Countryside events in and around the Horsham, Crawley, Horley and Dorking areas

INCLUDES:
BUCHAN COUNTRY PARK, WARNHAM NATURE RESERVE & TILGATE PARK

Loose Leaf
Autumn Winter 2012/2013

West Sussex County Council
Gatwick Greenspace Partnership
Horsham District Council
Hello and welcome to the second edition of our countryside activities leaflet... "Loose Leaf". This features many of the great things to do outdoors between Crawley and Horsham and up to Dorking and Reigate. Many of our activities are hosted by Buchan Country Park, Tilgate Park and countryside sites in Horsham, other events and a lot of volunteering takes place on the Surrey side of the border, at sites such as Riverside Garden Park in Horley, Edolph’s Copse near Charlwood and Deepdene Terrace in Dorking. Loose Leaf was co-ordinated by Gatwick Greenspace Partnership with Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council.

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The project was set up in 1994 to help manage the green spaces in our area for people and wildlife. The project is supported by London Gatwick Airport, Crawley Borough Council, Horley Town Council, Horsham District Council, Mole Valley District Council, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Surrey County Council and West Sussex County Council.

We are always keen to work at new sites and talk to new people, so if you want to know how you can get involved in our work or simply want to tell us what you are doing to help the wildlife in your area, we would love to hear from you and our contact details are on the back cover.
One thing….

The end of March 2012 saw the culmination of the 3 year HLF funded Forest School project, part of the Weald Forest Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme, which was lead by Tom Forward.

Through Forest School sessions, Bushcraft days, Training and Volunteering nearly 4,000 children, young people and adults were engaged with the fantastic High Weald woodlands and green spaces in our area.

Leads to another…

This project highlighted the case for maintaining environmental education provision within Gatwick Greenspace Partnership. So at the beginning of April and with the support of our partners a permanent Community Project Officer role was created to continue delivering events and education. Tom Forward was lucky enough to be offered this new role after interview, and is looking forward to getting more school children outdoors, putting on a range of family-friendly wildlife events, and engaging young people in working for wildlife.

*New* Wildlife Rangers

As part of this new role, Tom has set up a Wildlife Rangers programme for 12-16yr olds which runs every Friday during school holidays and on the occasional term-time weekend. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to enjoy regular opportunities to learn about and work for wildlife with activities including: practical conservation tasks to improve habitats, identifying, surveying, monitoring plants and animals, gardening for wildlife, country crafts and nature photography.

Feedback has been very positive and we already have nearly 40 children signed up with a regular attendance of 12 per session.

Forthcoming dates: 13th October, 2nd November, 8th December, 4th January 2013, 22nd February.

*COMING SOON* - YOUTH RANGERS programme for 16 -25yr olds.

To find out more or to get involved, contact Tom Forward
Tel: 07771 375 254
Email: tomforward@sussexwt.org.uk
Wildlife Events

October

**Fungi Foray**

Tilgate Park, Crawley  
**Sunday 14 October, 10.00-12noon**

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 Fungi Group. Please note, this is not a course on edible Fungi! Suitable for adults and children (aged 10+). Children must be accompanied by an adult. £5 pp or £3 for SWT members. Children (10 – 16yrs) Free. Booking essential.

**Fruit and Nut**

Tilgate Park, Crawley  
**Wednesday 31st October, 10.00 – 12.00**

A fun family walk spent exploring and foraging in the woods for fruits and nuts of different plants and trees. Learn about seed dispersal and look out for wild animals that make the most of this autumn harvest in order to survive the winter. Search for signs of the Dormice that live in these woods. £3 per person. Under 5yrs go free. Booking essential.

November

**Bushcraft for Children**

Tilgate Park, Crawley  
**Thursday 1st November, 10am – 3pm**

Join us for our ever popular day in the woods for 8-14yr olds, spent learning wilderness survival skills. Practice shelter building, fire lighting, tool making and identifying useful plants for food and medicine. £15 per child, or £12 for SWT members. Booking essential.

**Owl Encounter**

Tilgate Park, Crawley  
**Friday 16 November, 6pm-8pm**

A rare chance to meet these fascinating nocturnal birds up close. Hand reared and rescued British owls from Huxley’s Birds of Prey Centre will be visiting Tilgate Park Nature Centre for the first time ever. Learn about their fascinating lives and why owls are important. Suitable for adults and older children (aged 8+). Children must be accompanied by an adult. £5.50/adult, £2/child (8-16yrs), SWT members, £3.50. Booking essential.

**Winter Trees**

Edolphs Copse, Charlwood  
**Saturday 17th November, 10.00 – 12.00**

Without leaves or flowers trees can be harder to identify. Join us on a guided walk and practice identifying common deciduous trees by twigs and bark and learn about the strategies they adopt to cope with freezing temperatures. Hot drinks and biscuits provided. £5pp or £3 for SWT members. Booking essential.

