



COURSE PROGRAMMES (see p2-3). This will be a mix of presentations, group activities and outside forays to see fungi in different habitat.

As the appearance of fungi is highly unpredictable and dependent on weather, we reserve the right to cancel (and return fees paid) or postpone these days!

WHO ARE THESE DAYS FOR? These limited number days are for complete beginners and for those who have dabbled with fungi over the years but never had time to spend on it or with someone to help develop their id skills. Note: it will help Part 2 if you come on Part 1 but it is not obligatory.

COURSE FEE for single standalone days or series inc refreshments

- **Suffolk Naturalists' Society members** @ £25/day
- **Non-SNS members** @ £50/day

IS THE COURSE FOR YOU? See p2-3 for programmes and feedback from previous years' participants on p5.

TO BOOK: Either request a booking form from Juliet – gfhawkinsltd@outlook.com or email her details required on page 4

FUNGI IDENTIFICATION 2026

– TWO DAYS (or standalone single days)
FOR ENTHUSIASTIC BEGINNERS

In collaboration with Suffolk Naturalists' Society

Part 1: 9.00-4pm 22nd October at Mildenhall nr Sudbury

Part 2: 26th October at Raydon Wood nr Hadleigh

Juliet Hawkins, an enthusiastic amateur and fungi recorder, will provide an introduction to helping you attain or improve the following skills in the field and back at home with respect to the 'easier' macrofungi with gills and pores:

- To know what fungi features and field clues to look for
- To assess and describe a mushroom – and understand the terminology
- To use simple identification keys based on spore colour and to try some keys for specific genera including Milkcaps, Boletes and Agaricus
- To take the 'right' photos that will help identify fungi
- To know where to get more help from apps/internet
- To identify some macrofungi to genus, and sometimes to species, such as Milkcaps, Boletes, Funnel, Blewits, Waxcaps, Parasols, Puffballs.
- To submit records online
- To briefly touch on edibility of fungi – or not!
- To know when to give up on difficult species or to get further training!

The course will not turn you into an expert overnight but is intended to make you feel more confident about identifying fungi. Also, the days cannot begin to cover all genera – there are so many!

Part 1: Introduction to Autumn Fungi identification

Thursday 22 October 9am to 4pm at the Tudor Barn, Milden, CO10 9NY

9am	Arrive, coffee – and more coffee mid-morning.
9.15am	Introductory talk: • What's in a name? • How do fungi live? • What to take on a fungi foray • Books, phones, apps • Recording your finds
	Outside foray – collect some specimens
	Small group activity: Describing fungi ... to aid identification • <i>Course participants will be given fungi specimens to describe and key out in small groups</i>
	Talk: Different fungi genera including the most typical of the season eg the 'Mushrooms', Boletes, Milkcaps, Brittlegills, Parasols, Amanitas, Knights, Funnels, Blewits, Clubs, Corals, Earthstars and Puffballs
	BYO picnic lunch – Juliet will be having mushroom soup of course
pm	Outside foray to collect more specimens or Group activity – describe and key out some more specimens
4pm	Finish



Part 2: Introduction to Woodland fungi identification

Monday 26th October 9am to 4pm at Raydon Wood (private woodland), nr Hadleigh
by kind permission James Buckle –*access/parking details will be given to those who book*

9am	Arrive, BYO coffee & picnic lunch <i>This is the loveliest private ancient woodland nature reserve wood, sensitively managed by woodland managers Graham Sayell and Steve Withers. Lots of different species of fungi can be found here associated with the diverse range of tree species, with dead wood, veteran trees, and wide grassy rides. Note: there are no loo facilities at the wood.</i> 
9.15am	Reminders of where to look, what to note when picking, and key diagnostic parts of fungi specimens in the field Foray <i>We will identify specimens mostly in the wood and, if time, back at the wood shed</i> BYO Picnic lunch
pm	Foray <i>We will identify specimens mostly in the wood and, if time, back at the wood shed</i>
4pm	Finish



HOW TO BOOK

Ask for our booking form or email us the details of the following to gfhawkinsltd@outlook.com or phone us on 01787 247235

1. Full Name
2. Email & phone
3. Suffolk Naturalists' Society member? You can join @ £20 per annum using [this link here](#)
4. Please indicate below the day(s) you wish to book @ £50 per day or £25 per day for Suffolk Naturalists Society members (*note that the discount you receive as an SNS members more than pays for a year's SNS membership*).
 - Thursday 22nd October 9am-4pm at Milden?
 - Monday 26th October 9am-4pm at Raydon Wood (private woodland nature reserve near Hadleigh)?
5. Suffolk Naturalists' Society Members only: Please calculate your total fee due for SNS members @ £25 per course =
6. Non SNS Members only: Please calculate your total fee due for non SNS members @ £50 per course =
7. Fungi experience/level of knowledge ie complete beginner/have dabbled for years etc?
8. Key interest (general, identification, photography etc)?
9. Any mobility issues?

On receipt of this, Juliet will email you a request for full payment via bank transfer for payment within 24 hours, and advice on what to bring with you. **Check your junk folder if you don't hear from Juliet within a day or two.**

Some feedback from courses Juliet ran in 2024 & 2025

The atmosphere and environment were wonderful and created a good learning experience. The teaching and encouragement was thoroughly prepared and joyfully delivered.

Juliet's enthusiasm is infectious.... Brilliantly delivered – serious but not too overwhelming!

I loved the whole day! Learnt SO much! Spent all night thinking of the fungi we had seen. Such fun. I am a convert!

I very much enjoyed being on the receiving end of your contagious enthusiasm and your lightly carried knowledge which immediately made me feel it was totally acceptable not to know anything! As always, you speak so well - I would definitely recommend it.

Really fun, informative day – good pace! Got me excited about fungi again!

I was pleasantly mind-boggled by the end But there is no stopping us now.

As a complete fungi novice, who has a love of horticulture, I found this a really interesting course and look forward to attending more.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day, such a lovely group of people to share it with too!

Juliet's passion is infectious ... so keen to learn more

A great introduction to a massive world of fungi

Really informative, you will learn a lot and meet lovely people

A great intro, well-presented and interesting

Such a lovely atmosphere and most enjoyable.



Juliet Hawkins is an enthusiastic amateur with a passion for fungi. She has dabbled for years – and is keen to encourage people new to mycology ... Juliet is hoping to set up an autumn South Suffolk fungi group for course attendees (2024-now)