



EAST DEVON
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



SAVING SPECIAL SPECIES ENGAGEMENT 2023 Report

To celebrate the 60th anniversary year, an event per month was organised – sites chosen to give a good geographical spread across the AONB area from East Budleigh Common in the West to Uplyme in the East and Offwell Woods in the North. Events took place on sites not normally accessible to the public, or little known and sites we have used in past where events have always been oversubscribed (Shute Deer Park and Bolshayne Farm). However July saw 4 events.

To reach a diverse audience profile from 0 to 90 plus – a great range of topics were provided.

Evening bat detecting, stream dipping, wildlife fun morning, meadow and art, poetry in the park all interactive, attracted families and young people.

17 events – 355 participants

(9 events in 2022, 188 participants)

EVENTS:

POETREE IN THE PARK 25 February 2023 Engagement programme launched with this event. A rare opportunity to explore the Medieval Deer Park at Shute which is on private land.



Adults and children joined us for a special Nature Poetry walk that combined creativity, history and nature.

The main goal of a nature poetry walk is to soak in the beauty of our surrounding environment and then turn that experience into something creative that we can treasure. Writing poetry requires inspiration, and nature is the perfect backdrop for us to find that spark. Graham Jones, AONB Ambassador and local tree enthusiast, shared his enormous knowledge of trees, helping to identify different species using buds and bark.

Children enjoyed completing Shute Deer Park scavenger hunts and collecting oak leaves to create a giant oak leaf collage. Other participants on the walk read out poems they had chosen or created.

The highlight was pausing to admire the celebrated 900-year-old King John's Oak, the oldest tree in the park. 8-year-old Eben, from Shute village, read out the poem he had written specially for the deer park as King John looked on, resplendent in his winter attire, with plenty of fresh growth as he enters his next millennia.

AONB manager Chris Woodruff got creative too, writing his own verse to capture the day.

The walk was a wonderful way to get active in nature, with group feedback that they learnt so much and really appreciated the opportunity to be in such a special place. We thank the Bird family, who own and farm the deer park for kindly giving us access to a special landscape that is usually closed to the public

Event feedback via email : *Many thanks to you and Graham, Ruth for such an informative and enjoyable morning. You do an amazing job. Mick Holdsworth*

I attended the walk to visit King John's Oak on 25th February. I found the event fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable. What a beautiful setting with so much history and nature on our doorstep! Thank you very much. Diana Durrant

BATTLE OF THE BRAMBLE – DEER PARK TASK 25 February 11 volunteers cleared bramble around young oak trees – planted in last decade to replace the older residents in the park – choked in Bramble and nettles, help was needed to help clear the overgrown vegetation. With a target of two deer-guarded, bramble-choked trees, our dedicated volunteers liberated five – they were clearly not bent on defeat!

SPRING INTO LIFE - Offwell Woods, 25 March

Signs of Spring walk in Offwell Woods led by Jan Uden Participants encouraged to bring snack for refreshment break at picnic tables by lake – this worked well.

Event feedback via email : *Ruth Thank you for a very enjoyable afternoon at Offwell Woods & for introducing us to a new woodland in our area. Elaine Lowndes*

On Saturday I went on a wonderful walk with Ruth and Jan. We went into Offwell Woods and saw some beautiful flowers and daffodils and primroses. In the woods we listened to bird song, saw some wood anemones and lichen and fungi. I caught a tadpole in my hand and had a picnic. I learnt the name of some trees and plants and learnt that there are two types of primroses, but I can't remember what they are called. Also, the difference between a fern and bracken.

I am looking forward to the bug walk in May and the stream walk in the Autumn.

By Eddie {completed with the help of grandma who also can't remember the different names of the primroses}

BELLS AND BRIDGES – Prescott Pinetum, 29 April

A walk to enjoy bluebells in Prescott Pinetum and walk under the Cannington Viaduct near Uplyme led by Mike Locke and Marjorie Waters.