**Animal Tracks and Signs in Winter**

Tilgate Park, Crawley  
**Sunday 18th November, 10.00 – 12.00**

Join us on a guided woodland walk and learn how to spot and identify animal tracks and signs. Find out how animals are adapted to cope with the changing seasons. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied. £3pp, under 5yrs go free. Booking essential.
December

Community Coppicing

Saturday 1 December, 10am-1pm

Come and learn about this traditional Woodland management and have a go yourself. Discover why it is still an important way of improving our woods and helps our native wildlife. All tools and instruction are provided, but please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear (Wellies or work boots are better than trainers). Suitable for adults and older children (10+). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the new Discovery School, Broadfield Park. Parking is either along the right hand side of the road leading into Broadfield Park from the A23, or in K2 Sports Centre across the road. Sorry, no dogs. The nearest public toilets are at K2 Sports Centre. Free event.

Bushcraft for Children

Tilgate Park, Crawley

Wednesday 20th February, 10.00 – 15.00

A great day out in the woods for 8-14yr olds, spent learning wilderness survival skills. Practice shelter building, fire lighting, tool making and identifying useful plants for food and medicine. £15 per child, or £12 for SWT members. Booking essential.

Winter Warmer

Tilgate Park, Crawley

Saturday 15th December, 14.30 – 16.30

Make and decorate a simple lantern and go for a magical walk into the woods where we will light a warming campfire and enjoy hot chocolate/mulled juice. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £4pp, under 5yrs go free.

January

Beat the Winter Blues with an Early Egg Hunt

Willoughby Fields, Crawley

Sunday 27th January, 10.00 – 12.00

A chance to participate in a winter survey for the eggs of the Brown Hairstreak butterfly. Elusive and hard to see as an adult butterfly, be a part of gathering data to feed into the Sussex Butterfly Atlas and learn more about butterfly life-cycles. Hot drinks and biscuits provided. Suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 12+. £3pp, Booking essential.

February

Feed the Birds

Tilgate Park, Crawley

Saturday 2 February, 10.00 - 12.30

Come and make your own Bird feeders to help our feathered friends during this cold time of year. Not enough food in the wild in the Winter means that many birds will struggle without a helping hand! All materials provided. £3 per child. SWT members & accompanying adults free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.

Bushcraft for Children

Owlbeech Woods, Horsham

Thursday 21st February, 10.00 – 15.00

A great day out in the woods for 8-14yr olds, spent learning wilderness survival skills. Practice shelter building, fire lighting, tool making and identifying useful plants for food and medicine. £15 per child, or £12 for SWT members. Booking essential.

March

Bird and Bat box making

Tilgate Park, Crawley

Saturday 2nd March, 10.00 -1pm

Make a Bird and a Bat box for your garden. Encourage the wildlife in your garden to become your new “neighbours” and by doing so, you will be helping them to raise a family. All materials provided. Suitable for adults and children (aged 8+). Children must be accompanied by an adult. £10 per family (includes 2 boxes). Booking essential. Please state at time of booking if you would like the 10am, 11am or 12pm session.

BST Begins

Tilgate Park, Crawley

Sunday 31st March, 6am – 8.30

Bird Song Trail to start British Summer Time. This might also be called the lazy-persons dawn chorus walk, due to the civilised 6am start. Listen to our resident birds species herald Spring with their cheerful songs. Join our leader to familiarise yourselves with the songs & calls of our resident birds before the arrival of our summer visitors. Hot drinks provided. Beware the clocks going forward! Suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 12+. £5pp, Booking essential.
Helping nature to blossom in the Gatwick Greenspace Project area is Landowner Advisor, Petra Billings, who can show you the best ways to manage your land for wildlife.

After working at Sussex Wildlife Trust for a number of years, Petra has been providing free advice to landowners and land managers in the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership area for the past two years. Petra can help wildlife thrive on your land in a number of ways, including giving advice on habitat management and supporting applications for agri-environment schemes.

In the past, Petra has held several workshops and talks, including a session on managing land for Horses...of which there are many in our area! Petra has also been the main contact in a project to improve a local estate, with the aid of volunteers from Cambridge University’s Officer Training Corps.

There are also plans to run some practical workshops over the winter for landowners and managers, including a session on coppicing, as well as a day on deer awareness run in partnership with the Deer Initiative and the High Weald AONB Unit.

