

## Monday Morning Meanders

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



### 1 May **Sheepwash**

Entrance opposite Iford Bridge pub (BH6 5RG)

### 8 May **Kinson Common**

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

### 15 May **Riverlands and Wick**

Wick Lane car park (BH6 4LF)

### 22 May **Bournemouth Gardens**

Coy Pond, Coy Pond Road (BH12 1JU)

### 29 May **Stour Valley (Meadows Walk)**

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

### 5 June **Strouden Woods**

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

### 12 June **Throop**

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

### 19 June **Boscombe Chine Gardens**

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

### 26 June **Turbary Common**

Layby opposite 120 Turbary Park Avenue (BH11 8HJ)

### 3 July **Littledown and Kings Park**

Steps in Littledown Centre car park (BH7 7DX)

### 10 July **Iford Meadows**

Playing fields car park, off Iford Lane (BH6 5NF)

### 17 July **Stanpit Marsh**

In car park in Stanpit (road) (BH23 3ND)

### 24 July **Longham Lakes**

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

### 31 July **Hengistbury Head**

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

### 7 Aug **Millhams Mead**

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

### 14 Aug **The Chines**

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

### 21 Aug **Southbourne Overcliff**

Fisherman's Walk cliff lift (BH6 3TD)

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

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

## Volunteering

Our team of dedicated volunteers assists us with the day-to-day running of Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre and Kingfisher Barn, as well as with events, activities and practical work across our nature reserves and open spaces. We are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to get involved, or find out more, please call **01202 451618**, or email us at **Richard.hesketh@bournemouth.gov.uk**



## Contact us



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

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# Guided Walks and Events

May to August 2017

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## Hengistbury Head Events

For Hengistbury Head events, please phone **01202 451618**. These events all start at the Visitor Centre.

### Regular Events

**Tues mornings 10.30am 18th April to 18th July Pushchair Safaris**  
Join our rangers for a guided buggy walk around Hengistbury Head and discover some of the wildlife that lives here. £3 per person (no charge for under-5s). No need to book.

**1st Tues of the month 2 – 4 pm Hengistbury Writers**  
Join this newly formed, friendly group and get creative, drawing inspiration from Hengistbury Head, its flora and fauna. No previous writing experience necessary. No need to book; donation welcome.



**1st Thurs of month 2pm – 4pm Adult Craft Afternoons**  
Join Debra Marsh for a super variety of different craft activities. See One-Off Events listings for details. £20 per session, including materials and tuition. **Booking essential.**

**Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm After School Craft Club**  
Join artist and maker Debra Marsh and have fun creating your own individual masterpiece to take home. We will be making with clay, printmaking, sculpture and painting. Starts 6 June. £6.50 per child. **Booking essential.**

**Monday pms in Summer Hols Fossil Art and Cave Painting.**  
See One-Off Events listings for details.

**Mon and Fri in Summer Hols 2.30pm – 4.30pm Heads-up Club**  
Fun writing activities for children of ALL ages! Free; no need to book. Starts Mon 24 July

**Wednesday mornings 10am 26 July – 30 August Wild Wednesdays**  
Fun nature activities for children, including pond dipping, bug hunts, moth spotting and more. £5 per child. **Booking essential.**



### One-Off Events

All events start at the Visitor Centre. Phone **01202 451618** for information, or to book.

**Tue 2 May 2pm – 4pm Hengistbury Writers**  
See Regular Events above.

**Thu 4 May 2pm – 4pm Adult Craft Afternoon**  
Introduction to needle felting with Debra Marsh. Make a beautiful flower brooch. £20 per person, including materials and tuition. **Booking essential.**

**Sat 6 May 8pm – 10pm Natterjack Toad Expedition**  
Join us on this dusk walk to go in search of their loud calls, and hopefully catch a glimpse of these fascinating creatures. £5 adults, £3 under-16s. **Booking essential.**

**Sat 13 May 11am – 1pm Clay Crafts**  
Join Debra Marsh for this children's craft activity, to make a snail on a leaf. £4 per child. No need to book, just drop in.

**Sat 13 May 2pm – 4pm Sand Art**  
Make a picture using colourful sand. Easy to do, and lots of fun. Pictures vary from £2.50 to £5. No need to book.

