

## Code of Conduct when visiting Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve

### Litter: Don't drop any!

**Security:** always relock the gate behind you. Do not allow anyone else access unless they can show you that they have a key so they can let themselves out independently.

**Fires:** no fires of any kind are permitted without special permission of the Management Committee. This goes for BBQ's, fireworks, & Chinese lanterns.

**Noise:** please keep as quiet as possible, you will see more, cause less disturbance to wildlife and other visitors.

**Introductions:** no animal, plant etc (including, for instance, frog spawn) is to be brought into the reserve without the express permission of the Committee; the Reserve is already rich in its own, native wildlife - introductions carry the risk of importing disease, and upsetting the natural balance.

**Horses:** do not feed or ride the horses, they are privately owned, and are regularly and well tended by their owners.

**Dogs:** Assistance Dogs (guide dogs, or "hearing" dogs") only are permitted when working and so under tight control. Poop must be scooped.

**Research:** The Reserve is used for Research, including moth trapping and bird ringing. Please leave mist nests, and any birds caught in them alone, and marker posts or labels are there for specific purpose, please do not remove them.

**Paths:** in order to protect the delicate woodland floor, and your own health and safety, please do not stray from the marked paths in the wood.

**Gates:** shut and clip them behind you

**Health and Safety:** If you have any health and safety concerns or incidents to report they may be reported as below. There is an accident book in the wooden box on the right of the Reserve Hut Door

**The Society 's Council** The affairs of the Society (which is a Registered Charity) are controlled by an elected Council of members and there are committees for the management of the reserve and for the activities of the Society.

**Organised visits to the Reserve:** Parties from schools, colleges, universities, and other organisations are welcome to visit the reserve by prior arrangement, and it is normally possible to arrange an escort for them. Enquiries to [visits@selbornesociety.org.uk](mailto:visits@selbornesociety.org.uk).

**Able to help?** The Society is entirely run by volunteers, so if you think you can help, please get in touch!

**Data Protection:** Information held by the Society, such as names and addresses, is necessary to provide services to members, is confidential and will not be disclosed. The Society is Registered with the Information Commissioners.

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More information can be obtained from the Society's website:-

[www.selbornesociety.org.uk](http://www.selbornesociety.org.uk)

[Contact@selbornesociety.org.uk](mailto:Contact@selbornesociety.org.uk)

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# Welcome to the Selborne Society

The Selborne Society was founded in 1885 to commemorate Gilbert White (1720-1793), the Curate of Selborne, Hampshire and father of British natural history.

As well as his acute observation and understanding of the importance between living organisms and their environment, White was a gifted writer.

His observations are recorded in a series of letters, published as "The Natural History of Selborne".

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## About Perivale Wood:

In 1902, members of the Brent Valley Branch of the Society created a bird sanctuary at Perivale Wood.

The Society purchased the wood in 1922 to mark the bicentenary of Gilbert White's birth. The Meadows were added in the 1930's . It was declared a Site of Special Scientific Interest (S.S.S.I.) in 1957 and upgraded to Local Nature Reserve status in 1974.

Within its varied habitats, Perivale Wood provides excellent opportunities for observation of birds (including green, greater and lesser spotted woodpeckers, kestrels and owls, as well as commoner species), mammals (including grey squirrel, voles, wood mouse and foxes), butterflies and other insects, pondlife, fungi and a wide variety of plants ranging from the wild service trees to the tiny blinks.

You may just want to enjoy this rich wildlife in the beautiful setting of a traditional mixed oak and hazel wood spread with bluebells in spring, or you may want to become more involved in the serious observation and recording work of the Society, or in helping on conservation days.

A nature reserve is not just land that is left alone - some habits would change rapidly and even be lost without careful and sympathetic management. Without altering the character and use of the land, hedges must be laid, ditches kept clear and clearings maintained. Trees also need attention, with occasional felling to allow the development of new standard oak, ash, etc., and coppicing of hazel to encourage the growth of traditional woodland plants.

There are ample opportunities for members to become involved in the conservation and management of the reserve.

The Society holds regular meetings in the reserve, once a month for adult members and once for juniors, concentrating on one particular aspect of natural history each time. There are Conservation Management Sessions - Working Mornings - at the Reserve on the 2nd Sunday of each month, starting at 10.00 am. Additionally there is a monthly programme of indoor meetings through the winter held at Greenford Community Centre in Oldfield Lane South, Greenford. We run occasional excursions to places of interest.

The full diary is available on request, or may be downloaded from our website.

A Newsletter and Diary of Events is published three times a year. Monthly bulletins are issued by email – please ensure the Society has an email address for you to enable this.

The annual Nestbox Adoption Scheme provides much interest for members and helps to assure plenty of breeding homes for the local tit population.

### Membership:

Currently membership is a minimum of £10.00 for an adult, £15.00 for two adults at the same address, and £3.00 each for juniors who join with their parents / guardian. Payment can be made by Standing Order, and Gift Aided.

### Hides

The Reserve has 3 hides for wildlife observation. The Nick Dene hide, which gives views across the Little Elms Meadow and the Pondfield, the High Level Hide (Access Restricted) giving views of the canopy to the south of the Central Clearing, and the former visitors centre, which is adjacent to the Toilets in the SE corner of the Wood.

## Borrowing a key:

Members may borrow a key to the Reserve gate **The key must be returned at the end of your visit, so that other members are not deprived of its use.**

Please note any interesting observations made while you are in the Reserve, on a recording sheet to be found either in the Visitor Centre or in the box on the Hut wall, or you can use your own A4 or A5 sheets and post in the hut door, hut box or visitor centre, or email or post to the addresses overleaf.

Keys are currently available from the Hope Church Community Cafe at the junction of Bilton Road and Horsenden Lane South, and the Library Next door; the opening times are as follows.

Day	Library	Cafe Rendezvous
Monday	Closed	10:00 to 16:00
Tuesday	10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00	10:00 to 16:00
Wednesday	Closed	10:00 to 16:00
Thursday	10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00	10:00 to 16:00
Friday	10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:00	10:00 to 16:00
Saturdays	9:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:00	Closed
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Bank Holidays and Bank Holiday Weekends, it is likely that neither will be open for business.

## First Aid:

There is a first aid kit in the wooden box on the right of the Reserve Hut Door. Please report any accidents, incidents or near misses! See overleaf.