Spring/Summer 2012

Loose Leaf
Countryside events for the Horsham & Crawley area

THIS REPLACES OUR PREVIOUS ACTIVITY LEAFLETS

Gatwick Greenspace Partnership
west sussex county council
Horsham District Council

Elephant Hawkmoth ©Hugh Clark/Sussex Wildlife Trust
Hello and welcome to all our readers, old and new! This is the first issue of our combined countryside activities leaflet and incorporates the Spring and Summer 2012 events hosted by West Sussex County Council’s Countryside Service at Buchan Country Park, Horsham District’s Countryside Services Unit and Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (part of Sussex Wildlife Trust). Between us, we hope to encourage as many people as possible to join in with a range of activities which will educate, entertain and (hopefully) inspire you to visit your local green spaces more and appreciate the natural world in your neighbourhood.

There are three reasons why we are combining our leaflets...Firstly, we feel that it will simplify the options available to you...if the event you want to join is fully booked already then why not try an alternative one nearby instead? Secondly, it reduces the amount of similar leaflets in circulation in our area. Thirdly, we want to promote the partnership that already exists in our three organisations to as many people as possible...We care passionately about protecting and improving our local green spaces for wildlife and for people, so it makes sense for us to work together, not just on the ground, but also behind the scenes as well.

We have all heard about the threats to wildlife around the world, mainly through loss (or neglect) of suitable habitats, but there is still a lot worth protecting, so if you want to make a difference in a more direct way, you can also help us with our practical work. You don’t need to be an expert to take part, you just need to care about the natural environment and are able to spare a few hours of your time now and again...It’s good exercise as well! If this sounds like you, then why not join us in the great outdoors? We look forward to meeting you soon...

Kevin Lerwill

Project Officer,
Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.
April

The Great Egg Hunt
Warnham Local Nature Reserve 😊

Friday 6th, Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th and Monday 9th April – 10.00am to 4.00.pm
Come and join in the Easter excitement at Warnham Local Nature Reserve. Find all the clues around the reserve, solve the Easter riddle and collect an Easter treat. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an Adult. No need to book.
£3.00 per child (pay on the day) £1.00 per accompanying adult

The History of Southwater Country Park

Wednesday 18th April – 10.00am to 12.00pm
A guided walk around the country park discovering its rich history. Follow this sites fascinating story through the years from farmland, to brickworks and its later development into a beautiful and diverse landscape. Meet at the Southwater Country Park Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults (Booking Essential)

Spring Saunter at Leechpool Woods

Thursday 26th April 10.30am to 12.30pm
A guided walk through the woods, taking in the wonderful spring flowers and bird song. Enjoy Vista and scent of the Bluebell carpet whilst learning about the management of this beautiful site. Meet at Leechpool Car Park off Harwood Road, Horsham.
£4.00 Adults (Booking Essential)

May

Introduction to Dragonflies and Damselflies – Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Wednesday 16th May 10.00am to 12.00pm
Always had an interest in Dragonflies but not sure which is which? Come and learn the basics of identification on this informative guided walk around the reserve. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults (Booking Essential)

Introduction to Moths and Butterflies - Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Sunday 20th May 9.00am to 11.00am
Be amazed by the range of colourful moths caught overnight. Be guided through the nights catch before releasing them. Then be guided round the reserve in search of the beautiful butterflies that inhabit the reserve. Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults/£2.00 Child (Booking Essential)

Orchids and Butterflies of Southwater Country Park

Wednesday 30th May 10.30am to 12.30pm
A warden-led walk around the quieter areas of the park looking at the huge numbers of Orchids decorating the slopes. You will also have the chance to see the wide variety of butterflies and day-flying moths which use this rich grassland habitat. Meet at the Southwater Country Park Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults/£2.00 Child (Booking Essential)
June

Teddy Bear's Picnic at Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Thursday 7th June 10.00am to 12.00pm
Bring your teddy bear for a walk, picnic and fun activities around the Reserve. All children must be accompanied by an Adult. Please bring your favourite Teddy Bear, your own picnic and blanket. Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 per Child Under 5's ONLY accompanying adult free (Booking Essential)

Introduction to Summer Birds - Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Saturday 30th June 8.00am to 10.00am
A 2-hour guided walk around the Reserve looking for birds using the location as a breeding site. Learn to identify these summer migrants by sight and sound. Please bring binoculars and telescopes if you have them. Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults/£2.00 Child (Booking Essential)

July

Mythical Nightjars at Owlbeech Woods

Friday 6th July 8.30pm to 10.30pm
On this special evening walk we go in search of the mythical Nightjar and hope to hear its fantastic churring call and wing-clapping display. As the sun goes down listen out for Owls, Foxes and Deer too. Warm clothes and Insect repellent advisable. Includes hot drink and biscuits. Meet at Owlbeech Way Car Park, off South Holmes Road, Horsham.
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Dabblers Model Boat Display Day at Southwater Country Park

Sunday 29th July 10.00am to 4.00pm
Meet ‘The Dabblers’ Model Boat Club and watch their model boat display team on the lake. No need to book just come along and see the fantastic range of boats in action and enjoy the rest of the day around the park.
FREE

Pond Dipping and Dragonfly Day at Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Tuesday 31st July 10.00am to 4.00pm
A fantastic pond themed family explorer’s day. Join in the pond-dipping, dragonfly hunting and arty crafts stationed around the Reserve. Fun for all the family! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an Adult. No need to book!
£3.00 per Child (pay on the day) £1.00 per accompanying adult.

