

BUBBENHALL WOOD AND MEADOW NATURE RESERVE HISTORY

We are sending you this information sheet because we would like to invite you to take part in our Oral History project. However, before you decide whether to participate we would like to outline why the project is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read this information and ask us any further questions you may have or if anything is unclear.

What is the purpose of the project?

The project aims to fill gaps in the current knowledge about the history of Bubbenhall Wood and Meadow Nature reserve. We would like to record people's thoughts, feelings and memories of the land before, during and after it was quarried, geological finds and people's memories of the wood, and its wildlife.

Who is organising the project and funding the research?

The project will be coordinated by Faye Irvine, Wildlife Engagement Officer at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust with support from trained WWT volunteers. The project is being funded by Heritage Lottery Fund.

Why have I been asked to take part?

We aim to interview a minimum of 10 people who have been involved in the site in many different forms. Of these 10, we hope to interview local residents, quarry workers and geologists. We want to get a sample of both men and women, who have experienced Bubbenhall at different periods of time. We think you would match these criteria and that is why we are requesting your participation.

Do I have to take part?

It is not compulsory for you to take part, however we believe that you have something important to contribute to the project, and to further our understanding of the changes over time. If you agree, you will be asked to sign a consent form but please note that you will still be free to withdraw at any time and we will not ask you to give any reasons if you choose to do so.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The aim of the project is to use the information gathered to allow the creation of an information leaflet which will be available to download from our website. The knowledge gathered will also provide the information needed to produce interpretation boards on site and a waymarked trail. In addition, information about the site will be made available via Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's website, e-newsletters, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's magazine 'Wild Warwickshire' which is sent to over 23,000 members, the Princethorpe Woodlands partners and stakeholders including landowners, and information via local press. We trust that the interview will provide you with an opportunity to relive some of your experiences. We also hope that you will find it rewarding to have your contribution recognised publicly and that you will be pleased to have the opportunity to add your account to a historically significant collection of interviews.

What does taking part mean?

If you agree to take part we will arrange an interview with you and will audio record the interview. We would prefer to interview you either in your own home, at Bubbenhall Wood or Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve, if that is convenient and it will last around 1 hour. The interview will be conducted by Faye Irvine or a trained WWT volunteer. We will invite you to follow the development of the project and will provide you with a copy of your interview, should you wish.