If you would like to make an appointment for Petra, or one of her colleagues, to visit your land, or to find out more about the services we provide, or to register your interest in one of her workshops please do get in touch on 01273 497515 or email her at petrabillings@sussexwt.org.uk
The vehicle leaves Tilgate Park for site at 9.20am. Please ring the day before if you want a lift (first come, first served), or meet on site from 0945am onwards. 
*On the day, please ring 07788 101544 (or 0777 1375254). Please wear suitable clothes and bring a packed lunch. We recommend having a Tetanus jab from your GP before volunteering.*

### October

**Wednesday 3rd – Hammond’s Copse. Coppicing.**
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

**Thursday 11th – Inholm’s Clay Pit NR.**
Grassland maintenance. Park along Inholms Lane, Dorking and meet at Reserve entrance. TQ 176 474.

**Wednesday 17th – Edolph’s Copse. Coppicing.**
Meet at the main entrance off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.

**Thursday 25th – Willoughby Fields. Small Tree removal.**
Meet at Crawley Rugby Club, Ifield avenue, Crawley. TQ 253 384.

**Sunday 28th – 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 31st – Waterlea Meadow. Pond and scrub clearance.**
Meet at the end of Waterlea, off Weald drive, Crawley. TQ 286 362.

### November

**Thursday 8th – Hammond’s Copse. Coppicing.**
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

**Wednesday 14th – Worth Way. Cutting back along path.**
Park on Salehurst Road and meet where footpath crosses the dismantled railway at TQ 304 367. Alternative parking at Osmund Close (TQ 303 366).

**Thursday 22nd – Glover’s Wood. Coppicing.**
Meet at the end of Glover’s Road, off Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 237 410.

**Sunday 25th – 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 28th – King George V Rec. Dorking. Woodland maintenance**
Park and meet by the Rec. Pavillion. TQ 174 477.

### December

**Thursday 6th – Riverside Park, Horley. Task TBC.**
Meet at Riverside car park, off Crescent Way, Horley. TQ 282422.

**Wednesday 12th – Edolph’s Copse. Coppicing.**
Meet at the main entrance off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.

**Sunday 16th – 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 20th – Edolph’s Copse. Xmas task.**
Meet at the main entrance off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.
Volunteer Tasks continued

Wednesday 26th – No task, GGP closed.

January 2013

Thursday 3rd – Hammond’s Copse. Coppicing.
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

Wednesday 9th – Broadfield Park. Laurel and Rhodi clearance.
Meet at Broadfield House, off Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley. TQ 258 355.

Thursday 17th – Glover’s Wood. Coppicing.
Meet at the end of Glover’s Road, off Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 237 410.

Wednesday 23rd – Buchan Country Park. Task TBC.
Meet at visitor’s centre, off Horsham Road. TQ 246 347.

Sunday 27th – 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 31st – King George V Rec.
(See 28th November).

February

Wednesday 6th – Hammond’s Copse. Coppicing.
Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

Thursday 14th – Inholm’s Clay Pit NR. Grassland maintenance
Park along Inholms Lane, Dorking and meet at Reserve entrance, map ref TQ 176 474.

Wednesday 20th – Glover’s Wood. Coppicing or path repairs
Meet at the end of Glover’s Road, off Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 237 410.

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.

Thursday 28th – Great Turner’s Wood. Task TBA.
Meet by Wood entrance on Highland Road, near Holmwood Station, off A24. TQ 174 434.

Meet at the play area carpark at the end of Owlbeech Way off Southolmes Road. TQ 197 316.

March

Meet at the main entrance off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.

Thursday 14th – St Leonard’s Park Ponds, Horsham. Laurel clearance.
Park at track entrance off Hammerpond Road. TQ 203 299. The ponds are a 10 minute walk up the farm track and through the metal gate on your left, across the field (Follow GGP signs).

Wednesday 20th – Glover’s Wood. Coppicing or path repairs.
Meet at the end of Glover’s Road, off Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 237 410.

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.

Thursday 28th – Ashplat’s Wood SSSI, East Grinstead. Task TBC.
Meet at Sterling Way (off A264) and follow the signs. TQ 407 394.

*Extra tasks may be advertised during normal task days and on the GGP page of the SWT website, www.sussexwt.org.uk/community/page00001.htm
*For volunteer tasks in Horsham, see details on page 22.
*For volunteer tasks at Buchan Park, see page 17.
For all walks a sensible pair of walking boots or shoes is advisable. The level two and three 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, an accident or an operation and walkers with limited stamina. There are no stiles on these walks.

**Goffs Park** 10.30am on Tuesdays at Goffs Park, Horsham Road. Join Jayne (07801538843) from the free car park by the level crossing. Bus numbers 23 and 24 stop just along from the car park.

