

Practical conservation tasks

There are regular opportunities to get more involved in the practical management of the site, usually on a Thursday or at weekends between September and May. Work normally involves the cutting back of scrub using hand tools. Please contact Robin Harley, the Council's Countryside Officer, to join the conservation volunteer mailing list.

Are you a friend?

Receive events programme and attend events for less, by becoming a member. Membership only costs £3 per adult. Please contact the chairman for further details.

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Events Programme 2021



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Friends of St Catherine's Hill Events Programme 2021

Events are subject to change and weather conditions on the day, please e-mail Robin Harley: countryside@bcpcouncil.gov.uk for further information.

Most guided walks and talks are charged at £2 per member and £4 per non-member (accompanied children free). All proceeds will go towards the running of the group. Most events open to non-members.

Cancelled

Sat 19 June **It's a wonderful night for a Moondance** 9.15pm-late
Evening walk on site led by Robin Harley to hopefully see and hear nightjars. Torch and insect repellent recommended. *Meet at junction of Orford Close and Hillside Drive.*

Sun 25 July **Bats All Folks!** 8pm-10pm
Evening bat walk as part of National Heath Week to find out more about the species using this area, led by Jamie Palmer. Torch and insect repellent recommended.

Sat 31 July **Insect Ramble** 2pm-4pm
Join naturalist Phil Budd and a BCP Ranger for a guided walk looking for butterflies, dragonflies and other small residents. Wellies recommended. *Meet entrance to site at junction of Orford Close and Hillside Drive.*

Sat 11 Sep **Spider Hunt** 2pm-4pm
Join expert webmaster Tony Sheridan for a guided walk to look for some of the eight-legged inhabitants of the heathland habitat. Tony can also answer any spider related questions. *Meet gate onto site at top of Marlow Drive.*

Sat 9 Oct **Annual Litter Pick** 10am-12pm
Help the Council's Countryside team keep the site litter free. All equipment (pickers, gloves, bags) and refreshments provided. No charge for this event!! *Meet at the top end of Sandy Lane. SZ144948.*

Sun 24 Oct **Little Rotters** 11am-1pm
Join naturalist Phil Budd for a mushroom identification walk. We will be focusing on identification and learning about the ecology of the varied species found on site, rather than picking. *Meet at entrance at top of Sandy Lane.*

Sun 14 Nov **Taster Practical Task** 1pm-4pm
Find out more about how the site is managed by the Council's Countryside Team and get hands on by taking part in a pine pull to help keep the heathland habitat open. Gloves, tools, supervision and refreshments provided. £Free *Meet by site gate at top of Marlow Drive.*

Wed 8 Dec **Christmas Social & Fun Quiz** 7.30pm-9.30pm
Annual festive get together for members, with mulled wine, mince pies and prizes. Maximum team size of six people—**booking in advance essential** via Melanie Gibbons. Tickets £4 members, £6 non-members. *Meet at St Catherine's Community Hall.*