

## Monday Morning Meanders

Walks start at 10am and last up to 2 hours.  
No need to book, and the walks are free.



### 7 May **Millhams Mead**

St. Andrew's Church car park, Millhams Road (BH10 7LN)

### 14 May **The Chines**

Southern entrance to Alum Chine, Alumhurst Rd (BH4 8HS)

### 21 May **Hengistbury Head**

Solent Meads golf course car park, Rolls Drive (BH6 4NA)

### 28 May **Stour Valley (Wilderness Way)**

Granby Road car park, off Muscliffe Lane (BH9 1PZ)

### 4 June **Southbourne Overcliff**

Fisherman's Walk cliff lift (BH6 3TD)

### 11 June **Redhill Park and Common**

Redhill Park car park, off Redhill Drive (BH9 2SW)

### 18 June **Sheepwash**

Entrance opposite Iford Bridge pub (BH6 5RG)

### 25 June **Kinson Common**

By play area on Common, off Poole Lane (BH11 9DP)

### 2 July **Riverlands and Wick**

Wick Lane car park (BH6 4LF)

### 9 July **Bournemouth Gardens**

Coy Pond, Coy Pond Road (BH12 1JU)

### 16 July **Strouden Woods**

Side of Homebase, Castle Lane Retail Park (BH8 9PE)

### 23 July **Throop**

Throop Mill car park, Throop Road (BH8 0DH)

### 30 July **Boscombe Chine Gardens**

Gravel car park off East Overcliff Drive (BH1 3HP)

### 6 Aug **Turbary Common**

Layby opposite 120 Turbary Park Avenue (BH11 8HJ)

### 13 Aug **Stour Valley (Meadows Walk)**

Granby Road car park, off Muscliffe Lane (BH9 3NZ)

### 20 Aug **Longham Lakes**

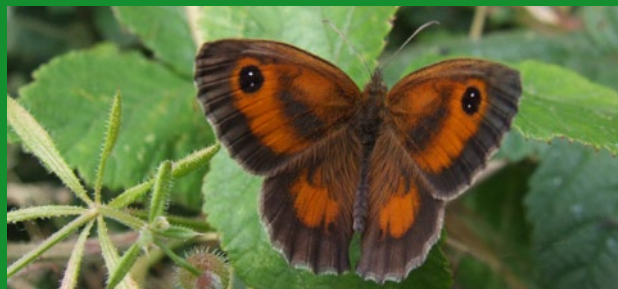
Car park off A348, just past Kings Arms (BH22 9AA)

### 27 Aug **Littledown and Kings Park**

Steps in Littledown Centre car park (BH7 7DX)

## Great Wildlife Exploration Day

The Great Wildlife Exploration at Hengistbury Head will take place again this year on the 9th of June. This family-friendly and completely free event is an exciting opportunity to explore Hengistbury's nature through guided walks with some of the county's leading wildlife experts, whilst helping our Rangers to conserve our local species!



Please follow our Hengistbury Head Great Wildlife Exploration facebook page for the latest updates on the day, and for all the information about the individual guided walks! Walks will start at the Visitor Centre, and there will be guided walks throughout the day.

## Contact us



Join us on social media for the latest news and events.

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# Guided Walks and Events

May to August 2018

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## Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre Events

Please phone **01202 451618** for more details, or if booking required.

### Regular Events

**Tuesdays 10.30am – 12pm from 8 May to 17 Jul Pottery Club for adults**  
Explore hand building techniques such as thumb, slab and coil pot making. Learn how to underglaze and glaze your pottery. Create your own pots and sculptures that will be taken home once they have been kiln-fired. All material and tuition will be provided, as well as a cup of tea or coffee. £10 per session. No need to book.



**Hengistbury Writers First Tuesday of the month 1 May, 5 June, 3 July & 7 Aug 2pm – 4pm**  
Come along and join this friendly and informal group of writers. Writers of all abilities and interests are welcome, from complete beginners to novelists and poets, and article writers to script writers. Come and share your knowledge, experience and ideas, and receive helpful feedback. No need to book. Suggested donation £2. Hot drink provided (and maybe a biscuit or two!)