**Sat 13 May 8pm – 10pm Natterjack Toad Expedition**  
Another chance to go in search of this rare amphibian. See 6th May. **Booking essential.**



**Sun 14 May 5.30am – 9.30am Bird Songs and Breakfast**  
Learn the songs of resident and migrant birds on this annual walk, rounded off with cooked breakfast and hot drink at Hiker Café. £12 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Sun 14 May 2pm – 3pm Cave Painting**  
Join artist, John House, to create works of art from natural materials. Receive a genuine fossil along with your artwork to keep. £5 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Thu 25 May 11am -11.45am Toddlers' Tales**  
Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers. £3 per child (includes a hot drink for the accompanying adult). **Booking essential.**

**Sat 27 May 11am – 1pm Clay Crafts**  
Join Debra Marsh for this children's craft activity, to make a clay starfish. £4 per child. No need to book, just drop in.

**Sat 27 May 2pm – 3pm Fossil Art**  
Make some fantastic works of art from natural materials, that look and feel like real fossils. Receive a genuine fossil along with your artwork to keep. £5 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Tue 30 May 2pm – 4pm Get Crafty!**  
Join Debra Marsh for another creative session of crafts. Everything Debra makes is nature-related. £4 per child. No need to book, just drop in.

**Thu 1 June 2pm – 4pm Adult Craft Afternoon \*wedding special\***  
Join Debra to make corsage and buttonholes ready for that special wedding. £20 per person, including materials and tuition. **Booking essential.**

**Fri 2 June 2pm – 4pm Cave Painting**  
Join artist John House to create works of art from natural materials, and by mixing your own cave paints. £3.50 per person. No need to book, just drop in.

**Sat 3 June 2pm – 4pm Get Crafty with Debra Marsh.**  
Come along and make something with a nature theme to take home. £4 per child. No need to book, just drop in.

**Tues 6 June 3.30pm – 4.30pm After School Craft Club**  
See 'Regular Events'. Also 13, 20, 27 June and 4, 11, 18 July. £6.50 per child. **Booking essential.**

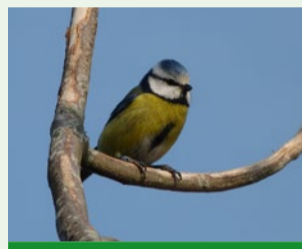
**Sat 10 June 2pm – 3pm Cave Painting**  
Join artist, John House, to create works of art from natural materials. Receive a genuine fossil along with your artwork to keep. £5 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Sun 11 June 2pm – 4pm Sand Art**  
Create pictures using colourful sand. Easy to do, and lots of fun. Pictures vary from £2.50 to £5. No need to book.

**Sat 17 June all day The Great Wildlife Exploration Bioblitz 2017!!**  
24 hours of wildlife discovery at Hengistbury Head, with lots of free activities. See separate panel for details.

**Sat 24 June 2pm – 3pm Fossil Art**  
Make some fantastic works of art from natural materials, that look and feel like real fossils. Receive a genuine fossil along with your artwork to keep. £5 per person. **Booking essential.**

**Thu 29 June 11am – 11.45am Toddlers' Tales**  
Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers. £3 per child (includes a hot drink for the accompanying adult). **Booking essential.**



**Thu 6 July 2pm – 4pm Adult Craft Afternoon**  
Make a pretty, fresh table centre. £20 per person, including materials and tuition. **Booking essential.**

**Sun 9 July 2pm – 4pm Sand Art**  
Make lovely colourful pictures using sand. Easy to do, and lots of fun. Pictures vary from £2.50 to £5. No need to book.



## Stour Valley Events

For Stour Valley events, please phone **01202 451548** unless otherwise stated. These events all start at Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre.

### Regular Events

**Mondays 9.30am – 10.30am New Leaf - Healthy Walk**  
Get into nature in 2017 and live a healthier life! These weekly walks run by Sam will help get you active in nature! **Booking essential** via the Kingfisher Barn.

For more information on the health benefits call LiveWell Dorset **0800 840 1628** and ask about Natural Choices.

**Tuesdays 10am – 1pm Healthy Heritage**  
Get active and get healthy by joining the Stour Valley Supporters Volunteer group. Take action to maintain and improve the Stour Valley Local Nature Reserve. Please call the rangers for more details.

**Tuesdays 10.30am – 11.30am Nature Tots**  
Give your little ones a love of nature with these fun activities. Suggested donation £2 per child; free hot drinks for adults!

**Tuesdays 10am – 12pm 11 Apr, 13 Jun, 11 Jul, 8 Aug Explore the Stour**  
Explore the Stour with Robert, discovering its wildlife and history. Suggested donation £2.50.

**Sun 23 July 2pm – 4pm Sand Art**  
Use colourful sand to create a picture. Easy to do, and lots of fun. Pictures vary from £2.50 to £5. No need to book.