**Broadfield Stream** 10am on Wednesdays. Start and end at Broadfield Community Centre Social Hall. Number 10 bus stops nearby. Walkers are invited to join Martin and Katie (07842 163273) for a cuppa in the community centre after.

**Cherry Lane, Langley Green** 10.30am on Wednesdays. Meet Jayne (07801538843) at Cherry Lane Recreation Field car park, Langley Green. Bus numbers 4 and 5 run along the nearby Martyrs Avenue.

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

**Takes place every Tuesday at 9.30am.**

The Tuesday walk alternates between Buchan Country Park and Tilgate Park. For Buchan, off Horsham Road, meet at the Countryside Centre. Bus numbers 1, 10, 23, 24, and 200 all stop near by. For Tilgate Park, meet at the car park on Gainsborough Road, off Titmus Drive Bus numbers 2, 3, and 73 stop near by.

**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

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

**For more information on “Horsham Health Walks” please contact Jill Shuker on 01403 215269 or visit www.horshamhealthwalks.co.uk**

**For more information on countryside walks in the Crawley area visit www.crawleyramblers.org.uk**

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Crawley Health Walks  Autumn/Winter 2012/13

**Level 2 walks – All start at 9.30**

**October**
- 2nd/16th and 30th – Buchan Park (Visitor Centre)
- 9th and 23rd – Tilgate Park (Playing Field car park)

**November**
- 6th and 20th – Tilgate Park
- 13th and 27th – Buchan Park

**December**
- 4th and 18th – Tilgate Park
- 11th – Buchan Park (sorry no walk on 25th – Christmas Day).

**January**
- 1st – Tilgate Park
- 8th and 22nd – Buchan Park
- 15th and 29th – Tilgate Park

**February**
- 5th and 19th – Buchan Park
- 12th and 26th – Tilgate Park

**March**
- 5th and 19th – Buchan Park
- 12th and 26th – Tilgate Park

**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 (B) or **Colin** 07841 758931 (C).

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<td>Balcome East (B)</td>
<td>TQ 307309</td>
<td>3 miles</td>
<td>Layby to the north of the village on B2036</td>
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<td>Fri 5 Oct</td>
<td>West Hoathly (C)</td>
<td>TQ 364326</td>
<td>7 miles</td>
<td>Meet at The Cat pub, RH19 4PP, and stay for a drink afterwards.</td>
<td>One very steep climb but worth it for the views across the High Weald.</td>
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<td>Fri 12 Oct</td>
<td>Weir Wood Reservoir (C)</td>
<td>TQ 384341</td>
<td>5 miles</td>
<td>Meet at the car park, ¼ mile along Legsheath Lane, south of the reservoir.</td>
<td>Through the High Weald, some steep climbs and woodland. Views of the reservoir from the top of Stone Farm Rocks.</td>
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<td>Sat 13 Oct</td>
<td>Rofant to Crawley Down (B)</td>
<td>TQ 324368</td>
<td>4 miles</td>
<td>Rowfant car park, Wallage Lane, opposite the old station and Colas.</td>
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<td>Thur 18 Oct</td>
<td>Staplefield (B)</td>
<td>TQ 274284</td>
<td>4 miles</td>
<td>Layby on the west side of the village green, opposite the Tanners Pub</td>
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<td>Fri 19 Oct</td>
<td>Ardingly (C)</td>
<td>TQ 309307</td>
<td>7½ miles</td>
<td>Walk starts in Balcombe. Pass under the 11 million bricks and 37 arches that make up the amazing Balcombe viaduct.</td>
<td>Park in lay-by on B2036 just north of the village. Lunch break at Ardingly reservoir for toilets and a “cuppa”</td>
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<td>Staplefield (C)</td>
<td>TQ 275283</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
<td>Meet in lay by on west side of village green opposite The Jolly Tanners pub, RH17 6EF</td>
<td>Walk southwards via Sidnye Farm</td>
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<td>Fri 2 Nov</td>
<td>Ouse Valley (B)</td>
<td>TQ 334287</td>
<td>4 miles</td>
<td>Ardingly reservoir car park</td>
<td>09:30 at Maidensbower Rec to car share</td>
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<td>Fri 9 Nov</td>
<td>Colgate (C)</td>
<td>TQ 229237</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
<td>Meet at The Dragon pub, RH12 4SY, and stay for a drink afterwards.</td>
<td>Walk through St Leonards Forest</td>
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<td>Fri 16 Nov</td>
<td>Rusper (C)</td>
<td>TQ 206375</td>
<td>5½ miles</td>
<td>Meet at Rusper church car park for a pleasant walk.</td>
<td>Walk along part of the Sussex Border Path.</td>
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<td>Thur 15 Nov</td>
<td>Broadfield Bewbush (B)</td>
<td>TQ 247348</td>
<td>4 miles</td>
<td>Buchan county park</td>
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<td>Slaugham (C)</td>
