

SUMMER WILDLIFE EVENTS PROGRAMME 2023
DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST, BARNSTAPLE & DISTRICT LOCAL GROUP

Our Local Group events take place within the North Devon Biosphere Reserve, the aims of which we support. Learn more and register your personal support at: www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk

All events are organised by the Group and not by any particular person.

All members of the Group must take responsibility for their own safety.

Participation in the programme implies acceptance of this condition.

CHILDREN: While not specifically organised with children in mind, we welcome children to all events, giving us all the opportunity to share the excitement of discovering wildlife. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must take responsibility for them and for their safety. Each parent or guardian is responsible for ensuring that the event is suitable for the child and within their capability. (Latter also applies to adult participants!). *Please mention your children when you book.*

The events are organised for company and mutual enjoyment, learning from each other.

Some are led by an expert; all participants are encouraged to share their knowledge.

Evening events on Tuesdays will start at 7.00 p.m. (unless noted otherwise) and last about 2 to 2.5 hours. Distance covered will vary considerably.

BOOKING: For all events, *please note that early booking is necessary*, we may need to restrict numbers, or try to arrange an extra leader.

Importantly, this also allows for detailed information to be given about distance, terrain, duration, type of event, together with the meeting/parking place.

To book and for further information, please e-mail (putting “Summer Events” in the subject space) or telephone the relevant named person on the programme for that event.

Please do not try to book “on the day”, there is likely to be no-one available to respond.

Please share transport wherever possible, both for environmental & parking reasons (but take usual Covid precautions)

Strong walking boots or stout shoes essential on all events. A walking stick may be useful. Wellington boots recommended for some events (ask when booking).

We hope for fine weather but come prepared for inclement! If heavy rain or gales forecast cancellation may be necessary – be prepared to phone a contact person to check.

We ask for donations for each event attended (accompanied under-16s free), and suggest £2 (or more if you wish) per event. As these go to help support DWT activities in North Devon, we welcome any donation our supporters wish to contribute.

Please be prepared for extra costs for car-parking and entrance charges at some events.

DOGS: We regret that none of the events are suitable for dogs, though assistance dogs are welcome. Please check with the event leader to make sure the terrain is suitable for an assistance dog.

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DWT OUTDOOR EVENTS PROGRAMME 2023

Tuesday evenings 7- c 9.30pm
Advance Booking for each event is essential

Please contact people listed below for more information about the walk
See also the Devon Wildlife Trust Events section <https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/events>

May 2nd Chapel Wood RSPB Reserve – A circular walk, exploring a woodland at bluebell time.

Leader: Mary Breeds.

For more details & to book please contact Mary on 07835097780 or email
mary_breeds@hotmail.com

May 9th Weare Giffard - A Wood in Spring - typical woodland flora with lots of a Devon special species - Bastard Balm.

Leader: Mary Breeds.

For more details & to book please contact Mary on 07835097780 or email
mary_breeds@hotmail.com

May 16th Cairn Local Nature Reserve, Ilfracombe – originally Victorian “pleasure grounds”, now managed for wildlife. Local Leader, from Cairn Conservation Carers.

For more details & to book please contact Mary on 07835097780 or email
mary_breeds@hotmail.com

May 23rd Knowle to Braunton via Blackwell Wood, Castle Lane, Challowell Lane, Buckland Wood, Georgeham Crossing and old Railway Line back to Caen Street (NB a “one-way” walk, using local bus on outward leg)

Leader: Paul Madgett

For more details & to book please contact Paul on 01271 812617 or email madgett@hotmail.com

May 30th Uppacott Wood DWT Reserve – to see and discuss our recent work to improve biodiversity. Car-sharing from lay-by S of Bishops Tawton.

Leader: Paul Madgett

For more details & to book please contact Paul on 01271 812617 or email madgett@hotmail.com

June 6th Home Farm Marsh - A Gaia Trust Reserve between Fremington and Yelland, on the Taw Estuary. Park at Fremington quay car park (car share if possible, as it can get busy in the evenings)

Leader: Steve Skirth

For more details & to book please contact Debbie Frazer on 01271 327739 or email
deborah.frazer@btinternet.com

June 13th Braunton Burrows – a circular walk across the dunes for the special plants of this area.

Leader: John Breeds

For more details & to book please contact John on 07773085984 or email
john_breeds@hotmail.com

June 20th Bradiford Devon Birds Reserve – a “closed” reserve just west of Barnstaple by the Taw Estuary.

Leader: Tim Smith

For more details & to book please contact Tim Smith on 07842 113260 or email
tismith127@hotmail.com

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June 27th Crow Point Trail, Braunton – a circular walk along the strand-line and back through the dunes, discovering a wealth of flora and fauna.

Leader: John Breeds

For more details & to book please contact John on 07773085984 or email john_breeds@hotmail.com

July 4th Leat Meadow & Griggs Field LNR A walk around the nature reserves in Fremington to find out more about how they are managed and species found in the areas. Please meet at Beechfield rd car park in Fremington (parish council car park - car share if possible, not many spaces)

Leader Steve Skirth

For more details & to book please contact Debbie Frazer on 01271 327739 or email deborah.frazer@btinternet.com

July 11th Buttercombe Meadow - Exploring a herb rich meadow in high summer.

Leaders: Mary Breeds & owner Andrea Scott

For more details & to book please contact Mary on 07835097780 or email mary_breeds@hotmail.com

July 18th Barnstaple Old Bridge to New Bridge - A chance to look at flora and fauna around suburban areas including verges and wilder areas. Meet at Barnstaple Leisure centre Car Park.

Leader: Debbie Frazer

For more details & to book please contact Debbie Frazer on 01271 327739 or email deborah.frazer@btinternet.com

July 25th Tapeley Park, Instow – A walk around the wildlife friendly grounds of Tapeley Park.

Leader: Mary Breeds

For more details & to book please contact Mary on 07835097780 or email mary_breeds@hotmail.com

August 15th Bat & Moth evening - Broadeford Farm, Heddon Mill, Braunton. (NB starting at 8pm)

Leader: John Breeds

For more details & to book please contact John on 07773085984 or email john_breeds@hotmail.com

Please come along with suitable clothing and shoes for walking in the countryside.

More details of terrain, location, parking places, etc from the Contact Person for the relevant walk.

Sorry no dogs allowed (apart from assistance dogs) as they can disturb the wildlife.