**Mon 24 July 2pm – 3pm Cave Painting**  
£5 per person. See Sun 14 May for details. **Booking essential.**

**Wed 26 July 10am – 12.30pm Wild Wednesdays**  
First session. See 'Regular Events' for details. **Booking essential.**

**Thu 27 July 11am – 11.45am Toddlers' Tales**  
Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers. £3 per child (includes a hot drink for the accompanying adult). **Booking essential.**

**Mon 31 July 2pm – 3pm Fossil Art**  
£5 per person. See Sat 27 May for details. **Booking essential.**

**Thu 3 Aug 2pm – 4pm Adult Craft Afternoon**  
Join Debra Marsh to make a set of four clay tiles embossed with natural materials. £20 per person, including materials and tuition. **Booking essential.**

**Mon 7 Aug 2pm – 4pm Cave Painting**  
Become a cave artist for the day! Take a tile home. £3.50 per person. For all ages. No need to book, just turn up.

**Mon 14 Aug 2pm – 3pm Cave Painting**  
£5 per person. See Sunday 14 May for details. **Booking essential.**

**Mon 21 Aug 2pm – 3pm Fossil Art**  
£5 per person. See Sat 27 May for details. **Booking essential.**

**Mon 28 Aug 2pm – 4pm Cave Painting**  
Find your inner cave artist! £3.50 per person. No need to book, just turn up.

**Thu 31 Aug 11am – 11.45am Toddlers' Tales**  
Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers. £3 per child (includes a hot drink for the accompanying adult). **Booking essential.**

### Evening Bat, Otter & Owl Walks

**Tuesday 16 May 8pm**  
**Friday 16 June 8.30pm**  
**Thursday 6 July 8pm**  
**Monday 24 July 8pm**  
**Thursday 3 August 7.30pm**  
**Friday 18 August 7.30pm**  
**Thursday 31 August**  
Come along on our wonderful evening adventure walks looking for otters, bats and owls. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. **Booking essential.**

### One-Off Events

All events start at Kingfisher Barn. Phone **01202 451548** for information, or to book.

**Sun 7 May 10am - 4pm William Barnes Day**  
The Bard of Dorset grew up by the river. Discover the works inspired by the Stour and, perhaps, become inspired to write your own poem. Free, no need to book.



**Mon 8 May 11am – 1pm Butterfly Walk**  
Join the rangers to discover some of the colourful butterflies of the reserve. Free, no need to book.

**Sun 14 May 10am – 4pm Jam Jars and Fishing Nets**  
River and pond dipping fun. Free, no need to book.

**Mon 15 May 10am – 12pm Moth Morning**  
See the various species of moths caught overnight in the live moth trap, and find out more about them. Free, no need to book.

**Sun 21 May 10am – 4pm Butterfly and Moth Day**  
Butterflies and moths are amazing creatures. Learn all about them, and go exploring the river banks for different species.

**Sat 27 May – Sun 4 June 10am – 4pm Marvellous Mosaics**  
Drop in over half term and make a marvellous mosaic of something to do with life by the River Stour. There will also be the usual trails and challenges to do. Free, no need to book.

**Mon 5 June 10am – 12pm Wild Flower Walk**  
Join the rangers to identify some of the many wild flowers growing on the nature reserve. Free, no need to book.

**Sun 11 June 10am – 4pm Otter Day**  
The Stour is great for otters, and they are seen all over. Come and see if we can help you spot one! Free, no need to book.

**Sun 18 June 10am – 4pm Dragons and Damsels**  
Our Stour has lots of different species of dragonflies; can you complete our dragonfly challenge? Free, no need to book.



**Mon 19 June 11am – 1pm Butterfly Walk**  
Discover some of the colourful butterflies of the reserve. Free, no need to book.

### Summer Holiday Themed Weeks:

**22 July – 4 Aug 10am – 4pm Beat the Stour**  
Recreate the adventures of 'Six Men on the Stour' from 125 years ago. See if you can beat the Stour with our challenge that gets you exploring the area! Pop in to **Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre** or **Kingfisher Barn** and pick up the challenge - or print out via the links on our facebook pages. Bring back completed challenges to the centres for your reward. Free, no need to book.

**Mon 7 Aug 10am – 12pm Trees of the Stour**  
Learn to identify the trees growing in the Stour Valley Nature Reserve. Free, no need to book.



**5 – 13 August 10am – 4pm Animalympics**  
London is hosting the World Athletic Championships, but the exploits in our capital city are nothing compared to what nature can do. Come and complete the trails and compare yourself to nature's fastest, strongest and highest. Free, no need to book

### Coming soon....

**Sun 10 Sept Stour Musical Extravaganza**  
Lots of groups performing music written exclusively for the day, performing all along the river. Look out for more information nearer the time on Facebook.