<td>TQ 257299</td>
<td>7 miles</td>
<td>Parking at Slaugham church car park, which may be limited. Further parking opposite the church and at roadside beyond the church. Please park considerately.</td>
<td>Walk to the woods bordering Leonardslee beyond Warninglid.</td>
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<td>Fri 30 Nov</td>
<td>Copthorne Common (B)</td>
<td>TQ 315389</td>
<td>4 miles</td>
<td>Copthorne Common Road Off Newtown Road, Copthorne</td>
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<td>Fri 7 Dec</td>
<td>Leigh (C)</td>
<td>TQ 223468</td>
<td>6½ miles</td>
<td>Park at or near to The Plough pub, RH2 8NJ.</td>
<td>An undulating walk with good views</td>
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<td>Fri 14 Dec</td>
<td>M’bower, T’gate Worth (B)</td>
<td>TQ 296358</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
<td>Maidenbower Recreation Ground, Maidenbower Drive</td>
<td>Booking essential Lunch at Frogshole</td>
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<td>Fri 21 Dec</td>
<td>Slaugham/Handcross (C)</td>
<td>TQ 257299</td>
<td>5½ miles</td>
<td>Parking at Slaugham church car park, which may be limited. Further parking opposite the church and at roadside beyond the church. Please park considerately.</td>
<td>A good walk with some steep climbs through woodland bordering Nyman’s.</td>
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<td>Tues 1 Jan</td>
<td>Tilgate Park (B)</td>
<td>TQ 278351</td>
<td>4 miles</td>
<td>Park at playing fields, off Gainsborough Road, Tilgate</td>
<td>Optional Pub lunch at the end.</td>
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<td>Fri 4 Jan</td>
<td>Lambs Green (C)</td>
<td>TQ 219368</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
<td>(Faygate circular), parking at The Lamb pub, RH12 4RG</td>
<td>Slight inclines but pleasant views.</td>
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<td>Sat 5 Jan</td>
<td>Ardingly north New (B)</td>
<td>TQ 347295</td>
<td>5 miles</td>
<td>The Oak, Street Lane, Ardingly</td>
<td>Lunch at The Oak, booking essential.</td>
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<td>Thur 10 Jan</td>
<td>Crawley Down New</td>
<td>TQ 346375</td>
<td>5 miles</td>
<td>Crawley Down Village centre outside the shops</td>
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<td>Ifield (C)</td>
<td>TQ 247377</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
<td>Meet at car park behind The Plough.</td>
<td>Via The Mount and Orton’s Copse.</td>
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<td>Fri 18 Jan</td>
<td>Newdigate (C)</td>
<td>TQ 206437</td>
<td>5½ miles</td>
<td>Meet at Surrey Oaks pub in Parkgate Road north of Newdigate.</td>
<td>Walk via Hammonds Copse and Refolds Copse</td>
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<td>Fri 25 Jan</td>
<td>Balcombe west (B)</td>
<td>TQ 307309</td>
<td>5 miles</td>
<td>Layby to the north of the village on B2036</td>
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<td>Fri 1 Feb</td>
<td>Charwood (C)</td>
<td>TQ 239411</td>
<td>7 miles</td>
<td>Park in Glover’s Road and stay for a drink in The Half Moon pub, RH6 0DS.</td>
<td>A walk along Pudding Lane and Beggars’ Lane via Cudworth returning through Glover’s Wood.</td>
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<td>Rowfant Turners Hill (B)</td>
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<td>West Hoathly (C)</td>
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<td>Weir Wood Reservoir (C)</td>
<td>TQ 380361</td>
<td>5 miles</td>
<td>Meet at East Grinstead Sports and Country Club Car Park, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, RH19 4JU.</td>
<td>An alternative walk of 5 miles with some climbs up and down towards Weir Wood Reservoir.</td>
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<td>Slaugham (B)</td>
<td>TQ 257299</td>
<td>5½ miles</td>
<td>Parking at Slaugham church car park, which may be limited. Further parking opposite the church and at roadside beyond the church. Please park considerately.</td>
<td>Pleasant walk via Warninglid returning on The High Weald Landscape Trail.</td>
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October

Halloween
Buchan Country Park

Monday 29th October, 2.30pm to 5pm
Carve a pumpkin, make masks and play games. Settle down at twilight to listen to spooky stories. £7 per child, pumpkin included. An adult must accompany children. Accompanying adults free. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

Family Bushcraft
Buchan Country Park

Tuesday 30th October, 10am to 4pm
Practical bushcraft skills for all the family. Shelter building, fire lighting, fireside food and much more. £10 per person includes hot food for lunch. Family ticket (4 people) £30. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

