



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

Members' Day and AGM 2026: programme

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Abbey College, Ramsey – followed by walks at Great Fen - New Decoy / Ramsey Heights

- 09:30 Refreshments – Members Arrive
- 10:00 Housekeeping and welcome – Laurie Harper
- 10:05 **Introduction** - Dr Hilary Alison, Chair
- 10:10 **Presentation 1 - Brian Eversham, Chief Executive**
Peatland Ecology
Brian will explain what peat is, describe the different kinds of peatlands, and explain what makes the Fens special. He will also look at how climate change affects fens, and how changing land use has made fenland habitats so rare.
- 10:35 **Presentation 2 – Lorna Parker, Great Fen Project Manager**
Great Fen – Transforming Lives, Transforming Landscapes
Lorna will give a brief overview of the Great Fen and share some of the exciting developments from the last 25 years and our plans for the future.
- 11:00 **Presentation 3 – Alison Chaves, Communities and Education Manager**
Investing in the future of young people
Alison will give an overview of youth engagement activities taking place in the Great Fen and the impact.
- 11:20 **Questions from members**
- 11:30-12.00 Refreshments
- 12:00 **Annual General Meeting**
Chaired by Professor William Stephens, Vice President, followed by presentation of the **Richenda Huxley, Oliver Rackham and Jon Smith Awards**
- 13:00-14:30 Buffet Lunch