

Bug Hunt

On Saturday 11th August 2018 we went on a bug hunt in Mereway Nature Park, which I really enjoyed. Initially, we were told what we were going to do during this event; Searching for bugs, shaking trees and bushes to see what falls out of them and hopefully finding particular species of insects.

Firstly, we found a tree trunk which contained a wasps' nest, spiders, and many other bugs which found their perfect habitats in different parts of the trunk; the wasps were further inside the tree whereas the spiders were closer to the outside.



Secondly, we did some searching for other species of bugs. I found two grasshoppers, a green and a brown one which we found by hearing their "chirping" and following the sound which led us to them. This was followed by a talk about stag beetles. We then searched for them, but we couldn't find any as they are quite rare.





After that, I took a group photo of all the individuals that attended (excluding me, as I was behind the camera.) Following this, we shook a few bushes and found some pretty cool insects crawling away from the white sheet on the floor (which helped us see if there were any).

Lastly, we looked at an oak tree which had “galls” attached to the acorns. The action of the gall wasp burrowing into the acorn caused the tree’s strange-shaped reaction.



Overall, I found this bug hunt to be incredibly interesting, and would happily join this event next year. I would definitely recommend this to all my friends and family!



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