Bushcraft
Buchan Country Park

Wednesday 31st October, 10am to 4pm
Practical bushcraft skills for unaccompanied 8-15 year olds. Shelter building, fire lighting, fireside food and much more. £18 each, includes lunch and refreshments. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

November

Buchaneer Rangers
Buchan Country Park

Thursday 1st November, 10am to 1pm
Experience the conservation work of a countryside ranger. Outdoor activity session for unaccompanied 8-15 year olds. Learn new skills and help wildlife at the same time. £5 per child. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

Spooky Night Hike
Buchan Country Park

Friday November 9th, 6pm to 8.30pm
Look for nocturnal wildlife on a one-mile walk around the park. Followed by hot drinks, spooky stories round the campfire and a torchlight procession back to the Countryside Centre. £5 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

December

Christmas wreath making
Buchan Country Park

Saturday 1st December, 11am to 1pm and 2.30 to 4.30pm
Get creative with natural materials to make your own festive wreath. £6 per person including a mince pie and hot drink. Meet in the Countryside Centre.
**Lights and Lanterns**  
*Buchan Country Park*  
*Saturday 15th December, 3pm to 5pm*  
Celebrate the winter solstice by creating magic lanterns. Lighten up the gloom and listen to stories about this time of darkness. **£4 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**

**Festive Campfire Lighting**  
*Buchan Country Park*  
*Sat 22nd December, 10am to 1pm*  
Learn ancient fire lighting skills. Gather and use the right materials for a quick brew or keeping warm on long winter nights. **£5 per person including hot drink and marshmallows. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**

**January**

**Dogs and Dragons**  
*Buchan Country Park*  
*Thurs 3rd January, 10am to 4pm*  
Join canine ranger Ellie and two-legged friend Tom on an 8-mile walk from Buchan to St Leonards and back. Burn off the Christmas calories and enjoy a nice hot drink in the woods. Well behaved dogs on leads only please. No dog? You’re still welcome to join us. **No charge - donations welcome. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**

**Family Big Garden Birdwatch**  
*Buchan Country Park*  
*Saturday 19th January 2013, between 11am and 3pm*  
Drop into the Countryside Centre and get involved with a national bird survey. Learn to be a bird detective and a master chef for feathered customers. Make bird cake and feeders, enjoy quizzes and games. **£4 per child. An adult must accompany children.**

**Make your own charcoal**  
*Buchan Country Park*  
*Sunday 27th January, 11am to 2.30pm*  
Learn bushcraft skills to light a fire and make your own charcoal to take away. A great natural resource for artists and barbeques! Bring sandwiches for lunch in the woods. **£5 per person including hot drink. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**

**February**

**Bushcraft**  
*Buchan Country Park*  
*Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February, 10am to 4pm*  
Practical bushcraft skills for unaccompanied 8-15 year olds. Shelter building, fire lighting, fireside food and much more. **£18 each, includes lunch and refreshments. Meet in the Countryside Centre.**
Family Bushcraft
Buchan Country Park

Friday 22nd February, 10am to 4pm
Practical bushcraft skills for all the family. Shelter building, fire lighting, fireside food and much more.
£10 per person includes hot food for lunch.
Family ticket (4 people) £30. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

March

Amphibian Amble
Buchan Country Park

Friday 22nd March 2013 6.30pm - 8.30pm
An evening walk and pond dip, searching for frogs, newts and toads emerging from hibernation.
£3 per person. An adult must accompany children. Meet in the Countryside Centre.

Get grubby!
Practical conservation activities with the Buchan Country Park Rangers

Saturday 6th October
Saturday 3rd November
Saturday 8th December
Saturday 5th January
Saturday 2nd February
Saturday 2nd March
We meet at the Countryside Centre at 10am. Learn about the countryside and get active with our practical conservation activities. We visit different habitats each month. Help us cut hay to maintain our meadows, clear birch saplings to make way for heather and coppice trees so light gets to smaller woodland plants. There will be chances to relax and chat, with a hot drink and biscuits!
Please bring lunch. Stout footwear and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.
All tools, gloves and safety equipment are provided. No previous experience necessary. You can stay as long as you wish on the day.
Further info:
01293 542088/544120.
Top 10 tips to help Wildlife in Winter

The tips below might be familiar to you already, but it’s worth a reminder!

1. Clean your Bird feeders in the Autumn to reduce the risk of spreading diseases and don’t forget to keep them topped up during the coldest periods!

2. Avoid lighting a bonfire directly under a pile of garden waste… move it first to flush out any Hedgehogs!

3. Create a log pile in a quiet corner to provide a safe home for small Mammals and keep a small hole open in your fences to allow them to forage for food in neighbouring gardens.