Event feedback via email : *Dear Ruth, I'd like to thank you for allowing me and my friend to join your walk this afternoon. Between you, you hold a fascinating font of botanical knowledge and it was quite the privilege to learn about the Uplyme flora and fauna I have been guilty of ignoring, or taking for granted, for too much of my life. Mike and Marjorie are encyclopedias on legs, their brains seemingly brimming with a potage of facts gleaned over a lifetime, carefully observing and studying innumerable plants and trees. Thank you to them and to you for bringing the Prescott Arboretum to life today; with greater knowledge and understanding we all stand to appreciate what's under our very noses so much the better. Kind regards Justin Miliari – Woodhouse, next to Prescott Pinetum*

Many thanks to you and Marjorie for the Bells and Bridges Bluebell Walk last week. We both thoroughly enjoyed it and continue to learn from the experts. Alison and Cliff Scrase

I came on the Bluebell walk with 3 other people & we thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. You were all so knowledgable & open to questions. We all said that we'd come to other events. I have signed up to the newsletter on the website so hope to see you again. Kind regards Jo Clarke

29 on the walk including 2 female students (20s) and 1 15 year old male

MEADOW MAGIC – Bolshayne Farm 31 May

This is a regular event always oversubscribed – as it is on private land and a chance to see a rare habitat – a diverse wet carr meadow. This event also had an natural printing workshop as an additional activity to attract children. This worked really well, with all adults staying after walk to participate too. 10 children were booked on walk but 8 didn't come.

TWILIGHT ZONE – BAT SAFARI – BLACKBURY CAMP, 23 June

Event feedback via email : *Morning Ruth, Thank you for a wonderful evening at Blackberry Camp last night. Could you please send details of how to obtain a bat detector from Colyton Garden Center for monitoring bats in our garden. Many thanks, Angela Thurgood*

Dear Ruth, Thank you so much for organizing the bat expedition. It was wonderful, and I am so glad I was able to come. Best wishes, John

Ruth I recently attended a bat walk at Blackbury Fort, 23.6.23 . This is just a big thank you for a marvellous evening. Both yours, and Sarah's, enthusiasm and information was marvellous and contagious! Thank you both for spending the time. Please pass on my thanks to Sarah too Penny, and Ian

KILMINGTON GO WILD ON THE COMMON, 24 June

Event organised with the Kilmington Common Volunteer Group to celebrate the Heath Lobelia population they are nurturing on the Common heathland. Moth trapping, bug hunting, guided walk and printing with natural materials.

Event feedback via email : *Just to say, a big thank you from me too. It was a wonderful event to be part of. Thank you for having me. Very best wishes, Rosie*

Hi Ruth, thanks so much for the help you gave Judith and David in organising the Kilmington Common Event today. We had a great turn out, with all ages thoroughly enjoying themselves. It was particularly good to see so many families and young children getting really interested. Councillor Pete Ball

Thankyou to every one of you for your part in making this first, truly family event on The Common, a wonderful success. It was lovely to see so many children, adults, villagers, visitors thoroughly engaged in and enjoying The Common. The Heath Lobelia in flower, albeit a bit earlier, but like so many other plants this season. The moths were spectacular and the many insects and bugs a-buzz with activity, added to by opportunity for a proper close up view with the microscope. Rosie, your printing workshop was wonderful, thankyou to you and your family for travelling the distance to be here. This feels like the first of many other events to come! Very good wishes Judith and David

BAT SAFARI 14 July, Uplyme This walk attracted a mobility scooter user, with most of the Lym River Path level and wide enough. Sadly not the number of youngsters attracted last year.

NATURES HIGH FLIERS 26 July, East Budleigh Common This event was part of Heath Week. Despite rain, we did not cancel and 13 participants did turn up.

*Hi Ruth, I did enjoy yesterday's walk despite the unpleasant conditions. Graham was very knowledgeable. I've had a look at "yellow" mushrooms today and think that one we saw, which I thought maybe a Waxcap is probably *Bolbitius titubans*. Best wishes Janet Fearnley*

BEAVER SAFARI 25 July, Otterton Led by Devon Wildlife Trust – who gave excellent talk at start at walk and then the treat of seeing beavers in their natural habitat

Email feedback on Beavers and Highfliers - Hi Ruth, many thank for organizing two excellent events which Stephen and I enjoyed. The butterflies were all sheltering from the rain today but now we know where to look and have found a new walk! Here are a few photos from yesterday. Maria Malowski

WILD ABOUT STREAMS 12 August Manor Mill Farm, Branscombe Family stream dipping at Manor Mill Farm attracted over 30 people . This was an excellent event for engaging young people. 12 family groups.

BAT SAFARI 15 August Bolshayne Farm, Colyton As with Uplyme, again no young people on walk. All 3 bat events led by excellent leader Sarah Butcher and with many species detected.

Event email feedback - Thank you, Ruth, what an excellent introduction to bat detecting! Eight species! Fiona Anderson

HIGH ON A HILL 17 September Sidbury Castle Hillfort - postponed due to heavy rain. It is proposed to reschedule in Spring as part of launch of book 'Sid Valley and Surroundings: An Archaeology guide.' This event was heavily oversubscribed.

This September event replaced by

BAT SAFARI 22 September Kilmington Common – Eventbrite not used – targeted village through local publicity done by Judith Simpson who runs the KC volunteer group. It was well attended with 26 participants including many children.

TARGETTED GROUPS

Contacted mental health/wellbeing /dementia organisations – including Devon Mind, Axminster Memory Café, Axminster and Seaton Waffle Projects, East Devon LED walks programme

EAST DEVON LED Wellbeing Walks - OTTERTON 80/90 yrs 1 hour walking group – 3 MAY With Jan Uden botanist, enriched their regular riverside circular with explaining landscape and botanical interest alongside promoting the AONB – this continued with:

AXMINSTER WAFFLE WEDNESDAY WALKS (weekly for socially isolated, well being) 17 May

Morning Ruth, Thank you so much for joining Waffle walks on Wednesday. It was lovely to meet you. Please keep in touch with any nature and night walks as we discussed. You are very welcome to join us again whenever you are able. Thank you for adding interest to our walk. You made it a special day! Kind regards Claire Pomeroy and the Team

Claire keen for an evening walk and when minibus up and running again with a trained driver needed they are keen for an AONB landscape walk.

Axminster Memory Café 10 July (they meet monthly at Pippins Community Hub) – 8 (before covid about 20-25 attended – but many have gone into nursing homes or reluctant to mix) PPT talk – virtual walk in the AONB well received inciting memories including bats in the roof, swimming in rivers, Ragged Robin growing en masse in farmers fields (Hawkchurch), remembering Shute House as a girls school that one of them had attended. Ruth Gillingham didn't attend but they felt she would have known a lot about Shute, Granddaughter of Nat G who wrote farm diaries (Colin Pady has). Maybe we need to interview Ruth.

Seaton Friends in the Community 11 September - talk – virtual walk in the AONB landscape 'to group at St Gregorys Hall – elderly isolated audience – from Seaton and Beer . Attendees encouraged to bring in photos and share memories. Photos of snow on beach, discussions of history of holiday camp, the tsunami wave of 1972, railway to Lyme. Organiser feeding back...

I would like to extend my thanks to Ruth Worsley for a brilliant talk she gave to the Friends in the Community group yesterday. It's was an extremely interesting talk, made more so by Ruth's enthusiasm. It was lovely to see the group so animated, and engaging with Ruth with some of their own photographs and memories. I would say Ruth is definitely one of the best speakers we have had, and I would certainly recommend her talks to encourage people to participate in exploring the beauty of their own area. Please extend our thanks to her. *Kind Regards*

*Carol Rowe
Co-ordinator
Friends in the Community
Seaton and District Hospital League of Friends*

Targeted group event postponed:

Wetland Wildlife Wander Oct 5th (awaiting completion of Wetland link path to Borrow Pit site delayed completion date from August) This event organised with LED and Seaton Waffle project to encourage new walking group to set up – based at Waffle project, Seaton Hospital -

Summary

All events well attended. Weather caused two events to be postponed.

Oversubscribed events

Some events were oversubscribed. Thought needs to be given to how we can accommodate large numbers. Two leaders and group goes in different directions rather than having two at different times.

Online Feedback Evaluation Survey Results

What was/were the event(s) that you attended ?



Please tick:

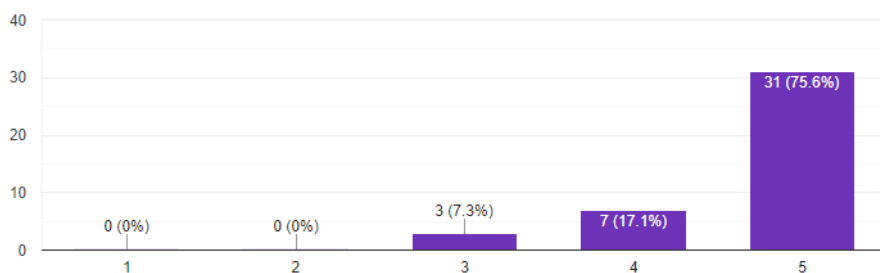
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How informative did you find the event (s)



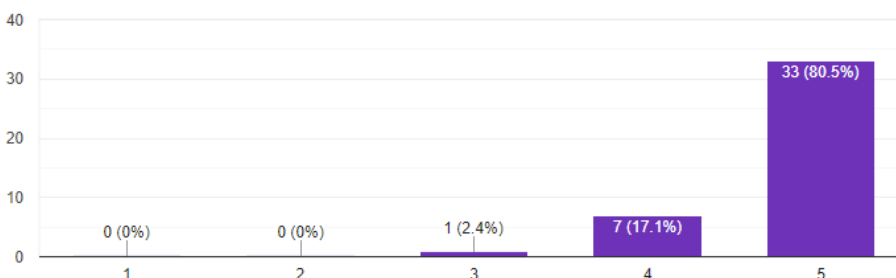
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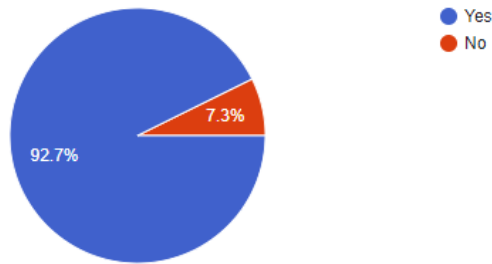


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Was the event what you expected

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If the previous answer was no, please explain why?

4 responses

Even better than expected

It was so much better than my expectations

Unfortunately I had to pull out of coming at the last minute for access reasons applicable to my partner who was also booked to come. I was very sorry to miss the walk. Have ALWAYS WANTED TO VISIT THE OLD OAK tree

I didn't know what to expect as moths and butterflies don't come out in the rain!

Please do provide any comments you might have about the event 29 responses

Always love the events

The event was very informative, however I'm not sure I absorbed as much as I could have. I thought some of the group were a bit unhelpful - as in talking apparently oblivious - while one of the group leaders/naturalists was telling us things most of us wanted to pay attention to. This did not spoil the afternoon however.

My family found it an inspiring and well planned afternoon, and the printing activity was really enjoyable, the children loved it.

Meadow safari was brilliant- loved the art print making afterwards and loved the meadow stroll - with such informative and knowledgeable people.

Lovely walk through woods I didn't know about. Not much in flower at this time but informative about plants there. relaxed, informative, nice atmosphere.

All the AONB folk were great - friendly and welcoming. And I really appreciated Sarah's obvious enthusiasm and bat knowledge which made the event so informative and enjoyable.

More than I expected. Surprised by joy of learning from knowledgeable enthusiastic leaders and other specialists in the group. I've used Herb Bennett in a painting commission for the Bennett family!. I'd never heard of it before.

Learning or reinforcing knowledge about lichen, moss, oak trees, fungi. Love it. The Oak Tree doco on BBC Four recently enriched my and husbands knowledge

Meadow safari - too many people for a linear walk, better split into 2 groups

Always great events with really well informed specialists.

Our guide was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. This was my first 'bat safari', and apparently we were particularly lucky in the number of different species that we 'heard'. Even without that, I would have learnt a lot - and Blackbury is such a wonderful site, all the better late on a summer evening. Thank you so much.

I was disappointed in the way information was given. Those in the front of the line who were following the Leader could obviously hear all being said, those behind them were unable to hear. It would have been better for all if the person giving the information stood half way back or grouped everyone together before speaking. Also there were a

few attendees who were talking/laughing loudly amongst themselves the whole way round the route which was very annoying and hindering any chance to try to hear anything said. On a plus, the route was lovely, one I will do again at some point. Thank you.

It was difficult to hear what the leader was saying sometimes (needs to speak up a bit).

More bat walks in similar woodlands please, it was really nice to find so many species.

Could there have been an option for anyone that wanted to explore the meadows for longer to remain there for longer?

Thank you very much for super event The best thing, bat's were brill, but yours and Sarah's knowledge and enthusiasm is excellent, and so welcoming

Another well organised & enjoyable event. The knowledge shared was astounding.

Fantastic evening. Definitely have the Bat bug

Please arrange another walk there !

Extremely engaging, informative and enjoyable

absolutely fantastic and delightful

Having been to a few bat walks now and buying our own bat detector we are hooked and enjoying every minute no butterflies at raining but Graham more than adequately compenstated with communicating information about plants

Lovely event. Came as a family with small children and it was delightful. Thank you very much.

Always thoroughly enjoy the events / so informative, well organised, and in such fabulous locations.

Sarah is a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic leader. She told us so much about how bats live, find food and communicate and habitat requirement

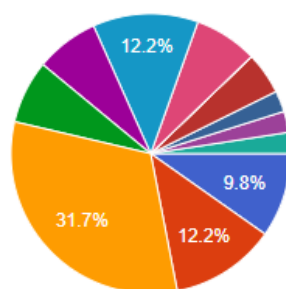
Despite the rain, which was not very helpful for the aim of the event, we were given loads of information and I found it very interesting.

Well organised, clear instructions, handy mustard car (it was so far along the lane from Colyton I was beginning to think we'd missed it) lots of bat detectors (thanks to Ruth for all above), genial host John, super enthusiastic guide Sarah, walking not too difficult in the dark, and eight species of bat detected. Weather also well organised! Thank you! Graham was an very interesting leader who gave my u3a group an interesting walk soon after this one.

How did you hear about the event?



41 responses



- Eventbrite listings
- Social media - facebook or instagra...
- East Devon AONB newsletter
- East Devon AONB website
- Local newspaper - eg Mid Week He...
- Saving Special Species mailing list
- Word of mouth
- School newsletter

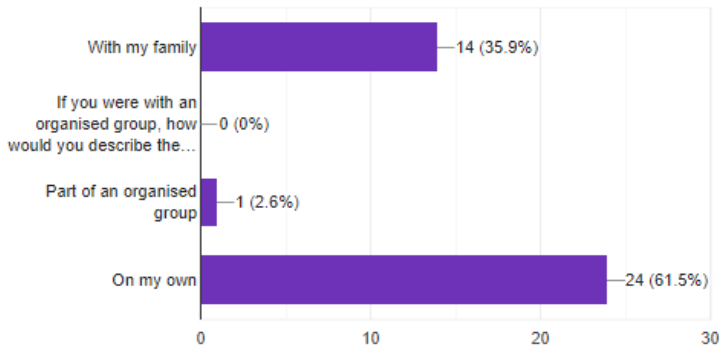
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- Contacted and invited by Ruth Worsley
- Couldhave been eventbrite or ED newsletter
- Parish magazine
- lyme regis monthly

Where you part of a group



39 responses



Have you been to many similar activities ?



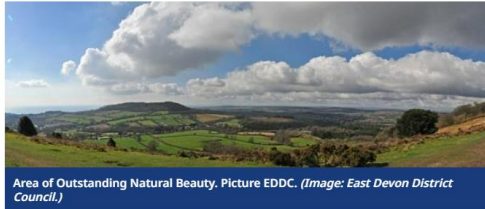
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60th anniversary events to celebrate East Devon's AONB

14th February

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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Picture EDDC. (Image: East Devon District Council.)

By Adam Manning
Reporter

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East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, (AONB), has announced the events it will be hosting to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

The first event, 'Poetree in the Park', will take place at Shute, near Axminster on Saturday February 25 from 10.30am until 12.30pm. This will launch East Devon AONB's 60th birthday programme.

Publicity

Social media as well as online newsletters was used for promoting and ensuring full capacity at events – eg local community facebook pages or the AONB FB and Instagram. This undoubtedly ensures a younger audience. Also regular press releases were picked up by Midweekherald. Most participants have access to internet – very few bookings were made non electronically.

Some examples:

<https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/23320297.60th-anniversary-events-celebrate-east-devons-aonb/>

HOME NEWS Discover the bluebells of Uplyme's Prescottt Pinetum on guided walk

Discover the bluebells of Uplyme's Prescottt Pinetum on guided walk

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The bluebell carpet at Prescottt Pinetum in Uplyme

CELEBRATIONS to mark the 60th anniversary of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will continue with a guided walk of one of the area's best kept secrets, Prescottt Pinetum, in Uplyme.

This magical broadleaved woodland boasts an unrivalled carpet of bluebells in spring, among an amazing array of specimen trees including towering giant redwoods, managed by the Woodland Trust.

The guided walk, named 'Bells and Bridges Bluebell Walk', will be held on Saturday, April 29 between 2pm and 5pm, led by wildlife enthusiast Marjorie Waters.

Meet early spring plants of hedgerow, wayside and woodland, and enjoy the spring symphony chorus of birdsong.

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<https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/23507055.next-event-celebrate-aonbs-60th-anniversary-announced/>



East Devon's Meadow Safari. (Image: East Devon AONB.)

By Adam Manning
Reporter

Share **Comments**

East Devon AONB's 60th anniversary event programme continues with an early summer safari into the depths of a wonderful wetland meadow.



The walks will be led by wildlife experts and at a leisurely pace giving everyone time to stop and enjoy wildflowers such as orchids, yellow rattle, scabious, and other traditional wet meadow flowers.

After the walk, the group will return to the barn to create artworks with artist Rosie Stiling from Double Elephant Print Workshops.

A spokesman for the East Devon AONB said: "This amazing diversity of wildflowers are important sources of pollen and nectar for insects. The walk will include bug hunts for children - armed with sweep nets and bug pots then can get up close and personal to meet our important pollinators. Many thanks to John Walker, farmer at Bolshayne, who has been farming for wildlife for over 40 years. This meadow almost became a potato field, but work stopped when a chorus of croaking frogs were heard

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<https://axminster.nub.news/news/local-news/twilight-bat-detecting-walks-to-be-held-as-part-of-east-devon-aonbs-60th-anniversary-programme-186744>

Hi Ruth,

Apologies for the late reply!! All booked via the link, thanks for that.

I saw the mention in the Devon Wildlife Trust newsletter, so good to know that works.

I very much look forward to the evening.

Best

Ross

Devon AONB's 60th anniversary programme

By Francesca Evans
5th Jun 2023 | [Local News](#)



A series of free bat detecting walks are planned at three sites in the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

A series of free bat detecting walks are planned at three sites in the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, as part of an ongoing programme of events to mark its 60th anniversary.

Exploring a range of habitats, including farmland, meadow, riverside and trees on an ancient iron age hillfort, these magical night time walks will be led by Sarah Butcher, local bat expert from Devon Bat Group.

These nocturnal explorations are a great chance to learn how to identify bats using hand held bat detectors as well as learning about their fascinating lifestyles and sadly the threats they face.

Three bat species are on the list of the 'Elusive Eight', a list of species that are under serious threat which East Devon AONB have identified and is part of a wider national Nature Recovery Programme. The species are Greater Horseshoe, Bechstein and Grey Longeared Bats.

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Kilmington Common

There has been a lot happening on the Common during these summer months. We have continued to have a work party roughly once a month. At this time of year one of the main tasks is to keep the paths through the Common usable by everyone who wants to. This summer another path has been cut in from Shute Road close to the inside treeline down the edge of the central grassland area, this allows those walking it to see the beautiful display of betony, meadowsweet and heather in the grassland.

One of the volunteers Jan Uden, a botanist, is carrying out a monthly plant survey. The information from this, alongside plant lists that we have from 2006, will allow us to monitor how the grassland has changed, and how the management will hopefully enhance and increase the plant species.

The Heath Lobelia have flowered well and Alison and Cliff Scrase from Shute, also volunteers, have had great success at growing more than 200 plants from seed. Some of these will be planted onto the Common in the Autumn whilst others will be planted at other sites in Devon. The heather that had previously been overgrown by trees and gorse is also more prolific this year, adding to the mosaic of colour that is there for us all to enjoy.

There have been sightings of a good number of butterflies including Holly Blue, Common Blue, Small Copper. Walkers on and around the Common have also reported seeing frogs, toads and a fast moving lizard crossing the Shute Road and disappearing into the safety of the grassland.

The main event over the past few months has been for the Common to host one of the events on the East Devon AONB 60th Anniversary calendar. On Saturday 24th June more than 40 people came along to 'Go Wild on the Common'.

It was a wonderful success and there were excited children and adults of all ages enjoying the range of activities on offer. The event was only made possible by volunteers giving their time, energies and enthusiasm.

There was an entertaining guided plant walk, by Jan Uden. Richard Lane brought along a stereo microscope, sweep nets and bug pots so that the excited children, and some enthusiastic adults too, could examine in very close detail the beautiful intricacies of the flies, micro moths, hoverflies and important pollinators that occur on the Common.

Jan Baker, Marjorie Waters and David Simpson had all put out moth traps the night before and brought along the moths safely caught for us all to see before setting them free. The moths were caught in 3 different gardens around the village, one close to the Common. (Siting a moth trap on the Common will be something we're hoping to do at some point in the future).

Rosie Stilling also came along with her family and set up a printing workshop which proved to be great fun and was very popular, again with adults and children alike. How great that an example of this work appears on the front cover of this edition of Postscript. Fortunately a few heath Lobelia were in flower and these too were used as inspiration for yet more creative printing.

The event was well attended, mostly by villagers, and some others just passing by this lovely place who also joined in. There was a great community atmosphere, something definitely to build on.

More good news is that there is now a management plan for the Common drawn up with the Kilmington Parish Council and the volunteers. One of its aims is to ensure that this nationally rare remnant of Lowland Grassland Heath is well looked after and enjoyed by all.

If you want to come along to any of the work parties and help, or want any more information then please get in touch.

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Booking

Eventbrite was used for booking – again as last year between 4-6 participants not turning up – so more places programmed on the Eventbrite template.

CONCLUSION

Events survey feedback quite clearly indicate a successful, enjoyable and informative programme with a demand for future events.

A variety of different event content, attracted a larger number of younger participants – in particular Stream Dipping at Branscombe, Bat Walks, Wild on the Common and Bat Walks. Additional creative art activity was well received and enjoyed by all participants.

Clearly there is a demand for events – demonstrated by oversubscribed events and much positive feedback.

National Trust Branscombe who co organised Stream Dipping event are keen to run similar event next year.

Participants appreciate the access given to sites not normally open to the public or being introduced to sites they are not aware of.

Events inspired action for wildlife – following bat events, participants engaged with the DWT Bat recording loan kit or bought own bat detectors. One participant has joined the Heath Lobelia group.

Linear walks where some participants unable to hear if at the back of long line of participants, suggested two leaders needs to be considered.

Most event have a good photographic record when Simon Tutty AONB photographer was able to attend.

AONB 60th Anniversary 2023 Events Programme EVENT NUMBERS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
adult	child							
male	female	male	female	Event name	Date		Venue	
8	11	3	3	Poetree in the Park	25/02/2023	10.30 - 12.30	Shute, Axminster	
2	5	1	1	Battle of the Bramble	25/02/2023	2pm - 4pm	Shute, Axminster	
7	12	1		Spring into Life	25/03/2023	2pm - 5pm	Offwell Woods	
7	13	2	2	Bells and Bridges	29/04/2023	2pm - 5pm	Prescott Pinetum	
6	11	1	2	Meadow Magic	31/05/2023	2pm - 5pm	Bolshayne Farm Colyton	
				Twilight Zone Bat Safari 1, Blackbury Camp	23/06/2023		Blackbury Camp	
12	9					9.15pm - 11.		
25	25	10	10	Wild about the Common	24/06/2023	tbc Judith	Kilmington Common	
10	13			Twilight Zone Bat Safari 2,	14/07/2023	9pm - 11pm	Uplyme Lym Riverside - parking at Village Hall	
8	5			Nature High fliers - butterfly	26/07/2023	2pm - 5pm	Wheathill Car Park, Pebblebed Heaths	
6	6			Twilight Zone Riverbank	25/07/2023	6.30pm - 9.	Otterton	
5	9	5	9	Wild about Streams	12/08/2023	2pm - 5pm	Manor Mill Farm, Branscombe	
9	6			Twilight Zone Bat Safari 3, Bol:	15/08/2023	8.45pm - 9.	Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh, Colyton	
8	12	2	4	Twilight Zone Bat Safari 4, Kilm	22/09/2023	6.45	Kilmington Common	
				High on a Hill POSTPONED	17/09/2023	2pm - 5pm	Sidbury Castle Hillfort tbc tie in with Sidbury village fair	
				Targetted Groups				
10	12			E Devon Well Being Walk Group	Jun-14		Otterton (Newton Popleford group)	
2	6			Axminster Memory Café talk	Jul-10		Talk	
1	18			Seaton Friends in the Community	Sep-11		Talk	
126	173	25	31	Seaton Restore/Led Wetlands walk postponed				
TOTAL	355							
(188 in 2023)								

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