**Sand Art Morning sessions 10.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon sessions 1.30pm – 3.30pm**  
Join Sally for a fun and very popular activity for children and adults alike. Make a lovely picture by peeling sections of paper away and then pouring colourful sand on the sticky surface revealed. Very easy to do, and very relaxing. There is no need to book on the sessions, but allow about half an hour to complete your picture. Pictures cost between £2.50 and £5.  
Dates are:

- Sat 5 May – pm
- Sun 27 May – pm
- Wed 30 May – am
- Sun 17 June – pm
- Sun 24 June – am
- Sun 22 July – am
- Tue 31 July – pm
- Wed 8 Aug – am
- Wed 15 Aug – am
- Sat 18 Aug – pm
- Wed 22 Aug – am
- Sun 26 Aug – pm
- Wed 29 Aug – am



### Fossil Art

**All sessions 1.30pm – 3.30pm**  
Join John House to make some very realistic-looking fossils using natural materials. This is a great event for anyone, young and old, interested in fossils. John has been published in the Who's Who in Visual Art, and has exhibited in London. No need to book. £5 per person  
Dates are:

- Sat 12 May
- Sat 23 June
- Sat 28 July
- Sat 11 Aug
- Sat 25 Aug



### Cave Painting

**All sessions 1.30pm – 3.30pm**  
Join John House for a cave painting session. Create some unique artwork to take home, using various materials. £5 per person. These events are suitable for children and adults. No need to book.  
Dates are:

- Sat 26 May
- Sat 14 July
- Thu 9 Aug
- Thu 16 Aug
- Tue 28 Aug

### Other Events

**Tue 22 May 1 – 3pm Needle Felting for adults**  
Join Debra Marsh to learn the basic skills of needle felting. She will show you how to create something at the session which you will then be able to take home with you. **Booking essential.** £10 per person, including a hot drink.

**Tue 29 May 10am – 4pm Ceramic Plaque Workshop**  
Come and create a unique piece of glazed pottery. 30-minute slots available throughout the day. Suitable for children and adults (children must be supervised). The work will be kiln-fired and will then need collecting from the Visitor Centre at a later date. Cost £10 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Fri 1 June 10am – 12pm 'It's a Bug's Life'**  
Children's craft workshop - create your very own selection of bugs and bug hotel for all those creepy crawlies coming our way this summer. £10 per child. **Booking essential.**



**Sat 9 June All day The Great Wildlife Exploration**  
Explore Hengistbury Head's nature through guided walks, and help the Rangers to record as much wildlife as possible during the day. See back panel of this leaflet for more information.

**Sun 10 June 6.00 – 8.30am Early Morning Bird Walk**  
As part of The Great Wildlife Exploration, we will be trying to see and hear as many birds as possible. Free - no need to book.

**Sun 8 July 10am – 1pm Sketching the Head**  
Taking an experimental approach to creating a sketchbook, recording the varied landscape of the head with multimedia materials such as charcoal, graphite, ink and wax to develop composition and a selective eye. Bring a sketchbook, packed lunch and a portable stool. All other materials provided. Suitable for all levels of ability. **Booking essential.** Cost £20

**Sun 15 July 10am – 4pm Colours of the Head**  
Using paints of your choice - oil, acrylic, gouache, watercolour, and/or oil/chalk pastels to develop a response to the colours of the landscape. Some materials provided. Please bring a sketchbook, paints and brushes of your choice, a portable stool and a packed lunch. Suitable for all levels of ability. **Booking essential.** £45 per person.

**Tue 17 July 1 – 3pm Needle Felting for adults**  
Join craft expert Debra Marsh to learn some of the basics of needle felting, and then take your work home with you. **Booking essential.** £10 per person, including a cup of tea or coffee.



**Fri 27 July 10am – 12pm 'By The Sea'**  
Children's craft and art workshop - use various materials to create a canvas picture portraying the natural beauties of Hengistbury Head. Cost £10 per child. **Booking essential.**

**Thu 2 Aug 10am – 4pm Ceramic Workshop**  
Come and create a unique piece of glazed pottery. 30-minute slots available throughout the day. Suitable for children and adults (children must be supervised). The work will be kiln-fired and will then need collecting from the Visitor Centre at a later date. Cost £10 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Tue 7 Aug 1 – 2.30pm Butterfly Bunting**  
Join Debra for this lovely craft activity for children. Make some colourful butterfly bunting to take home with you. **Booking essential.** £6 per child.

