



## **WAPLEY BUSHES LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

**Summer - Autumn 2011 newsletter**

### **WAPLEY BUSHES WORKDAY SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 10.00 AM**

This workday will be our annual stream clearance where we hope to clear the central watercourse through the main woodland. This work is required to preserve the habitat of the rare local thin-spiked wood sedge. Everyone welcome - please wear walking or wellington boots and bring some gloves. Meet at the Shire Way entrance to the woodland, South Yate, 10.00am.

### **GRASS CUTTING ON PART OF COMMON TO BE CHANGED**

The "long grass" area of Wapley Common – the part where the new orchard trees were planted recently – has normally been cut once a year. We're considering leaving most of it uncut for a couple of years to form a "thatch" as a habitat for voles and mice, which will hopefully attract owls to the woodland.

A path will still be cut – more or less on the line that people already walk – and the hedge will be flailed back in the autumn to stop it encroaching on the Common. The grass round each tree will also be cut.

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### **CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WAPLEY BUSHES**

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### **WAPLEY BUSHES ONLINE**

Check out the latest news on our blog:  
**[www.wapley.blogspot.com](http://www.wapley.blogspot.com)**  
Find out about the Nature Reserve from our website:  
**[www.wapleybushes.info](http://www.wapleybushes.info)**

### **LOCAL WILDLIFE EVENTS CALENDAR**

#### **COASTAL FOSSIL HUNT SATURDAY 23 JULY**

A tour along our very own local Jurassic Coast at Aust with our expert guide Mr Chris Townson. As we are by the coast we might even see some of the descendants of dinosaurs themselves - wading birds! Bring a magnifying glass and please wear stout footwear. Meet for a car share at the Clock Tower, High Street, Chipping Sodbury, 1.30pm (Parking available in the Wickwar Road car park)

#### **LOWER WOODS DORMOUSE SAFARI SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER**

A guided two mile walk around Lower Woods Nature Reserve with dormouse surveyors Gef and Genny Lucena. Learn about coppice management and watch dormouse box inspections. Places are limited and so advance booking is essential on 01452 383333 quoting booking code 11SAF. Directions to the meeting point will be sent upon booking.

#### **AUTUMN QUEST AT RIDGE WOOD SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER**

A family activity day at Ridge Wood for under 11s and families. Plenty to do and lots of creative fun on offer for children and grandchildren. This free event is being organised by the Friends of Ridge Wood. For more details please contact Richard Aston on 01454 863725.

#### **RIDGE WOOD OWL PROWL THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER**

Family Owl Prowl with bird of prey expert Ian McGuire who will guide us round the woods. Please wear warm clothes and bring a torch. No dogs please (even if on a lead). Meet at the southern (Quarry Road) entrance to Ridge Wood, Quarry Road, Chipping Sodbury at 7pm.