</i>   |
| 10:50         | <b>Questions from members</b>   |
| 10:55         | <b>Talk 4 - Young People's Forum</b><br><i>Discussing 'their vision for a "Wilder Future" in 20 years' time.</i><br>Questions   |
| 11:15         | <b>Talk 5 - Matt Johnson, Northants Conservation Manager</b><br><i>Discussing 'Old Sulehay Nature Reserve: a brief introduction to its history, natural history, importance and possible future'.</i> |
| 11:30         | <i>Refreshments</i>   |
| 12:00         | <b>Annual General Meeting</b><br>Chaired by <b>Sir Partha Dasgupta</b> , President followed by presentation of the <b>Richenda Huxley, Oliver Rackham and Jon Smith Awards</b>                        |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <b>Buffet Lunch</b><br><i>(Please note: Members participating in the walks will be requested to assemble from 1:45pm to ensure a prompt coach departure at 2:00pm.)</i>                               |
| 14:00         | Six informative guided walks showcasing the wildlife and discussing the history of Old Sulehay Nature Reserve.  |
| 14:00         | Coaches depart  |

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| 14:30 – 15:30 | <b>Activities at base - Sustainability-themed craft and Under the Microscope with Brian Eversham.</b> |
| 16.00         | Coaches collect all 6 groups (3 on each coach) and returns to Prince William School                   |
| 16:45         | Event close and all members depart Prince William School  |