**September @ Hengistbury Head RSPB Big Wild Sleepouts**  
Wild camp overnight at Hengistbury Head with the RSPB on their amazing Big Wild Sleepout experience. Look out for more information nearer the time on Facebook.

**Sun 25 June 10am – 4pm River Explorers Day**  
River dipping taking place all day long. Free, no need to book.

**Sun 2 July 10am – 4pm Dirty Den Building Day**  
Get muddy and get building in our temporary den building area. Free, no need to book.

**Mon 3 July 10am – 12pm Moth Morning**  
See the various species of moths caught overnight in the live moth trap, and find out more about them. Free, no need to book.

**Sun 9 July 10am – 4pm Bournemouth University Festival of Learning Event – Life by the River: A Healthier Future.**  
Bournemouth University's Festival of Learning returns for another year. We'll be investigating how life by the river has changed during the last 200 years and looking at how the link between health and nature will influence its future. Phone for more details.

**Sun 16 July 10am – 4pm Flower Power**  
Loads of plants make up the Stour Valley reserve. Discover what they are with our self-led guides and art activities. Free, no need to book.

**Saturday 22 July 9pm – midnight Illuminate the Stour**  
Come and experience the Stour by candlelight. We'll light up part of the river from Kingfisher Barn to provide a unique, sensory experience. Drop in any time but book in for a fantastic campfire cooked curry at 9pm. £5 food, event free!

**Mon 24 July 11am – 1pm Dragons and Damsels**  
Join the rangers to find out about the dragonflies and damselflies of the Stour. Free; no need to book.

**Every Tuesday during the school summer holidays: River Explorers 10am – 4pm**  
Come along and river dip with our fantastic team.

## The Great Wildlife Exploration At Hengistbury Head

Saturday 17 June, 2017 – 10am until late!



Come and enjoy a day packed with free wildlife exploration activities. Join our experts in looking for bugs, birds, bats, beach life and the UK's rarest amphibian, the Natterjack Toad.

A BioBlitz is a 24 hour race to find as many species of wildlife in a given area. Results will be collected at the Visitor Centre, a running total will be kept, and key finds will be shared on social media.

You can join in by attending one of our free activities, or taking a photo of something you have found on Hengistbury Head on the day, and add **#headblitz17** to it on Instagram for it to be identified by one of our scientists!

- 10am Moth and Mammal Explorers**
- 10:30am Plant and Pollinator Explorers**
- 11am Bird Explorers**
- 12pm Insect Explorers**
- 2pm Butterfly and Dragonfly Explorers**
- 3pm Seashore Explorers**

All activities will leave from the Visitor Centre and some will overlap so you may have to pick your favourites.

Keep an eye out on Facebook for a couple of extra bookable (but free) events happening on the evening itself.

## Creative Writing at Hengistbury Head

### Hengistbury Writers

This friendly group is aimed at anyone with an interest in writing, be it poetry, short stories, novels or magazine articles. No previous experience is required.

The aim is to get together with like-minded writers to share ideas, get positive and helpful feedback on writing, and to do some writing exercises together – all the while, getting inspiration from the wonderful surroundings of Hengistbury Head.

The group will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2pm to 4pm, at the Visitor Centre.

The meetings are free, although a small donation would be welcome.



### Poetry Competition 2017

This will be our third poetry competition.

As before, poems must be about Hengistbury Head – its wildlife, history and scenery, or people's experiences of/memories of, Hengistbury Head.

We had some truly super poems last year and we are hoping to get even more entries this year. Full details will be available from flyers in the Visitor Centre, or you can email [Richard.hesketh@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.hesketh@bournemouth.gov.uk) Poems must be no longer than 40 lines, but can be in any style.

The closing date is Sunday 10 September – so, why not visit the Head during the changing seasons and find some inspiration?

## Hengistbury Head Photography Competition

This year's photography competition is a little different to those held in previous years – we are asking that all entries be made through Instagram.

We would like images that show Hengistbury Head across all four seasons of the year – we are looking for images of Hengistbury Head's landscapes, flora and fauna. Pictures must be in landscape format (rather than portrait), as the winning 12 entries will be used to make the Hengistbury Head Calendar, 2018!

It must be clear that any pictures entered were taken at, or show, Hengistbury Head. For example, if a picture is of a bird, then it should have a recognisable background that shows it was taken at Hengistbury Head.

To enter, just follow our **Instagram** page, and add **#hengistbury2017** to your photographs.

The closing date for the competition is 1 June, 2017, so get snapping and send us your images.

For further information, please phone **01202 451618**.

