

Engage your senses in woods this autumn

AUTUMN is upon us and the Woodland Trust says it's time to get out into the local woods and embrace the change of season. The Woodland Communities Project, sponsored by Big Lottery Fund and Natural England aims to re-connect people with their environment.

One way of achieving the goal is to make woodland as accessible and interesting to as many people as possible, whatever their age or level of ability.

The organisation lays and maintains paths to enable easier wheelchair access, runs nature detective clubs for children, leads walks and enhances public understanding and appreciation of the woods on their doorstep.

The Woodland Trust is urging residents to visit one of its Woodland Communities Project woods, and take in the beauty of autumn.

Recommended woods for wheelchair access include Gorse Covert, Windmill Hill and Seeds Plantation, Warrington, where there is a guided Hallowe'en autumn walking festival from 2-4pm on Saturday, October 30. Contact Gill Dobson on 01352 742 143 or email gilldobson@woodlandrust.org.uk for further details.

Other coming Woodland Trust Woodland Communities Project events include:

Fonetography: Feast of Fungi, walk and mobile phone photography workshop at Mary Anne Plantation, Westbrook, Warrington, on Saturday, October 30, from 10am-1pm

A Hallowe'en autumn walking festival at Seeds Plantation, Warrington, on Saturday, October 30, from 2-4pm

A Hallowe'en Walking Festival at The Gorse, Runcorn, on Sunday, October 31, from 3.30-5.30pm.

