



AMPFIELD COUNTRYSIDE HERITAGE AREA
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FREE SPRING HERITAGE TALK

Following the very interesting and informative Autumn Heritage Talk by Phil Lomax on The Wildlife of Southern Test Valley & The Valley of the River Test, we are equally as lucky to secure

An Illustrated Talk By Martin DeRetuerto
Area Head of Conservation (Central Rivers and Downs)
HIWWT (Hampshire & loW Wildlife Trust)

‘Winnall Moors Restoration Project’ – ***An exemplar for the Itchen Valley – and an example for Test Valley***

This fascinating talk is about the completion of a 5 year Heritage Lottery Funded floodplain restoration project at the HIWWT's Winnall Moors Wildlife Reserve, Winchester. It will touch on the human heritage that has shaped this important reserve while explaining how this cultural heritage has influenced the wildlife and habitats present there today. It will cover the innovative river restoration scheme that has renaturalised an historic fishery and created the chalk stream habitats typical of the River Itchen. Management of the wider floodplain will be explained and emphasised how this has enabled the reserve to provide natural flood prevention for Winchester. A comparison will be made with Fishlake Meadows, Romsey and other local reserves, highlighting both their differences and similarities while also suggesting that both stand as contrasting natural jewels in the Test and Itchen Crowns.

Monday 16 March 2015
At 7.30pm in the Ampfield Village Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME.

ENTRANCE IS FREE

Afterwards have a chat with Martin over coffee and biscuits.

Post code for SatNavs. SO51 9BJ – further details from Martin Hatley 07970 501050