August

Bushcraft and Campbuilding at Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Thursday 2nd August 10.00am to 2.00pm
Build your own camp in the woods, source your own wood and then make a wooden tool to take home as well as sampling some tasty woodland tucker! Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£15.00 per Child aged 8-12yrs ONLY (Booking Essential)
Warden for the Day
Experience at Owlbeech Woods

Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August
10.00am to 2.00pm
Fancy a hands on day in the great outdoors?
Then join the warden team for a day... Experience a day in the life of a warden from hands on conservation to feeding the animals, we do it all!
Wear old clothes, sturdy footwear and bring a packed lunch. Meet at Owlbeech Way Car Park, off South Holmes Road, Horsham. £7.00 per Child aged 10-14yrs ONLY (Booking Essential)

Batty Night Out at Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Friday 24th August 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Meet Jenny Clark and her fascinating rescued batty friends, followed by a guided stroll around the Reserve looking for the wild bats of Warnham. Bring warm clothing, a torch and insect repellent. Includes a hot drink and biscuits on arrival.
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Southwater Country Park Triathlon

Sunday 2nd September
8.00am to 1.00pm
Come and watch the popular annual race, as intrepid athletes swim, cycle and run in and around the Country Park. No need to book or pay...Turn up and enjoy the spectacle!
FREE

Batty Night Out at Chesworth Farm

Friday 21st September 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Meet Jenny Clark and her fascinating rescued batty friends, followed by a guided stroll around the farm looking for the wild bats of Chesworth. Bring warm clothing, a torch and insect repellent. Includes a hot drink and biscuits on arrival.
Meet at Chesworth Farm Artist Studio, Chesworth Lane, Horsham.
£7.00 Adults/£4.00 Child (Booking Essential)
April

Eggstravaganza

Wednesday 4th April – 11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm
Celebrate Easter with eggs. Decorating eggs, modelling eggs and making chocolate nests full of eggs. £3 per child. Accompanying adults free. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

A Family Easter at Buchan

Thursday 5th April – between 11am & 4pm
Drop into the Countryside Centre and celebrate Easter with our traditional craft and games event. Card making, flower making, hatbands and a chance to make a “crock or a commie”, £3 per child. Accompanying adults free. An adult must accompany children.

The Easter Treasure Trails

Sunday 8th April – between 1 & 4pm
Monday 9th April – between 1 & 4pm
Can you solve the clues to the Buchan Park Mystery Trails, and find the Easter treasure? Call into the Countryside Centre on the day to find out more and get hunting. £2 per child per trail. Accompanying adults free. An adult must accompany children.

Buchan Bushcraft

Wednesday 11th April – 9.45am to 4pm
Thursday 12th April • Thursday 7th June
Friday 8th June • Tuesday 24th July
Wednesday 29th August
Practical activities for unaccompanied 8-14 year olds. Shelter building, fire lighting, fireside food and tool making, a practical hands-on day learning bushcraft skills. £17.50 per child per session includes hot food for lunch. Booking Essential. For further details, booking/consent forms 01293 542088 or 01293 544120 or e-mail buchan.park@westsussex.gov.uk

May

Hunting For Dragons

Saturday 21st April – 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Celebrate St. George’s Day on the dragon hunter’s trail. Learn about the famous dragons that lived in the dark woods and murky waters of Sussex. Hunt for clues of past and present dragons living in and around the waters of Buchan Park. £3 per child. Accompanying adults free. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre. Booking essential.

International Dawn Chorus Day

Sunday 6th May – 4.45am to 7.30am
Wake up with the birds and enjoy the magic of the dawn chorus, an experience to remember. A 2 mile guided walk followed by continental breakfast at the Countryside Centre. £5 per person (includes coffee & croissant). An adult must accompany children.

“Teddy Bears’ Bumble”

Sunday 13th May – 10.30am to 12.30pm
A chance for the young to crawl, toddle, or trot with their favourite cuddly toy on our guided treasure hunt around the lake with plenty of time to rest, and enjoy stories and games along the way. Pushchairs welcomed but no dogs please. Meet in the Countryside Centre. £2 per child, accompanying teddies and adults free.