4. Try to delay any cutting or pruning until late February as this will provide shelter for numerous insects overwinter.

5. Cover your compost pile to keep it dry and slightly warmer to also provide shelter for lots of wildlife.

6. Try not to disturb the garden shed too much… Butterflies and other small creatures will be using it to shelter in.

7. Put a small floating object in your Pond to keep it from freezing, which can otherwise suffocate the wildlife trapped below the surface.

8. Put up a Bat box to provide shelter as they move to their Winter roosts.

9. If you need to clean out a Pond, do it before the first frosts if possible, to give the Pond-life time to relocate safely.

10. Don’t forget that Birds need clean drinking (and bathing) water in Winter as well as Summer.
October

Foraging for Fungi
Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Sunday 7th October
Come and join our foraging expert Melissa Waddingham for an introduction into some of the more palatable fungi found at Warnham. Learn how to identify some species and then enjoy a tasty fungi snack afterwards. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm
Cost: £15.00 Adults/£10.00 Under 16
Booking Essential: call 01403 215263

Half-term Family Megabash
Owlbeech Woods

Tuesday 30th October
Looking for something to wear out your little terrors…Why not help us maintain our beautiful heathland at Owlbeech Woods. Bring the whole family for a morning of hands on conservation which will involve, a bonfire, birch pulling, biscuits and tea/coffee! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear old clothes, stout footwear and bring your own gloves.

Time 10.00am to 1.00pm
Cost: FREE (No booking required)

Half-Term Animation Antics
Chesworth Farm

30th & 31st October (2-day course)
A 2-day masterclass in Animation techniques for 9-12 year olds at the Chesworth Farm Studio. A fantastic opportunity for children to create their own animated film involving lot of experimentation and fun!

Time: 10am to 4.00pm
Cost: £150.00 (9-12yrs ONLY)
Booking Essential: call Rosie 07904 073370

November

Wonders of the Night Sky
Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Thursday 1st November
Join our friends from Astronomia, Guildford who will be giving an illustrated talk on the night sky including a cinematic view of the milkyway, and then enjoy a live star gazing experience (weather permitting) with a hot mug of soup out on the reserve.

Time: 7.00pm to 9.30pm
Cost: £6.00 Adult/£4.00 Under 16
Booking Essential: call 01403 215263

Field Skills: Introduction to Coppicing
Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Saturday 10th November
Experience this ancient technique of sustainable woodland management in the beautiful setting of Warnham Local Nature Reserve. Learn about the history, tools and techniques of coppicing and get your hands dirty harvesting some of the abundant willow around the millpond.

Time: 10.30am to 1.30pm
Cost £15.00 (Adults Only)
Booking Essential: call 01403 215263

Autumn Amble
Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Thursday 15th November
Ever wanted to be shown the seasonal delights Warnham LNR has to offer. This is your chance…a 2-hour warden-led walk around the reserve taking in everything from birds to mammals and much much more.

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm
Cost: £4.00 Adult
Booking Essential: call 01403 215263
December

**Field Skills: Introduction to Hurdle Making**
**Chesworth Farm**

**Saturday 8th December**
Ever wondered how to make hurdles out of cut willow or hazel? This interactive short course will show the basic techniques of hurdle making using freshly coppiced willow. It also gives you the chance to make your own hurdle for us to use on the nature reserve.

**Time:** 10.30am to 1.30pm  
**Cost:** £15.00 (Adults Only)  
**Booking Essential:** call 01403 215263

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**January**

**Winter Wander**
**Warnham Local Nature Reserve**

**Wednesday 16th January**
The winter period is a very busy time at the Reserve with many birds and mammals using the ponds and hedgerows for shelter. This 2-hour warden led walk will open your eyes to how important the reserve is for Horsham’s wildlife at this time of year.

**Time:** 10.30am to 12.30pm  
**Cost:** £4.00 Adult  
**Booking Essential:** call 01403 215263

**Field Skills: Introduction to Hedge-laying**
**Southwater Country Park**

**Saturday 19th January**
Hedgerows are a unique feature of the heritage of the English countryside. They provide a major shelter and food source for a huge variety of flora and fauna. This short course will provide you with an understanding of their importance and the basic skills to create and manage your own wildlife rich hedgerow.

**Time:** 10.30am to 1.30pm  
**Cost:** £15.00 (Adults Only)  
**Booking Essential:** call 01403 215263

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**February**

**Field Skills: Introduction to Dry-stone Walls**
**Chesworth Farm**

**Saturday 9th February**
Dry-stone Walls are a traditional method of fencing and sadly are a dying art form. Come and learn how to construct a dry-stone wall and find out more about regional variations. Then get hands on building your own wall in the rewarding taster session.