**Tue 14 Aug 1 – 3pm Flower Arranging**  
Tutor Debra Marsh will help you to put together your own arrangement. All flowers and tuition provided. **Booking essential.** £25 per person including a cup of tea or coffee.

**Thur 16 Aug 10.30am – 12.30pm Make a Clay Starfish**  
Debra is back with this very popular event for children. Make a starfish using clay. **Booking essential** - spaces limited. £6 per child.

**Tue 21 Aug 10am – 4pm Ceramic Workshop**  
Come and create a unique piece of glazed pottery. 30-minute slots available throughout the day. Suitable for children and adults (children must be supervised). The work will be kiln-fired and will then need collecting from the Visitor Centre at a later date. Cost £10 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Fri 31 Aug 10.30am – 12.30pm 'Come Fly With Me'**  
Children's craft and art workshop. Design and make a unique air show souvenir on canvas, capturing the vibrant colours that the Red Arrows create. £10 per child. **Booking essential.**



**New Leaf Health Walks Mondays from 7 May 10 – 11.30am**  
Get into nature in 2018 and live a healthier life! These weekly walks will help you get active in nature. No need to book. For more information on health benefits call LiveWell Dorset on 0800 840 1628 and ask about Natural Choices.

**Junior Rangers Club Sundays from 13 May 10am – 12pm Every 2nd and 4th Sunday**  
A fun club for 11-15 year olds interested in conservation and the outdoors. Carry out practical conservation tasks, and learn about countryside practices and the wildlife of the reserve.

**Wild Craft Sundays 2pm – 4pm 27 May, 24 June, 29 July, 26 Aug**  
Try your hand at stone painting - wildlife, scenery, flowers - whatever you can imagine. Use acrylic paint to create a lasting work of art. No need to book. Suggested donation £2.

### Other Events

**Mon 21 May 9 – 10am Moth Morning**  
Join the Rangers to learn the names of the colourful and varied moths caught overnight. Free - no need to book.

**Mon 21 May 10am – 12.30pm Wild Flower Walk**  
Join the Rangers to see what's in flower along the Stour. Free - no need to book.

**Mon 28 May 8.30 – 10.30pm Moth Evening**  
Join the rangers for an exciting evening to find out all about the colourful and varied moths of the area. Free, but **booking essential.**

**Mon 4 June 11.30am – 1pm Butterfly Walk**  
Join the Rangers for a Stour walk to discover some of the species of butterflies to be found on the reserve. Free, but **booking essential.**



**Mon 11 June 11am – 1pm Dragonflies and Damselflies**  
Learn to identify these colourful insects, which are common along the river and by the ponds on the reserve. Free - no need to book.

**Moth Morning Mon 18 June 9 – 10am**  
Join the Rangers to learn the names of the colourful and varied moths caught overnight. Free - no need to book.

**Mon 25 June 10am – 1.30pm Gulliver's Trail Guided Walk**  
A guided walk with the Rangers along the fascinating Gulliver's Trail. Starts at St. Andrews Church, Millhams Mead. Cost £2.50 - **booking essential.**



**Tue 26 June 2 – 3.30pm Poetry Along the Stour (for adults)**  
A walk, stand and connect with the river session lead by a local poet. Free, but **booking essential.**

**Mon 2 Jul 10am – 1.30pm 7 Mile Loop of the River Stour**  
Join the Rangers on this fascinating guided walk along the Stour. Rounded off with a cream tea! £5 per person. **Booking essential.**



**Mon 9 July 11.30am – 1pm Butterfly Walk**  
Join the Rangers for a Stour walk to discover some of the species of butterflies to be found on the reserve. Free, but **booking essential.**

**Mon 16 July 9 – 10am Moth Morning**  
Join the Rangers to learn the names of the colourful and varied moths caught overnight. Free - no need to book.

**Mon 16 July 10.30am – 12.30pm Tree Walk**  
Take a stroll with the Rangers to find out about the trees to be found in the Stour Valley Local Nature Reserve. Free - no need to book.

**Mon 23 July 11am – 1pm Dragonflies and Damselflies**  
Learn to identify these colourful insects, which are common along the river and by the ponds on the reserve. Free - no need to book.

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**Mon 13 Aug 10am – 12.30pm Wild Flower Walk**  
Join the Rangers to see what's in flower along the Stour. Free - no need to book.