“Art In The Park” with “The Friends of Buchan Park”

Sunday 20th May – between 11am & 3pm
Do you fancy being the next “Andy Goldsworthy”? Want to explore your hidden artistic talents? Come along to the Friends of Buchan Park’s outdoor art activities day. Fun for all the family, with a chance to make something big and small. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Donations to the Friends of Buchan Country Park welcomed
**Food for Free and Much More!**

**Saturday 26th May – 2pm to 4pm**

A hunt to find plants used by our ancestors for food and medicine, and which still grow in the country park today. An opportunity to ‘pick and taste’ under the guidance of our very own foraging ranger, finishing with a wholesome bowl of nettle soup! £5 per person (includes soup). An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

**June**

**“Birds and Bats”**

**Friday 1st June – 8pm to 10pm**

Guided walk exploring the wild sounds of Buchan Park. Listen to the changing evening chorus as the night creatures become active, and the daytime ones go to roost. As night falls there will be a chance to see and hear our resident bats feeding. Please bring a torch and insect repellent. £3 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

**Summer Pond Party**

**Wednesday 6th June – between 11am to 1pm & 2 to 4pm**

Join on one of our half-hour pond life sessions. There will be an expert pond warden to help you discover the weird and wonderful world of underwater life using the Park’s professional equipment. Half-hour sessions start at 11am, 11.30am, 12noon, 12.30pm then 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm, and 3.30pm. £1 per person. Unaccompanied adults welcomed. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

**Father’s Day Treats**

**Saturday 16th June – 10am to 4pm**

A day for dads, to discover their bushcraft skills. There will be an opportunity to create fire from friction and make other tools from green wood. A practical hands-on day in the woods designed especially for the male of the species. £10 per dad, includes hot drinks.

**Nightjars**

**Friday 22nd June – 9pm to 10.30pm**

Take a twilight stroll, learn about the ‘goat suckers’ and listen for them ‘churring’ and ‘clapping’. Please bring a torch and insect repellent. £3 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

**“The Friends of Buchan Park” proudly present: “A Fun Dog Show”**

**Sunday 24th June**

Enjoy a special day for dogs (and their owners) of all ages and abilities. Fun for all the family, Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs must be accompanied by an owner! For further details e-mail: chairfob@gmail.com.

Free. Donations to the Friends of Buchan Country Park welcomed.

**Rusper Rovers**

**Saturday 30th June – 10.30am to 3.30pm**

Bring your four legged friend on a gentle ramble from Buchan Park into the countryside around Rusper. Led by canine Rangers Rex and Ellie (with their 2 legged friends Simon and Tom) we will explore the beautiful countryside on Crawley’s doorstep stopping for a Garden Pub lunch on the way. The walk will be approx 8 miles with some stiles on the way. Well behaved dogs on leads only please. No charge but donations towards the upkeep of the park welcome. Remember to bring money for lunch.

**Animal Tracks and Signs**

**Friday 6th July – 9pm to 10.30pm**

Get up close to rodents! We will be setting live traps to catch small mammals and learning how to look for animal signs. Please bring a torch and insect repellent. £3 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

**Buchan Country Park Events Service.**

Do you run a beaver, cub or brownie group? Birthday celebration due? Let the events team at Buchan Park arrange a special event for you. Night Hikes, Pond Dipping Parties and Bushcraft Birthdays are just some of the events on offer. **Prices start from £30. For more information 01293 542088 or 01293 544120 or e-mail buchan.park@westsussex.gov.uk**
**Wildlife Olympics**

**Saturday 14th July – 12noon to 3pm**
Could you run faster than a deer? Hear like a Bat? Or see as well as an Owl? Then why not test your skills at our fun wildlife Olympics. Compete against others in 10 events to test your skills and compare your abilities against the wildlife that calls Buchan Park home. Surprise wild judges and prizes for all competitors! **£3 per child entry fee, must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the countryside centre.**

**The Twilight Zone**

**Saturday 21st July – 8.30pm to 10.30pm**
Find out what ‘crepuscular’ means on a 3 mile guided walk searching for the sights and sounds of dusk. Please bring a torch and insect repellent. **£3 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countrydside Centre.**

**Teddy Bears Lunchtime Party**

**Sunday 22nd July – between 11am & 2pm**
Go on safari with your favourite friend. Bring a rug and food for a picnic in the wild garden. Pond dipping, treasure hunts, storytelling and games. Fun for teddies and cuddly toys of all ages. **£3 per child. Accompanying adults and teddy bears free. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Wild Garden any time between 11am & 2pm. Booking not required. Turn up on the day, and enjoy the party.**

**Family Bushcraft**

**Wednesday 25th July – 10am to 4pm**
**Thursday 30th August**
Bushcraft skills for all the family. Shelter building, fire lighting, fireside food and tool making, a practical hands-on day. **£10 per person includes hot food for lunch. Family ticket (4 persons) £30. For booking form 01293 542088/01293 544120 or e-mail buchan.park@westsussex.gov.uk**

