

Delamere Forest Neighbours Update July 2023

Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Numbers	Area(s) being used
Saturday 1st July 10.30am-4.00pm	World Wildlife Fund Big Wild Walk	Up to 300 participants	Old Pale Event Space for start and finish and routes around the forest (map shared previously)
Sunday 9th July 10.00am-3.00pm	Active Futures Hunter Event	Up to 200 participants	Participants will be in the Old Pale and Eddisbury area solving puzzles and evading 'capture'.
Sunday 16th July	Andy's Man Club 10K Run	Up to 500 participants	Old Pale Event Space for start and finish and routes around the forest (map shared previously)

What's Happening in the Forest

Our Ecology Team have been working alongside Cheshire Wildlife Trust to carry out this year's White-faced Darter surveys. There have been some encouraging numbers from several different mosses and seeing a female White-faced Darter ovipositing was a particular highlight. The surveys have finished for this year and fingers crossed for similar weather next year when they take place.

We have also had good numbers of Green Hairstreak Butterflies this year on some of the Bilberry areas of the Forest and are now looking forward to seeing how the White Letter Hairstreak are doing on the Elm trees.

Grass Snakes have also been seen in a couple of areas this year.

Our Sustainable Land Management team have recently had visits from students at the Scottish School of Forestry and Reaseheath College - both sets of students were learning about forestry work and roles within the sector.

Harvesting is scheduled to begin in Primrose Woods in July - there are some areas being thinned as part of the forest plan and also some areas being clear-felled due to disease.

Re-planting will take place later once the ground has been prepared following the harvesting operations.

Forest Live has now been and gone for another year! If you were among the 28,000 people who attended over the 4 concerts, we hope you had an enjoyable time and we thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the set-up, delivery and breakdown of the events.

Delamere Field Archers

The next Field Archery Beginners course will be held at Thieves Moss on 15th and 16th July. If you are interested in a new sport, you can contact the club to register or to get further information: tonyboone777@hotmail.com

Fire Season

Another reminder regarding fires as we head towards the school holidays which traditionally sees us get busier and therefore the risk of fires tends to increase.

If you see any signs of a fire please call 999 in the first instance and then alert the site team so we can co-ordinate with Fire and Rescue. A specific location of the fire is needed - for this, we recommend using the what3words app or a grid reference finder.

Duty Ranger Number: 07703-211869 (8.00am to 5.00pm)

Call Centre: 0300-067-4340 (24 hours, 7 days a week).

