

SUMMER 2020 WILDLIFE EVENTS PROGRAMME

NB: ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS, so that full details of venue etc. can be given – *please contact relevant person listed for each event.*
Car-parking space is often limited, car-share where feasible.

[General enquiries, contact Paul Madgett, 01271 812617, madgett@hotmail.com]

Tues 28 April; 7 – c.9pm DWT's 57th Reserve – Horsey (Braunton)

Following acquisition by DWT, we will visit this wetland area, recently reclaimed by the sea, and consider its place in the wider environment of the Taw-Torridge Estuary.

Meet at grid ref. SS 468 328, at very far end of Toll Rd (charge) from Velator.

Contact Paul Madgett, 01271 812617, madgett@hotmail.com

Tues 5 May; 7 – c.9pm Bluebell time; Chapel Wood RSPB Reserve nr. Braunton

A gentle walk (with some steep slopes / steps) around this small woodland reserve, with luck the bluebells will be at their best.

Meet and park considerably by roadside, SS 483 413 (limited space; car-sharing from Caen St car-park likely to be needed, details on booking)

Contact Mary Breeds, 07835 097 780, mary_breeds@hotmail.com

Tues 12 May; 7 – c.9pm Bennett's Mouth – Bull Point Circular (Mortehoe)

A very varied walk down a wooded valley, a tiny sea inlet, past craggy cliffs (some steep slopes!), and a lighthouse.

Meet at Mortehoe Village car-park (charge), SS 458 452

Contact Dave Jenkins, 07970 011 542, jenkins945@btinternet.com

Tues 19 May; 7 – c.9pm Spring-time at Uppacott Wood DWT Reserve (nr. Barnstaple)

A level walk around a small deciduous woodland reserve; focus this evening on identification skills for common woodland species. Very limited roadside parking at reserve – so:

Meet in first Lay-By off A377 south of Bishops Tawton, for car-sharing to reserve; SS 568 294.

Contact Paul Madgett, 01271 812617, madgett@hotmail.com

Tues 26 May; 7 – c.9pm Hidden Gem in Mid-Devon - Furze Farm, Pennymoor (nr. Witheridge)

On Liz & Des's farm, explore woodland (ancient & modern), streams, pasture, old Devon banks, and drovers tracks.

Meet at Furze Farm, Pennymoor, Cruwys Morchard, EX16 8PQ; SS 858 116

Contact Paul Madgett, 01271 812617; madgett@hotmail.com

Tues 2 June; 7 – c.9.30pm Smallholding for Wildlife (Butler's Farm, Chittlehamholt)

Walk around 18 acre small-holding: rough pasture, small area of mature woodland, some regenerating scrub. Grazing animals used to improve biodiversity of pasture.

Meet at Butler's Farm; SS 648 203

Contact John Breeds: 07773 085 984, john_breeds@hotmail.com

Tues 9 June; 7 – c.9.30pm Home Farm Marsh (Gaia Trust Reserve), nr. Fremington

A level walk alongside the Taw estuary, past Saltpill Duck Pond to the main reserve; back along the Tarka Trail.

Meet at Fremington Quay car-park (far end), SS 517 334

Contact Bryan & Rita Price, 01271 861103, bryandrita@hotmail.co.uk

Tues 16 June; 7 – c.9.30pm Woods, pastures, stream (Woodhouse Farm, nr. S. Molton)

Brian, the owner, has invited us to explore his land, managed with wildlife in mind.

Meet & park at Woodhouse Farm, nr. Alswear; EX36 4JH; SS715220

Contact Vernon Clarke; 01271 377979; v.clarke@tozers.co.uk

Sun 21 June; 10am – c.5pm Wildlife Day at Lynton & Barnstaple Rly. Station, Woody Bay

Includes displays at Woody Bay station by Barnstaple DWT Local Group, plus guided walks for train passengers from Killington Lane to St Petroc's church, Parracombe, and back.
Help with displays welcome – contact Bryan&Rita Price, 01271 861103, bryandrita@hotmail.co.uk
General Contact: Paul Madgett, 01271 812617, madgett@hotmail.com

Tues 23 June; 7 – c9.30pm Meshaw DWT Reserve

Should be an abundance of wild flowers, including orchids, at this Culm Grassland site.
Meet & park at the reserve entrance car park (limited space); SS 761 185
Contact Tim Smith: 01769-550963, timsmith127@hotmail.com

Tues 30 June; 7 – c9.30pm Wild Flower-rich Hay Meadow – Freshmarsh, Braunton

A small SSSI close by Braunton Burrows – a rare survival of earlier farming practices.
Meet at Sandy Lane car-park (possible charge); SS 463 349
Contact John Breeds: 07773 085 984, john_breeds@hotmail.com

Tues 7 July; 7 – c9.30pm Trees, Grasses, Rushes – and More (Furzehill, near S. Molton)

Woodland, grassland, rush pasture – we will explore these habitats by kind permission of the owner, Mary Walker.

Meet at Furzehill Farm, nr. S Molton, EX363NW; SS 779 261
(NB - parking limited; car-sharing required, details on booking)
Contact Mary Breeds, 07835 097 780, mary_breeds@hotmail.com

Tues 14 July; 7 – c9pm Wildflowers, Waders & Coastal Dynamics (Northam Burrows)

Low Tide, so watch for waders on the mud-flats; & for interesting plants as we cross to NW shore to consider coastal deposition & erosion.

Meet at "Skern" car-park, Northam Burrows, SS 448 310
Contact Chris Hassall: hassallc@ymail.com (or phone Paul on 01271 812617 well in advance)

Tues 21 July; 7 – c9pm Ladies' Mile, Trentishoe (Exmoor)

Follow in the footsteps of Victorian Ladies, along a level path (though now rough in places) cut into the steep Exmoor hillside.

Meet and park at old quarry car-park, SS642478
Contact Paul Madgett, 01271 812617, madgett@hotmail.com

Tues 28 July; 7 – c9pm Culm Grassland at Thorne & Veilstone Moors (nr. Stibb Cross)

Explore the vegetation of our mid-Devon speciality, Culm Grassland; rough walking, tussocky and wet in places. Thorne Moor is common land belonging to Buckland Brewer parish; the adjacent Veilstone Moor is a DWT reserve.

Meet and park considerably by road at around SS 412460 (car-share if possible, from Bideford)
Contact Paul Madgett, 01271 812617, madgett@hotmail.com

Tues 4 August; 7 - c9pm "Birds & Bees", Tarka Trail near Isley Marsh RSPB Reserve

A level circular walk; check out bumblebees visiting flowers alongside & close to the Trail; and birds using adjacent salt-marshes. Bring binoculars.

Meet at Sandbanks Business Park (former Power Station road, Yelland); SS 483 323
Contact Debbie Frazer: 01271 327739, deborah.frazer@btinternet.com

Tues 11 August; 8pm till late [Note later start] Creatures of the Night – 1: Spreacombe

John will lay out his light-traps at a previously un-surveyed site for moths. Bats are likely to be flying, bring detector if you have one. Warm clothing essential.

Limited parking at the site; car-sharing needed (details of this, and location, on booking).
Contact John Breeds for details and to book: 07773 085 984, john_breeds@hotmail.com

Tues 20 August; 8pm till late [Note later start] Creatures of the Night – 2: nr. Alswear

A moth survey at another previously un-surveyed site for moths; with possibility of bats flying around – bring bat detector if you have one. Warm clothing essential.

Meet & park at Woodhouse Farm, nr. Alswear; EX36 4JH; SS715220

Contact John Breeds for details and to book: 07773 085 984, john_breeds@hotmail.com

In addition to the above there are **Conservation Work Parties** held at various times throughout the year at some of our DWT Reserves (e.g. Meeth and Halsdon) and on other land needing conservation work.

Contact Paul Madgett for further information, and for passing on queries to the relevant people.

Keep in touch, share your observations via North Devon Natural History Network (email group). Contact Paul Madgett for further details.

If not already on our Local Group email list to receive emails about DWT matters concerning North Devon (and specifically our Local Group events) – and you would like to be on this list – again, contact Paul Madgett or other committee member about this.

Visit www.devonwildlifetrust.org/ for details of more DWT events around Devon, and for details of DWT Reserves.

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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 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.

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 - 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 £1 (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, and refreshments if available / required.

DOGS: **We regret that none of the events are suitable for dogs.**