**Buccaneer Rangers**

**Tuesday 31st July, Wednesday 1st August, Thursday 2nd August – 10am to 1pm,**
**Tuesday 7th August, Wednesday 8 August, Thursday 9th August – 10am to 1pm**
Half-day taster sessions for unaccompanied 8-14 year olds of outdoor activities associated with being a countryside ranger. You may come to all three sessions or just attend one or two. **£5 per child per session. For further details, booking/consent forms 01293 542088/01293 544120 e-mail buchan.park@westsussex.gov.uk**

**Meet The Bats**

**Saturday 4th August – 7.30 to 10.30pm**
Have a close up encounter with these mysterious creatures of the night, and take an after dark walk to see what the bat detectors can find. Please bring a torch and insect repellent. A donation will be made to the Sussex Bat Hospital. **£4 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**

**Family Wildlife Safaris**

**Tuesday 14th August, Wednesday 15th August, Thursday 16th August, Tuesday 21st August, Wednesday 22nd August, Thursday 23rd August – 10.30am to 1pm & 2.30 to 4.30pm**
Half-day guided walks for all the family. Activities on a different theme each day as we explore the wild sights, sounds and smells of Buchan Park. Themes include: “Walking with Ancestors”, “Dragons and Damsels”, “The Natural History of Stick Men”. **£3 per child with accompanying adults free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**

**Family Wildlife Safaris**

**“Woodland Wander” and “Heathland Harvest”**

**Friday 31st August – 10.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 4.30pm**
Half-day guided walk for all the family, exploring the woods and heathland of Buchan. Bug hunting, “holiday postcards”, stories and games for all ages and abilities. **£3 per child with accompanying adults free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**
For all walks: a sensible pair of walking boots or shoes are advisable. The level 2 and 3 walks may be wet and muddy and there will be occasional stiles and gates to negotiate.

**Level 1 walks** – Gentle walks, suitable for all

Suitable for the very unfit, those recovering from illness, accident or operation and walkers with limited stamina. No stiles on these walks.

**Goffs Park** 10.30am Tuesdays at Goffs Park, Horsham Road, close to centre of town. The 23 & 24 buses stop just along from the carpark. Join Jayne from the free car-park by the level crossing.

**Broadfield Stream** 10.00am Wednesdays. Meet at the recycling Centre car-park, Broadfield Barton shops, Crawley. Buses 1, 10, & 20 call at the shops. Please join Martin and Katie for a cuppa in the community centre after.

**Cherry Lane, Langley Green** 10.45am Wednesdays at Cherry Lane Recreation Field, Langley Green. The 4 & 5 buses run along the nearby Martyrs Avenue.

**Level 2 walk. A brisk guided walk for an hour, 2-3 miles.**

**Every Tuesday at 9.30**

The Tuesday walk alternates between Buchan Country Park and Tilgate Park. For Buchan, off Horsham Road, meet at the Countryside Centre. Nearest buses 1, 10, 23, 24, 200.

Tilgate Park meet at the carpark on Gainsborough Road, off Titmus Drive Nearest bus 2, 3, 73.

**Change4Life Walk Miles – One-mile family walks.**

Challenge the children to see if they can find the next Walk4Life way markers as you navigate around the one-mile route. To find out where your nearest Walk4Life Mile route is visit [www.crawley.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.crawley.gov.uk/healthwalks)

For more information on getting active outdoors please contact 01293 585318 or visit [http://crawley.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/](http://crawley.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/)

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*For information on “Horsham Healthy Walks” please contact Jill Shuker on 01403 215269 or visit us at [www.horsham.gov.uk/leisure_and_tourism](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/leisure_and_tourism)*
## Crawley Health Walks

**Spring/Summer 2012**

### LEVEL 2 WALKS – ALL, START AT 9.30

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### LEVEL 3 CIRCULAR WALKS – ALL LEVEL 3 WALKS START AT 10.00, UNLESS STATED LONGER WALKS, MAYBE MUD, STILES

All level 3 walks start at 10.00, unless stated. For more information, please contact the walk leaders as appropriate:

**Brenda** 07847 022288 or **Colin** 07841 758931.
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<td>Crawley Down and Turners Hill (4.5 miles) Meet at Rowfant car-park, Wallage Lane, opposite the old station and Colas (Brenda).</td>
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<td>Rusper Ramble (6 miles) Meet at the car park in the High Street, Rusper by the church and the Plough pub (Colin).</td>
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<td>Ifield Impetus (6 miles) Meet at car park behind the Plough Inn, Ifield (Colin).</td>
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<td>Mon. 7th</td>
<td>Balcombe to Ardingly Reservoir (6.5 miles) – Meet in layby on B2036 south, on left before you enter Balcombe village. (Bring a packed lunch) (Brenda).</td>
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<td>Balcombe circular. (3.5 miles) Meet in lay-by on the B2036 South, just before you enter Balcombe on the left (Brenda).</td>
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<td>Staplefield (6 miles) Meet at lay-by on west side of Village Green, opposite the Tanners Pub (Colin).</td>
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<td>Newdigate (5.5 miles) Meet at Surrey Oaks Pub, Parkgate road, Newdigate. (Colin).</td>
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<td>Ardingly to Wakehurst (5 miles). Meet at the Gardeners Arms Pub, on the B2028 Selsfield Road, Ardingly, between the village and Wakehurst Place (Brenda).</td>
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<td>Fri. 29th</td>
<td>Ouse Valley (4½ miles) Meet at Ardingly reservoir carpark 10am Meet at Maidenbower 09.30am to car share (£1.00 to park) (Brenda).</td>
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<td>West Hoathly (New – 6 miles) Meet at the Cat Pub, includes some steep hills (but great views)! (Colin).</td>
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<td>Ardingly (7.5 miles) Meet at lay-by on B2036 just north of Balcombe. Please bring refreshments (Colin).</td>
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<td>Staplefield to Nymans (4.5 miles) Meet at lay-by on west side of Staplefield village green, opposite Jolly Tanners pub, B2114, Staplefield (Brenda).</td>
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Crawley Health Walks

