

Listings information for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's events in June 2016

Wild Garden Party

Wed 1 June 5.30-7.30pm

A garden tea party to launch Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's **30 Days Wild** campaign. An evening event to celebrate all the wildlife you can find in your garden. Drop in to Lower House Farm for tea and cake and enjoy informal talks from our staff and volunteers about our wildlife garden and orchard.

Venue: Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, Lower House Farm, Ledbury Road, Tupsley, Hereford HR1 1UT

Cost: Free event

No booking required

River Lugg Living Landscape talk – part of Leominster Festival

Fri 3 June 7.30pm-9.30pm

A supper talk by Sophie Cowling, Ecologist and Living Landscape Project officer for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, on how the Wildlife Trust is working with local landowners in order to benefit wildlife, business and the landscape of the River Lugg.

Venue: Pudleston Village Hall, Pudleston, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0RA

Cost: £12 Entry is by ticket only

Bookings can be made by emailing rogfryer@hotmail.com or phone 01568 750303.

Hay Meadow walk at Sturts North Nature Reserve

Sat 4 June 10am-1pm

An opportunity to walk across this flower rich traditionally managed flood plain grassland with reserves officer Jim Light. You will have the opportunity to see specialist species like the Great burnet, Pepper saxifrage, Dyers greenweed, Birds foot trefoil, Greater birdsfoot trefoil, Knapweed, Ragged robin, Lesser spearwort and Meadow sweet.

The rougher pasture and hedgerows offer fantastic nesting and feeding habitat for raptors such as Kestrel, Sparrow-hawk, Kite and Buzzard. The ponds also host a wealth of damselflies, dragonflies and the elusive Kingfisher.

Venue: The Sturts North Nature Reserve carpark, Ailey Lane, Kinnersley, Herefordshire HR3 6NY

Cost: £5.00

Places are limited so booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872

Upland Birds guided walk

Sun 5 June 10am-4pm

Join Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's John Clark on a guided walk discovering the birds of the Black Mountains. The walk includes steep inclines and rough terrain so is suitable for those with a fair level of fitness.

Venue: Red Darren car park, Olchon Valley, Nr Longtown, Herefordshire, HR2 0NG. Grid reference SO297299

Cost: £5.00

Places are limited so booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshiewt.org or call 01432 356872

Bromyard Downs Project: Practical Work Party

Tues 7 June 10am-3.30pm

Join the **Bromyard Downs** work party for practical habitat management work such as scrub clearance and woodland work. Bring a packed lunch and suitable outdoor clothes.

The Bromyard Downs Project is a collaboration between Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and the Bromyard Downs Common Association (BDCA). For further information about the project, go to

<http://www.bromyarddowns.co.uk/>

Venue: Meet 10am at the main Downs car park, Bromyard Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4QP

Please contact Hannah Welsh, the Bromyard Downs Project Officer, in advance if you are planning to come to a work party session on 01432 356872 / 07341 736182

Please be aware that there are no toilets or handwashing facilities on the Downs

Pooling Together Project: Work Party**Tues 7 June 9.30am-3pm**

Join the **Pooling Together** work party team to **survey** historic ponds.

The Pooling Together project is a collaboration between Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and Herefordshire Amphibian and Reptile Team. You can follow the project on [Facebook](#) for all the updates or visit <http://www.herefordshirewt.org/node/3171>

Venue: Meet at Bromyard Downs Main Car Park, Bromyard Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4QP before making one's way to the day's location.

Please contact Jane Cabara (Pooling Together Project Officer) in advance if you are planning to come to a work party session on 01432 356872 / 0734 1736185 or by email j.cabara@herefordshirewt.co.uk as the [location may change](#)

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Moth Breakfast at Queenswood – part of National Moth Day**Sat 11 June 9am-11am**

Experience the wonder of moths at this moth breakfast as local moth expert, Robin Hemming, opens his moth traps. Mid June is the best time of year for diversity of moth species and numbers of individuals. The Hawkmoths should be flying, together with many other interesting and colourful species.

Breakfast will be available from the Queenswood Café.

Venue: Queenswood Country Park, Hope Under Dinmore, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY

Cost: Free but donations welcome

No booking required

Hellens Garden Festival**Sat 11-Sun 12 June**

Come experience the **HAWTHORN WILDLIFE WEB** and become part of a TRAVELLING HEDGE. Meet Jenny's collection of colourful handmade giant model minibeasts, birds and mammals and join in a series of fun roleplays and learn about their value as a food source and a habitat. Participants can also try their hand at answering some fun quiz questions.

HWT staff will also be giving talks about **Hedgehogs** and on how to **Manage Traditional Orchards**.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust are thrilled to be partnering Hellens Garden Festival this year – a wonderful event which gets to the heart of how people enjoy and connect to nature.

For more details about the weekend festival, visit <http://thegardenfestival.co.uk>

Mothy Breakfast**Wed 15 June****8am-10am**

Come and discover a magical world of moths – over coffee and croissants!

Our conservation team will have set up moth traps the previous evening in our orchard so come along and discover what we've caught! We'll be hoping to find a wide variety, including some big showy hawkmoths. We will identify all our find before releasing them back into the orchard. This is a great event to come to if you've never looked at moths before!

We will be outside in the garden so please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Venue: Lower House Farm, Ledbury Road, Tupsley, Hereford HR1 3AT. Parking available in the lane outside Lower House Farm

Cost: Free

Places are limited so booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872.

Part of Herefordshire Walking Festival**Sun 19 June****2pm-4pm**

Discovering Queenswood - A gentle walk along the paths of Queenswood Country Park, led by a member of the site team or the Visitor Experience Officer, learning about the wildlife and heritage of the park. Before or after, enjoy a drink or a bite to eat in the café or bring a picnic.

Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY

Cost: Adult £5.00. Children Free

To book a place go to <http://www.walkingfestival.com/>

Pooling Together Project: Work Party**Tues 21 June 9.30am-3pm**

Join the **Pooling Together** work party team to **survey** historic ponds.

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Venue: Meet at Bromyard Downs Main Car Park, Bromyard Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4QP before making one's way to the day's location.

Please contact Jane Cabara (Pooling Together Project Officer) in advance if you are planning to come to a work party session on 01432 356872 / 0734 1736185 or by email j.cabara@herefordshirewt.co.uk as the [location may change](#)

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Discovering bumblebees at Queenswood – Part of National Pollinator week Tues 21 June 10am-3pm

A bumblebee identification workshop led by Hayley Herridge, Engagement Officer at Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum

Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY

Cost: £15.00

Places are limited so booking is essential. Contact Hayley Herridge at h.herridge@herefordshirewt.co.uk or call 01568 797792 to book a place

Part of Herefordshire Walking Festival**Wed 22 June 10am-3pm**

Pooling Together Project: From Puddles to Ponds! - Take a walk around newly restored ponds and discover what creatures and plant life will call this habitat home. The walk will encompass sites at Bromyard Downs, Bringsty Common and Brockhampton Estate that have been restored as part of the Pooling Together Pond Project.

Venue: Meet at Bromyard Downs Main Car Park, Bromyard Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4QP

Cost: Adult £5.00. Children Free

For queries email walking@walkingfestival.com or phone 01432 352287

To book a place go to <http://www.walkingfestival.com/>

Part of Herefordshire Walking Festival**Wed 22 June 10am-3pm**

Dinmore & Bodenham – Landscape & Management - Descends from Dinmore Hill to Bodenham, explores the Lugg floodplain there and climbs back up to Queenswood. We will look at features of interest in the landscape with attention paid to changes in the management of Queenswood Country Park and Bodenham Lake.

Venue: Meet Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY

Cost: Adult £5.00. Children Free

To book a place go to <http://www.walkingfestival.com/>

Bromyard Downs Project: Practical Work Party**Thurs 23 June 10am-3.30pm**

Join the **Bromyard Downs** work party for practical habitat management work such as scrub clearance and woodland work. Bring a packed lunch and suitable outdoor clothes.

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<http://www.bromyarddowns.co.uk/>

Venue: Meet 10am at the main Downs car park, Bromyard Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4QP

Please contact Hannah Welsh, Bromyard Downs Project Officer, in advance if you are planning to come to a work party session on 01432 356872 / 07341 736182

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Bromyard Downs Project: Moth trapping**Fri 24 June****10.30pm till late**

Join Robin Hemming for a night of moth trapping on the Downs.

The Bromyard Downs Project is a collaboration between Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and the Bromyard Downs Common Association (BDCA). For further information about the project, go to

<http://www.bromyarddowns.co.uk/>

Venue: Shepherds Cottage, The Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4NX

Cost: Event free

Please contact Hannah Welsh, Bromyard Downs Project Officer, on 01432 356872 / 07341 736182 for further details

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Bromyard Downs Open Day**Sat 25 June****See times below**

The Bromyard Downs and Pooling Together Projects present the **Downs Open Day** – a chance to learn more about the ‘jewel in the Downs’ and explore what it has to offer.

Bromyard Downs Project is a Heritage Lottery Funded partnership project between Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and Bromyard Downs Common Association (BDCA). For further information about the project, go to

<http://www.bromyarddowns.co.uk/>

Starting with a mothy-breakfast – witness the opening of the moth traps that have been out overnight, with a cup of tea and a breakfast butty at **Warren Farm, Bromyard** from 8.30am (traps will be opened at 8.45am). This activity requires booking – contact Hannah Welsh to book a place on 01432 356872 / 07341 736182 or by email h.welsh@herefordshirewt.co.uk

The event will continue with a **series of guided walks** around the Downs from 10am. These walks are free and are open to all ages. Please get in touch to find out the level of difficulty and age suitability. The full line up of walks TBC – contact Ms Welsh for more information (see above).

The Pooling Together Project will lead a **Wild Walk with Wildplay** from 10am-2pm – a family walk looking at the newly restored ponds at Bromyard Downs, Bringsty Common and Brockhampton Estate and the creatures and plant life inhabiting them. The walk will include loads of fun activities – pond dipping, bug hunting, i-spy games and other family friendly fun.

Please be aware the ground may be muddy and difficult for pushchairs.

This event is part of the **Herefordshire Walking Festival** and therefore a cost of £5.00 per adult is involved, children are free.

For more information email walking@walkingfestival.com or call 01432 352287.

Booking essential. To book a place go to <http://www.walkingfestival.com/>

Venue: For all walks meet at the Main Downs Car Park, Bromyard Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4QP

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Wildlife walk through Lea & Paget's Wood

Wed 29 June 10.30am-12.30pm

Join Martin Hales, HWT volunteer warden of Lea and Paget's Wood, for a gentle stroll around the reserve, looking at the diversity of trees and shrubs associated with the management systems in the woodland as well as the ground flora of early summer including plants such as the greater butterfly orchid.

Venue: Hawkers Lane, Fownhope, Herefordshire HR1 4PZ. Grid reference SO 598 343. There is a lay-by on the brow of the hill on Hawkers Lane. We shall meet here then take the footpath into the wood.

Cost: £5.00

Places are limited so booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872

Listings information for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's events in July 2016

Meadows Weekend Celebration

Sat 2 – Sun 3 July

A weekend celebration of meadows in partnership with **Gardens in the Wild** and the **Herefordshire Meadows Network** at The Birches Farm, a traditionally managed farm and Site of Special Scientific Interest owned by the Trust.

Saturday

Saturday's events will run from **10am – 4pm** to include scything courses, tool care, talks and guided walks through meadows flourishing with orchids. The afternoon will end with a demonstration of line scything.

There will be stalls selling tools, wild plants, seeds and delicious local food so you can take a picnic to eat at a spot with views over the Black Mountains. This event will be part of the UK National Meadows Day.

Venue: Birches Farm, near Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3EY. Map reference (SO 296 538).

Parking £5. Entrance to the site is free. Donations for attendance on the day's walks are welcome.

To view the day's itinerary and to book online on individual walks and scything courses, go to www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872.

Volunteer photographers Lin & Peter

Sunday

Complete the weekend by signing up to one or more of the three scheduled walks at the following sites:

9.30am - 11.30am Walk at Moseley Common, Pembridge, led by Tony Norman
Meet at The Leen, Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9HN

12pm - 2pm The Sturts North, Letton Walk, led by **Jim Light**
Meet at Sturts North nature reserve carpark, Ailey Lane, Nr Kinnersley, Herefordshire HR3 6NY

2.30pm – 4.30pm Walk at Pound Farm, Kingwood, led by **Mike Williams and Colin Boylett**
Meet at Pound Farm, Kingswood, Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3HJ

Cost: £5 per walk

Places are limited so booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872