**Sun 19 Aug 6am – 10pm Stour Valley Bioblitz**  
Join the Rangers and a host of local experts to see how many plant and animal species we can record. Starts at 6am with a bird walk. For details of all the events during the day, visit our Facebook page or phone 01202 451548.



**Mon 27 Aug 10am – 1.30pm 7 Mile Loop of the River Stour**  
Join the Rangers on this fascinating guided walk along the Stour. Rounded off with a cream tea! £5 per person. **Booking essential.**



## Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre Events



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### Regular events

**Nature Tots Tuesdays from 1 May 10.30 – 11.30am**  
Give your little ones a love of nature. Come along for a different activity each week. For ages 2 – 4. Suggested donation £2.50 – free hot drinks for accompanying adults. No need to book.

**Pond Dipping Wednesdays from 2 May 11am – 3pm**  
Come to Kingfisher Barn and pick up a pond ID sheet and tray, then go for a dip. Take a look at the amazing creatures to be found in the wildlife pond, or why not check out the river! Lots of fun for all ages. Children must be supervised. Free - no need to book.



**Nature Club Thursdays from 3 May 10.30 – 11.30am**  
Give your little ones a love of nature with these fun activities. Suggested donation £2.50 – free hot drinks for accompanying adults. No need to book.

## Introducing Park Cafés



Fantastic food in picturesque places is surely a winning combination. But what's even better is knowing the pennies you spend in our new Park Cafés will help support Bournemouth's beautiful parks and open spaces.

Now you can enjoy a coffee, have a meal, party or meeting to support your local park. Woodpecker Café at Queen's Park, Hedgehog Kiosk in the Lower Gardens, Squirrel Café & Mini Golf at Boscombe Chine Gardens and now Fox Café at Redhill Park are all owned and operated by the Parks team from Bournemouth Borough Council.

Chef Darren Roser heads up the team, working from the HQ at Queen's Park. Darren is passionate about great food being coupled with exceptional customer service. Hailing from Brisbane, Australia, he is a highly-experienced chef who is cooking up a wealth of ideas to develop menus for breakfasts, lunch, hot drinks and snacks - using locally-sourced, high quality ingredients.



We've recently removed plastic packaging from our sites, and our new menus highlight healthier options for everyone – from kids' drinks to snacks and hot meals.

Our venues are also available to hire for your next event, and there are special offers on kids' mini golf throughout the season!

Visit [www.parkcafes.co.uk](http://www.parkcafes.co.uk) for more details.

## Charles Rolls and the Heritage Patio at Hengistbury Head



In what was a tragedy for both the family and the country, the co-founder of Rolls-Royce was killed at Britain's first International Aviation Meeting in 1910 at Southbourne Aerodrome. The meeting was part of the town's huge celebrations for the centenary of the founding of Bournemouth in 1810.

When he was battling strong winds in his Wright Flyer during the Alighting Competition, a recently-added tail-plane broke up, so making the machine impossible to control. Death was almost immediate. He was just 32 years old.



Although a ground level plaque commemorates the crash within the grounds of St.Peter's School playing fields, this is out of public view and little known.

The educational object of the Charles Rolls Memorial Trust (Registered Charity No.1174592) is to celebrate both the life of this pioneering aviator and the nationally important Aviation Meeting. The heritage patio, planned to be built in 2019, will have four interpretive panels and a steel sculpture of the aircraft.

[www.charlesrollsmemorialtrust.org.uk](http://www.charlesrollsmemorialtrust.org.uk)

## Help Your Local Nature Reserve

The Stour Valley Supporters are looking for more enthusiastic individuals to join their vibrant community group to help support the management of the Stour Valley Local Nature Reserve in north Bournemouth.

This beautiful reserve is home to iconic wildlife such as otters and kingfishers with the majestic River Stour meandering through the reserve.



The group works alongside the Stour Valley Rangers every Tuesday (9am-1pm at the Kingfisher Barn) to help manage the reserve's special habitats for the benefit of wildlife and people. The Stour Valley Supporters also raise money to fund special projects on the reserve such as new benches, interpretation signs or wildflower meadows.

The group holds regular meetings and social gatherings throughout the year so there is plenty to get involved with!



**If you would like to find out more please visit their Facebook page: [facebook.com/stourvalleysupporters](https://www.facebook.com/stourvalleysupporters) or email [stourvalley@hotmail.com](mailto:stourvalley@hotmail.com)**