**Spring/Summer 2012**

**Fri. 20th – Handcross Circular (5.5 miles)**
Meet at the Red Lion pub, High St. Handcross. Some hills. (Colin).

**Fri. 27th – Balcombe and Staplefield (5 or 7.5)**
Meet in Balcombe layby on the B2036 South, just before you enter Balcombe on the left. (Please bring refreshments) (Brenda).

**August**

**Fri. 3rd – Rowfant (New 6.5 miles)**
Meet at Rowfant House car-park, Wallage Lane, opposite the old station and Colas (Colin).

**Fri. 10th – Copthorne Common (4 miles)**
Meet Copthorne common Road, side road off Newtown Road, Copthorne (Brenda).

**Fri. 17th – Charlwood (7 miles)**
Meet at Glover’s Road, Charlwood. Returns via Glover’s Wood (Colin).

**Tue. 21st – Rowfant Evening (4 miles)**
Meet at Rowfant House car-park, Wallage Lane, start 5pm (Brenda).

**Mon. 27th – (Bank Holiday). Ardingly to Viaduct (6 miles)**
Meet at the Oak Pub, Street Lane, Ardingly. Booking essential for pub lunch – Brenda 07847 022288.

**September**

**Fri. 7th – Maidenbower to Tilgate Worth (4 or 6 miles)**
Meet at Maidenbower recreation ground, Maidenbower Drive, Crawley (Brenda).

**Fri. 14th – Colgate (6 miles)**
Meet at the Dragon pub, Colgate. Includes part of St Leonard’s Forest and the High Weald Landscape Trail. Some hills (Colin).

**Fri. 21st – Ardingly Circular (3.25 miles)**
Meet at the Oak pub, Street Lane, Ardingly (Brenda).

**Fri. 28th – Rowfant (New 6.5 miles)**
Meet at Rowfant car park, Wallage Lane opposite the old station and Colas. Includes part of the Worth Way (Colin).
April

**Warnham wander (6 miles) Pete**

**Saturday 14th April 10.00am to 13.00pm**

**Dogs:** welcome under close control

**Meeting Place:** Meet at the Sussex Oak pub, Church Street, Warnham RH12 3QW. Lunch at end.

**Transport:** Warnham rail station about 1.5 miles away

**Glover’s Wood (4.5 miles) Kevin**

**Saturday 28th April 10.00am to 12.30pm**

**Dogs:** No dogs

**Meeting place:** St Nicholas Church, Charlwood, RH6 0EE.

May

**Horley circular (8 miles) Pete**

**Saturday 12th May 10.00am to 15.00pm**

**Dogs:** welcome under close control

**Meeting Place:** – Meet at Riverside Park, off the Crescent, Horley. RH6 7LN. Lunch on route at Farmhouse pub.

**Transport:** Horley rail station about 1 mile away

**Airport amble (4 miles) Kevin**

**Saturday 19th May 10.00am to 12.30pm**

**Dogs:** No dogs

**Meeting place:** Parson’s Pig pub, RH10 3NL, on the B2036 Balcombe Road.

June

**St Leonard’s in Summer (5 miles) Kevin**

**Saturday 16th June 10.00am to 12.30pm**

**Dogs:** No dogs

**Meeting place:** Roost Hole car park, off Hammerpond Road, Horsham.

**Map ref:** TQ 208 298.

Capel caper (6 miles) Pete

**Saturday 23rd June 10.00am to 13.00pm**

**Dogs:** No dogs

**Meeting Place:** Memorial hall car park, Mortimer Street, Capel, RH5 5LB.

**Transport:** no. 93 bus goes through Capel from Horsham/Dorking

July

**Lambs Green loop (6 miles) Pete**

**Saturday 7th July 10.00am to 13.00pm**

**Dogs:** welcome under close control

**Meeting Place:** The Lamb Pub, Lambs Green, RH12 4RG.

**Transport:** none available

August

**Leigh – high summer (6.5 miles) Pete**

**Saturday 11th August 10.00am to 13.00pm**

**Dogs:** welcome under close control

**Meeting Place:** Meet at the St Barts. Church, Leigh, parking on road side

**Undulating walk, good views. (7 miles)**

**TQ223468, with lunch at end RH2 8NJ**

**Transport:** 433 bus runs from Reigate

September

**Tilgate Tour (6 miles) Pete**

**Saturday 8th September 10.00am to 13.00pm**

**Dogs:** No dogs

**Meeting Place:** K2 Sports Centre, off Pease Pottage Hill, RH11 9BQ.

**Transport:** No 2 bus from Crawley town centre

All of the following walks will stop to look at wildlife along the way, so a small camera is a good idea. Contributions to Sussex Wildlife Trust are welcome. **Sorry, these are not suitable for wheelchairs.** We recommend you wear suitable walking shoes/boots and bring a cold drink and sunscreen. All timings and distances are approximate.
Bushcraft Days for Children
A great day out in the woods for 8-14 year olds, spent learning wilderness survival skills. Practice shelter building, fire lighting, tool making and identify useful plants for food and medicine.

Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods, Horsham, W. Sussex

6th June; 1st, 8th, 29th August
10.00am to 15.00pm
Cost: £12 for SxWT members/£15 for non members
Toilets: Not available.
Access: No disabled access
Meeting place: Meet in Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods Car Park, off Harwood Road (B2195)
Transport: Bus stop on Harwood Road, 2mins walk from meeting place.
Instructions: Suitable unaccompanied children aged 8-14yrs. Bring a packed lunch. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Booking essential

Tilgate Park, Crawley W. Sussex, RH10 5PQ

26th July; 2nd, 9th, August
10.00am to 15.00pm
Cost: £12 for SxWT members/£15 for non members
Toilets: Yes
Access: No disabled access
Meeting place: Meet outside toilet block adjacent to main car park. No need to pay for parking when dropping off/collecting children.
Transport: Nearest bus stop at Tilgate Parade, 10mins walk along Titmus Drive to meeting place.

Wildlife Events

April

Early Bird gets the Breakfast

Tilgate Park RH10 5PQ
29th April 04.45am to 07.30am
An early start to the day to hear the first birds wake and burst into song is a rewarding experience in itself but is made even more enjoyable when followed by cooking your own fried breakfast over a fire out in the woods and sipping a hot drink!
Cost: £8 SxWT members / £10 non-members. Children aged 10+ yrs, free of charge.
Toilets: Yes.
Access: No disabled access
Dogs: No dogs
Meeting place: Meet outside toilet block adjacent to main car park. Free parking
Transport: Nearest bus stop at Tilgate Parade, 10mins walk along Titmus Drive to meeting place.
Instructions: Suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 10+yrs. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Bring binoculars if you have them. Booking essential.

May

Introduction to Birds of Tilgate Park

Tilgate Park RH10 5PQ
9th May 9.00am to 11.00am
Do you regularly walk in the park and wish you knew more about the birds and other wild animals that make it their home? Join us for a gentle guided stroll around the park while looking out for and listening to the common bird species.
Cost: £3 SxWT members / £5 non-members. Children aged 10+ yrs, free of charge.
Access: Hard surface paths/tracks suitable for mobility vehicles
Dogs: Must be kept under close control
Meeting place: Meet outside car park toilet block. Parking £3.00.
Transport: Nearest bus stop at Tilgate Parade, 10mins walk along Titmus Drive to meeting place.
Utterly Butterflies

Edolph’s Copse, Stan Hill, Charlwood
26th May 9.30am to 11.30am
Join us on a guided stroll along woodland rides and through open glades to see how the warming sunshine of early summer and careful woodland management can benefit these stunning flying insects and the beautiful flowering plants they depend on. Learn about their lifecycles, and how you can help these and other important insects in your garden. Remember, it’s the little things that rule the world!

Cost: £3 SxWT members / £5 non-members. Children aged 10+ yrs, free of charge.
Toilets: Not available
Access: No disabled access
Dogs: No dogs
Meeting Place: Entrance to Edolphs Copse wood, Stan Hill, Charlwood, closest postcode RH6 0EP, Grid ref: TQ234 421
Transport: No buses.
Instructions: Suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 10+yrs. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Bring binoculars if you have them. Booking essential.

Huxley’s Birds of Prey

Tilgate Park, Crawley, RH10 5PQ
8th July 1pm to 4pm
Come and meet some of our native Birds of Prey face to face and learn about their lives and the challenges they face in the wild. This is only the second time that Huxley’s have visited the Park.

Cost: £3 SxWT members / £4 non members / Children under 16 - £2
Toilets: Nature Centre and Café
Access: Rough ground
Dogs: No dogs in Paddock area
Meeting place: Follow the signs from the Nature Centre to the Paddock
Transport: Nearest bus stop at Tilgate Parade, 15mins walk along Titmus Drive to meeting place.
Instructions: No booking required.

