

Bournemouth Naturally (BN) – Upcoming Events 2013

February

Wed Feb 13th – BN Greenspace Nature Walk

Iford Meadow

10am, meet in car park to Iford playing field

(Off Iford Lane, BH6 5NF, SZ144927)

Come and join us for a walk around the river banks, meadows and woods of Iford Meadow.

March

Sat 2nd March - BN Amphibian ID workshop

BNSS, 10am till 12

Meet at BNSS for an interesting talk from Richard Sharp, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust all about the amphibian life that can be found in Bournemouth. This will be followed by a look in the BNSS garden pond to find out if it is home to any of the species we have learned about.

Wed 6th March – BN Living Record Training Workshop

Bournemouth Learning Centre, 7 till 9pm

An opportunity to learn about and have a go at using online recording system Living Record with its creator Adrian Bicker on-hand to provide advice and information.

This system had been adopted by several conservation organisations as a means of collecting vital information from wildlife recorders. Through the Bournemouth Naturally project we are hoping people will use Living Record to help us collect wildlife records around Bournemouth.

Places limited, please contact Heather to book a place (contact details below).

Wed 13th March – BN Greenspace Nature walk

Kinson Common

10am, meet entrance off Kinson Road

(Opposite Brook road, BH10 5ES, SZ070957)

A walk taking in the varied habitats Kinson Common has to offer; in particular we will be hoping to enjoy some early spring birdsongs.

April

Wed 3rd April – BN Bat workshop

2 till 4pm – BNSS

Steve Davis from Dorset Wildlife Trust will be giving us an introduction to urban bats for beginners.

An opportunity to learn more about the bats you might see flying around your garden or local greenspace.

Fri 5th and Sat 6th April - BN Small Mammal Workshop

Stour Valley LNR, Bournemouth (Fri 3pm till 5pm, Sat 7am till 9am)

Meet at the Rangers barn (across from the car park in Granby Road, just off Muscliff Lane (BH9 3NZ for Granby Road, SZ096958).

Another opportunity to have a go at small mammal trapping, this workshop will be in two sessions to include a short talk about small mammal ecology and ID from senior ranger Katie Wilkinson on the Friday afternoon and an early start to check the traps on the Saturday morning.

Please contact Heather if you are interested in coming along.

Wed 17th April - BN Survey Group*

Slades Farm Community Garden

Meet Slades Farm playing fields car park off Ensbury Avenue,
BH10 4EU (SZ075943)

10 am till 12

An opportunity to come along and help record the early spring species living in the Slades Farm community garden.

Sat 27th April – BN Beginners Botany Workshop

Meet outside the Cricket Pavilion Café off Ashley Road (BH1 4NN), Bournemouth
10am till 12pm, SZ113926

Botanist Robin Walls will be providing us with an introduction to the common wild flowers found in Kings Park and how to identify them.

Please contact Heather if you are interested in coming along.

Bring along an ID guide and Hand lens if you have one but don't worry if you don't.

May

Wed 1st May – BN Drop In

BNSS, 2 till 4pm

Activities for this afternoon to be confirmed please check the Bournemouth Naturally webpage for more details or contact Heather.

Wed 15th May – BN Survey Group*

Littledown Valley

Meet by the steps to Littledown sports centre, Chaseside,
BH7 7DX (SZ124939)

We will be doing a survey of Littledown valley to find out more about the wildlife in this small area of rough grassland.

June

Wed 5th June - BN Beetle Workshop

BNSS, 2 till 4pm

Come along and learn all about the Beetles found in Bournemouth from local naturalist Jonathan McGowan. This workshop will provide information about how to identify beetle species with opportunities to look at museum and live specimens.

Wed 12th June – BN Survey Group*

Millhams Mead

Meet at car park off Millhams road, behind St Andrews Church,
BH10 7LW (SZ067969)

We will be concentrating on finding out more about the diversity of wildlife that is present in the old tip/water meadow area of Millhams Mead.

Sat 22nd June - Butterfly and Dragonfly ID workshop

Meet at BNSS, 10 am till approx. 3pm

The morning will be spent at BNSS with two talks by local experts Mark Spencer from BNSS and Andrew Brown from Dorset Dragonflies. Bring along a packed lunch as we will be heading off to one of Bournemouth's greenspaces for a walk in the afternoon in search of the insects themselves.

Information

All Bournemouth Naturally events are free to attend.

Everyone is welcome

*The aim of the **survey groups** is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in collecting wildlife records and identifying species in areas where few surveys have previously been done. Everyone is welcome you don't have to be an expert to get involved. Bring along any ID guides or survey equipment such as swipe nets, binoculars etc. if you have them. These sessions may be weather dependant.

Please contact Heather if you are interested in attending any of the workshops as we may be limited by numbers or weather constraints (if there is an outdoors session).

We will be adding to this list of events throughout the year so keep an eye on the website .

www.bnss.org.uk/bournemouth-naturally.html

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