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**Time:** 10.00am to 1.00pm  
**Cost:** FREE (No booking required)

**Crafty Kids Nature Walk**
**Warnham Local Nature Reserve**

**Thursday 21st February**
Bring your little nippers to Warnham for an action-packed, wintery walk around the Reserve. Taking in the wildlife as we go and enjoying natural craft activities along the way. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Time:** 10.00am to 12.00pm  
**Cost:** £4.00 Child (4-7yrs ONLY)  
**Accompanying Adult Free**  
**Booking Essential:** call 01403 215263
October

**Feed the Birds Day**

**Sunday 28th October**
Come down to the reserve for some hands-on family fun. Learn how and what to feed the birds in your garden. Make a variety of bird feeders to take home, or buy a readymade example. Puzzles, trails and ‘Guide in a Hide’ all add to the experience!

**Time:** 10.00am to 4.00pm  
**Cost:** £1.00 Adult (Usual permit entry)/ £2.00 Under 16's FREE

**November**

**Fungi Foray**

**Sunday 4th November**
Join our fungi expert Prof. Maurice Moss on a morning tour of the Reserve to explore a wide range of fascinating fungi, toadstools and mushrooms which are hiding in the woodland.

**Booking Essential:** call 01403 259592  
**Time:** 10.15am to 12.30pm  
**Cost:** £4.00 Adults/£2.00 Under 16

December

**Xmas Wreath Making**

**Thursday 13th December**
Learn how to design and make your very own Xmas wreaths or festive swag to take home. All materials used are natural and will be provided, but please bring your own secateurs and gloves. Tea/coffee and a mince pie all included.

**Booking Essential:** call 01403 259592  
**Time:** 10.00am to 12.00pm  
**Cost:** £10.00 Adults Only

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**Booking Essential:** call 01403 259592  
**Time:** 10.00am to 12.00pm  
**Cost:** £10.00 Adults Only

January

**New Years Day Walk**

**Tuesday 1st January**
What better way to start the New Year than by offsetting the effects of festive feasting with an exhilarating four mile cross-country walk around Warnham and the surrounding area. (Stout shoes or wellies recommended) Start and finish at Warnham Local Nature Reserve car park.

**Time:** 10.00am to 12.30pm  
**Cost:** £4.00 Adults/£2.00 Under 16

February

**Introduction to Winter Birds**

**Saturday 16th February**
Interested in nature and keen on birds? Join us at our beginner’s guide to the birds that visit the Reserve in the winter months. From wildfowl to thrushes we will learn how to identify each of the birds we come across.

**Booking Essential:** call 01403 259592  
**Time:** 8.30am to 10.30am  
**Cost:** £4.00 Adults/£2.00 Under 16

March

**Migration: Birds, Bugs and Beasts**

**Tuesday 12th March**
An illustrated talk by Warden Jacob Everitt on the amazing journey many insects and animals go through each year. From Moths to Ospreys learn about the incredible distances travelled to breed or feed.

**Booking Essential:** call 01403 259592  
**Time:** 7.30pm to 9.30pm  
**Cost:** £4.00 Adults/£2.00 Under 16
If you live in, or close to Horsham, and are interested in improving the local environment, while learning new skills, getting exercise and making new friends, you may like to consider belonging to Horsham Green Gym.

This independent nature conservation group run by its members, with support from Horsham District Council, was formed in 2005.

The group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1.0 pm. You can attend on either day or both, as your other interests and commitments permit. Activities are taken at your own pace, but there is always something to get your heart, lungs and muscles working. You can work at your own pace and in safety and can leave the site at any time as long as you let the leader know.

Membership is free and open to all ages and, in fact, there is a 60-year difference between the ages of the youngest and oldest members!

All tasks are related to nature conservation but some, like bench installations, installing a gate in place of a style or creating a new path over a muddy area, help others to enjoy nature and the outdoors.

Tools, gloves and refreshments are supplied.

If you would like to join, it’s a good idea to phone beforehand. For the Tuesday group, call Dick on 07976 151226 and for the Thursday group call David on 01403 269384.

Remember to be a few minutes early at the meeting place (which varies) as they move off promptly, and wear suitable clothes for the weather and the task.

The website www.horshamgreengym.org.uk has details of the programme and meeting places.
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.
The Gatwick Greenspace Partnership is managed by Sussex Wildlife Trust and supported by Surrey County Council, West Sussex County Council, Crawley Borough Council, Horsham District Council, Mole Valley District Council, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Horley Town Council & Gatwick Airport Ltd, Arcadia (The charitable foundation of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin).