

## Listings information for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's events in October 2017

### **Wildlife Watch Club: Autumn Antics**

**Sun 1 October**

**12.30pm-2.30pm**

Autumn & Hibernation - exploring autumn colours at Queenswood. Monthly nature club for young enthusiasts aged 7 to 14 years, usually meets first Sunday of every month.

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

Cost: £2 per child

Booking: Book your place online at [www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org/wildlifewatch](http://www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org/wildlifewatch) or call 01432 356872

### **Talk: Fungi in Herefordshire**

**Thurs 5 October**

**7.30-9pm**

A talk by Jo Weightman from the Herefordshire Fungi Survey Group for the Weobley branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Venue: Hopelands, Weobley Village Hall, Gadbridge Road, Weobley, HR4 8RZ

Cost: £2 HWT members, £3 non-members

No booking required

### **Talk: A sortie in Spain and Portugal**

**Thurs 5 October**

**7.30-9.00pm**

A talk by Phil Mugridge for the Ross-on-Wye branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. Another European wildlife trip by Phil, covering some of the richest wildlife areas in the Iberian peninsula.

Venue: Christchurch Hall Methodist Church in Edde Cross Street, Ross-on-Wye

Cost: £2 HWT members, £3 non-members

No booking required

### **UK Fungus day at Queenswood**

**Sat 7 October**

**10am-3.30pm**

The **Herefordshire Fungus Survey Group** will be celebrating in style all things mycological at Queenswood Country Park for UK Fungus Day. There will be a rolling programme of fungus forays into the woods throughout the day as well as a display of weird and wonderful fungi, presentations and talks. People can also bring in fungus specimens for identification from the experts.

The forays will cover no more than one mile on easy terrain. Participants should dress warmly and, if possible, bring a magnifying glass with them (a lens of x5 or x10 is ideal.)

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

Cost: Free

Drop-in any time during the day; no need to book.

### **Wildlife Recording Workshop**

**Thurs 12 October**

**6.30pm-8pm**

A free RODiS training workshop for beginners. Support Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's conservation work by learning how to submit your wildlife sightings through RODiS, an online recording system. Records submitted through RODiS are sent to local Records Centres and the National Biodiversity Network's Gateway and are therefore a vital tool for supporting the UK's conservation work.

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

Cost: Free

Booking: Book your place online at [www.herefordshirewt.org](http://www.herefordshirewt.org) or call 01432 356872 to secure a space.

### **HWT AGM followed by Celebrity talk by Nick Baker: Building a Naturalist**

**Wed 18 October**

**6pm-10pm**

Following Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's AGM, naturalist and TV presenter Nick Baker will give a talk which will be part autobiography and part a hard hitting call to action. Part Autobiography, part hard hitting call to action. Building a naturalist is a journey through the development of a life-long biophile. Expect a journey that spans the last 44 years and zings all over the planet - connecting via experiences - familiar UK habitats to stories from more exotic shores.

We touch on subjects as broad as how keeping caterpillars in a jam jar lead to working with Britain's rarest butterfly, how playing with grass-snakes helped Nick tackle a cobra, the similarities between Badgers and Black Rhino and how the most endangered species in the world is a child playing free in nature. This talk explores why this is and suggests how we go about rewinding a young generation and in doing so - save the world.

Doors open at 5.45pm for those members attending the Trust's AGM which will run from 6pm to 7pm. Orchard Origins will be running a bar throughout the evening, from 6.40pm onwards with all profits invested in wildlife conservation and the sustainable management of traditional orchards in Herefordshire. The talk will commence between 7.30pm and 7.45pm.

Venue: The Kindle Centre, Asda Stores, Belmont Court, Hereford HR2 7JE

Cost: £12

Booking is essential. Book online at [www.herefordshirewt.org](http://www.herefordshirewt.org) or call 01432 356872

- Grow Your Own Community – Cooking Club** **Thurs 19 October** **10am-1pm**  
 Venue: The Scout Hut, Blackmarston Road, Hereford  
 Cost: Free  
 Booking: Not required. Adults are welcome to bring children but please advise in advance.  
 For more information, contact Katrina Preston
- Things that go bump in the night!** **Fri 20 October** **4.45pm-6.45pm**  
 Join Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's WildPlay team for a spooky night walk with fun evening games. Suitable for children aged 5 to 8  
 Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 OPY  
 Cost: £3 per child  
 Booking: Book your place online at [www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org](http://www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org) or call 01432 356872
- Guided bird walk around Bodenham Lake** **Sat 21 October** **9am-11am**  
 A guided bird walk around Bodenham Lake which will include access to the restricted section. The walk will provide an insight into the species and ecology of the site and you will learn about the Trust's exciting plans for enhancing the habitat. The walk will be around 3km on flat terrain, with stops off at key locations such as the bird hide. No dogs permitted on the walk due to nesting birds and otters. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather including sturdy boots.  
 Venue: Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve, Bodenham, HR1 3JT. Grid reference: SO 529 509  
 Cost: Free event.  
 Booking essential. Contact Sophie Cowling at [s.cowling@herefordshirewt.co.uk](mailto:s.cowling@herefordshirewt.co.uk) to book your place.  
 This work is part of the Heritage Lottery funded **Lugg Wetland Gem project** to improve Bodenham Lake for wildlife.  
*Please be aware that there are no toilets or handwashing facilities at this reserve. No dogs please.*
- Walk: Small Mammal ID & Fungus Foray** **Sat 21 October** **11am-1pm**  
 Join the Black Mountains local branch group of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust for a walk at The Parks nature reserve at Dulas where they will be looking out for small mammals and fungi.  
 Venue: The Parks, Ewyas Harold, Herefordshire, Grid Ref SO 369 295  
 Cost: Free  
 Please email Liz Overstall at [lizoverstall@gmail.com](mailto:lizoverstall@gmail.com) if you would like to share a light lunch following the walk.
- Adventure Club – Autumn Antics!** **Tues 24 October** **9am-4pm or 10am-3pm**  
 Join Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's WildPlay team for Autumn themed activities: whittling, games, campfire treats and seasonal tea too during autumn half term at Queenswood.  
 Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 OPY.  
 Cost: £24 (9am-4pm session), £15 (10am-3pm session) plus £1 online booking fee. For ages 7+  
 Booking: Book your place online at [www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org](http://www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org) or call 01432 356872.
- WildPlay - Get Crafty and Play** **Wed 25 October** **1.30-3.30pm**  
 Drop in WildPlay play session with seasonal crafts and nature themed activities for families during autumn half term at Queenswood.  
 Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 OPY.  
 Cost: £2 per child, children under 2 years free.  
 Booking: Not required.
- Talk: Small Mammals** **Thurs 26 October** **7.30pm-9pm**  
 A talk by Simon Poulton for the Aymestrey branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust  
 Venue: Aymestrey Village Hall, A4110 Aymestrey, Herefordshire, HR6 9SX  
 Cost: £2 HWT members, £3 non members  
 No booking required
- Talk: Tales of the Arctic** **Tues 31 October** **7.30-9pm**  
 Branch AGM and a talk by Glenn Morris for the Kington branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust  
 Venue: Kington Primary School, Mill Street, Kington, HR5 3AL  
 Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members  
 No booking required