August

Bat encounter

Tilgate Park, Crawley, RH10 5PQ
Friday 17th August 6.30pm to 9pm
Another chance to meet the legendary Jenny Clark and her friends from the Sussex Bat Hospital, followed by a short walk in the park to see Bats in their natural habitat. A donation from proceeds will be made to the hospital’s work.

Cost: £3 SxWT members/ £5 non members/ suitable for children 10+ years FREE.
Toilets: Yes
Access: wheelchair access
Dogs: No dogs
Meeting place: Nature Centre classroom.
Transport: Nearest bus stop at Tilgate Parade, 15mins walk along Titmus Drive to meeting place.
Instructions: Please bring a torch and insect repellent.
Booking essential: Please call 01273 497561.

October

NEW Fungi Foray

Tilgate Park Crawley, RH10 5PQ
Sunday 14th October
10am to 12pm approx. (midday)
Join us on an exploration of the fascinating world of Fungi! Years of clearance work on this site have resulted in making it one of the best urban sites for Fungi in West Sussex. Led by Nick Aplin of Sussex Fungus Group.

Cost: £3 SxWT members / £5 non members / suitable for children 10+ years FREE.
Toilets: Yes-Nature Centre and Café.
Access: Not suitable for wheelchairs.
Dogs: No dogs
Meeting place: Nature Centre classroom.
Transport: Nearest bus stop at Tilgate Parade, 15mins walk along Titmus Drive to meeting place.
Instructions: Please note; this is not for identifying edible Fungi.
Booking essential: Please call 01273 497561.
**April**

**Wednesday 4th – Hammond’s Copse. Coppicing.**
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

**Thursday 12th – Leechpool Woods. Boardwalk installation 1.**
Meet at Leechpool Woods car park, off Harwood Road, Horsham. TQ 195 314.

**Wednesday 18th – Riverside Park. Bench installation.**
Meet at Riverside car park, off Crescent Way, Horley. TQ 282 422.

**Sunday 22nd – St Leonard’s Forest. Heathland maintenance.**
Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**Thursday 24th – Newdigate Brickworks. Boardwalk installation 2.**
Meet at Reserve entrance, to the left of new housing. TQ 203 425.

**May**

**Wednesday 2nd – Hammond’s Copse. Gate repairs 1.**
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

**Thursday 10th – Newdigate Brickworks. Boardwalk installation 1.**
Meet at Reserve entrance, to the left of new housing. TQ 203 425.

**Wednesday 16th – Buchan Country Park. Task TBC.**
Meet at the visitor centre, off Horsham Road. TQ 246 347.

**June**

**Thursday 7th – Hammond’s Copse. Gate repairs 2.**
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

**Thursday 21st – Deepdene Terrace, Dorking. Grassland management.**
Meet at end of Deepdene Wood Road, at top of the hill off Punchbowl Lane. TQ 175 489.

**Sunday 24th – St Leonard’s Forest. Heathland maintenance.**
Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**Wednesday 27th – Broadfield Park, Crawley. Laurel and Rhodi clearance.**
Meet at Broadfield House, Broadfield Road, off Pease Pottage Hill. TQ 258 355.

Gatwick Greenspace

Volunteer Tasks

The vehicle leaves Tilgate Park for site at 9.30am. Please ring the day before if you want a lift (first come, first served), or meet on site from 9.45am onwards. **On the day please ring 07788 101544 (or 0777 5907492). See also p19 for details.**
Volunteer Tasks continued

**July**

**Thursday 5th – Hammond’s Copse. Gate repairs 3.**
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

**Wednesday 11th – Ashplat’s Wood SSSI, East Grinstead. Rhodi clearance or Path improvements.**
Meet at Sterling Way, off A264. TQ 407 394.

**Thursday 19th – Betchworth Park, Dorking. Himalayan Balsam removal.**
Meet at the first turning left off Punchbowl Lane, opposite Ladygate Road. TQ 177 496.

**Sunday 22nd – St Leonard’s Forest. Heathland maintenance.**
Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**Wednesday 25th – Willoughby Fields. Small Tree removal.**
Meet at Crawley Rugby Club car park, Ifield Avenue. TQ 253 384.

**August**

**Thursday 2nd – Glover’s Wood. Path repairs.**
Meet at the end of Glover’s Road, off Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 237 410.

**Wednesday 8th – Glover’s Wood. Pond clearance.**
Meet at the end of Glover’s Road, off Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 237 410.

**Thursday 16th – St Leonard’s Park Ponds. Himalayan Balsam removal.**
Park at track entrance (opposite farmhouse) off Hammerpond Road. Map ref: TQ 203 299. The Ponds are a 10 minute walk up the track on your left, across the field.

**Wednesday 22nd – Buchan Country Park. Task TBC.**
Meet at the visitor centre, off Horsham Road. TQ 246 347.

**Sunday 26th – St Leonard’s Forest. Heathland maintenance.**
Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**Thursday 30th – Owlbeech Woods, Horsham. Heathland maintenance 1.**
Meet at the play area car park at the end of Owlbeech Way, off South Holmes Road. TQ 197 316.

