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Singing storyteller brings a musical tale for children to Sherwood

We have an event of imagination and wonder for children and their parents or carers later this month when storyteller and songwriter Brian Acton guides them through the ancient woodland of RSPB Sherwood Forest.

Through song, prose and poem, Brian will tell his story, 'A New Leaf' while leading listeners along Sherwood's trails.

The story tells of an old forest which has become enchanted by the beauty of a new leaf – but is it what it seems? Or is there trouble ahead for the trees and wildlife of the ancient woodland?

Brian has performed at folk and jazz festivals across the UK, Europe and America, and comes to Sherwood for the first time on 31st May.

"When I wrote this story of ancient trees, and our connection to the wild woods, Sherwood was always in my mind," said Brian

"I can't wait to bring this tale, these songs, and this message to the charmed forest there."

[Watch a preview of Brian's performance.](#)

There will be two performances on the day, at 11am and 2pm, and the event is suitable for children aged 5 years old and above. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The event price of £8 is for a child and an adult attending together (£6.50 for RSPB members). It costs £5 for each additional adult (£4 for RSPB members).

To book, visit our [Events page](#). Please note that a booking fee does apply.

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Notes to editors

Sherwood Forest and Budby South Forest form part of the Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve (NNR), comprised of woodland, wood pasture and heathland in North Nottinghamshire. Sherwood Forest, famously associated with the legend of Robin Hood, typically welcomes around 350,000 visitors per year. It is home to one of Europe's largest collections of ancient oak trees, with almost 1,000 across the wider Sherwood landscape area, many aged over 500 years old, including the iconic Major Oak.

The reserve today provides a habitat for hundreds of bird, mammal and insect species, as well as trees, plants and fungi. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and part of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Since 2015, Budby South Forest has been managed by The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), which also took responsibility for managing Sherwood Forest in 2018. RSPB manages Sherwood Forest on behalf of, and in partnership with, Nottinghamshire County Council. Other partners include The Sherwood Forest Trust, Thoresby Estate and The Woodland Trust.

The RSPB is the UK's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home. Together with our partners, we protect threatened birds and wildlife so our towns, coast and countryside will teem with life once again. We play a leading role in BirdLife International, a worldwide partnership of nature conservation organisations.

For more information visit www.visitsherwood.co.uk or call 01623 677321.

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