**September**

**Wednesday 5th – Edolph’s Copse. Pond clearance #1.**
Meet at main entrance, off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.

**Thursday 13th – Edolph’s Copse. Pond clearance #2.**
Meet at main entrance, off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.

**Wednesday 19th – Owlbeech Woods, Horsham. Heathland maintenance 2.**
Meet at the play area car park at the end of Owlbeech Way, off South Holmes Road. TQ 197 316.

**Sunday 23rd – St Leonard’s Forest. Heathland maintenance.**
Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**Thursday 27th – Maidenbower Pond, Crawley. Pond clearance.**
Meet at Pond entrance, off Billington Drive, Maidenbower. TQ 289 364.

*Extra tasks may be advertised during normal task days and on the website: www.sussexwt.org.uk/community/page00001.htm

Or, for details of more conservation volunteering opportunities in the Horsham District, please visit; www.horshamgreengym.org.uk or call David Jessop on 01403 269384

For volunteering with Buchan Park Rangers, please visit www.buchan.park@westsussex.gov.uk or call 01293 542088.
April

**Spring at the Reserve**

**Saturday 21st April 10.00am to 12.00pm**
Enjoy a guided walk around Warnham Local Nature Reserve taking in some of the spring delights. From the first wildflowers blooming, to the excitement of seeing the first butterfly of the year. Get out and blow away those winter cobwebs!
Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults/£2.00 Child

May

**Dawn Chorus at Warnham**

**Local Nature Reserve**

**Monday 7th May 4.45am to 6.45am**
A special opportunity to visit the Reserve at its best and quietest time and hear Warnham’s natural wonder – The Dawn Chorus. This is an early start to see and hear the Reserve’s resident birds in full song, followed by a hearty cooked breakfast! Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£10.00 Adults/Child (Booking Essential)

June

**Moth Evening at Warnham**

**Local Nature Reserve**

**Friday 15th June 9.00pm to 12.00am**
An evening event where you can learn about the moths found at the Reserve and find out how they can be trapped safely. You will see different types of traps and how they are set, and have the opportunity to examine and identify the moths that find their way to them. Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults/£2.00 Child (Booking Essential)

July

**Adult Pond Dipping at Warnham Local Nature Reserve**

**Monday 16th July 7.00pm to 10.00pm**
Designed for grown-ups who never outgrew (or would like to rekindle) their childhood fascination with pond life, or those who would like to be introduced to it. Hopefully you will be able to identify the ‘catch’ with the aid of a variety of magnifiers and microscopes. All equipment provided. Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults (Booking Essential)

August

**Dusk at the Reserve**

**Thursday 16th August 7.00pm to 9.00pm**
Take a guided walk around Warnham Local Nature Reserve after normal opening hours when this quiet haven is given over to its many wild inhabitants. As the day draws to a close you may get a glimpse of some of the many creatures that live on or visit the Reserve. Meet at Warnham LNR Visitors Centre
£4.00 Adults/£2.00 Child

September

**Pond Dipping Day at Warnham Local Nature Reserve**

**Saturday 8th September 10.30am to 4.00pm**
An opportunity to investigate the fascinating life that lives on and under the water at the dipping ponds. All the necessary equipment will be provided (nets, containers, magnifiers, microscope) so whether you are seven or seventy, drop in at any time during the day for a ‘dip’!
Meet at Warnham LNR Dipping Ponds (Directions from Visitors Centre)
£1.00 Adults for admission to reserve/£1.00 Child to pond dip
The Friends of St Leonard’s Forest was formed on 21st January 1998 to conserve the heath land. This rare, sensitive and ecologically important habitat was becoming overgrown, resulting in fewer sightings of the rare birds, reptiles and invertebrates which it supports.

We would like your help with the following tasks, conserving wildlife friendly habitats, created and maintained by our volunteers:

- Cutting and pulling Birch and other invasive Heathland vegetation along the forest rides, encouraging Heather, Gorse and Alder Buckthorn to thrive.
- Brashing (removing the lower branches of conifers) allowing light into the edge of the plantation allowing more Heather to grow.
- Rhododendron removal. Although most of the big plants have now been removed over the last 10 years. This ongoing work is now looking to control smaller plants and seedlings.
- Pond digging in the wetter areas. So far we have created three ponds which have resulted in an increase in Dragonflies.

The group meets every fourth Sunday of the month at the rangers lodge off Forest Road on the bridal way just south of Colgate. TQ 221 324. Tools are provided.

Contact Mike Heald on 01403 731 885 evenings.

For more information - www.friendsofstleonardsforest.org.uk

New to us?

We usually work from 10 ‘til 4pm but you are free to join or leave us earlier or later… Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. Drink and biscuits are provided, but bring a packed lunch if you are intending to stay all day.

All tools and gloves are provided as well as insurance and supervision. Under 16’s must be accompanied by a responsible adult and please ensure you have an up to date tetanus immunisation. A first aider will be available if needed.
For more information contact Kevin:

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