

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 or Jade North 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 2012



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Events are subject to change and weather conditions on the day, please call 01425 272479 or e-mail r.harley@christchurch.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.

Sun 12 Feb **Seasonal Walk** 3pm-5pm
General guided walk around site (about 1 hour), led by Robin Harley, followed by tea and cake and chat in the hall from 4pm. **Members only**, £2 charge. Dogs welcome on walk. *Meet outside St Catherine's Community Hall, Marlow Drive. OS Grid Ref: SZ140952*

Wed 22 Feb **Annual General Meeting** 7.45pm (8pm start) —9.30pm
Get an update on the fourth year of the Friends and elect officers; followed by a talk on bats by Phil Smith and refreshments. *Meet in St Catherine's Community Hall.*

Sat 21 Apr **Reptile Ramble** 10am-12pm
Chance to see some of the six UK native reptiles with Gary Powell. Numbers limited to 16 maximum, so **booking essential**. *Meet Avon Causeway entrance to site., opposite Avon Causeway Hotel, SZ136975.*

Sun 29 Apr **Early Bird Walk** 6.30am-8am
Early morning bird walks with local ornithologist Graham Armstrong. Chance of hot drink and bacon roll in Hall at end. *Meet Outside St Catherine's Community Hall, Marlow Drive.*

Sun 13 May **Seasonal Walk** 3pm—5pm
Led by David Mariner. See 12 Feb for more details. Members only, £2 charge.

Sat 19 May **Field Trip to Merritown Heath** 10am-12pm
Guided walk around this local site, near Bournemouth Airport, led by Danny Alder, Nature Conservation Officer from Dorset County Council. *Please call 01425 272479 for further details.*

Sat 9 Jun **Nightjar & Nightcap** 8.45pm—10.15pm
Opportunity to see and hear fascinating nightjars, followed by an optional drink in the pub afterwards. Torch and insect repellent recommended. Limited spaces, please call for details.

Friday 29 Jun **Creatures of the Night** 9pm—late
Join us for a late evening moth identification session using a light trap or come at 10.30am tomorrow to the Family Bug Day to inspect the catch! Please call for further details.

Sat 30 Jun **Family Bug Day** 10.30am-4pm
To celebrate National Insect Week there will be a series of mini beast related walks for all ages throughout the day. More information available nearer the time. Please call for details.

Sat 14 Jul **Botany walk** 3pm-5pm
Join general naturalist Phil Budd for a guided walk looking at the variety of plants found on site. *Meet Outside St Catherine's Community Hall, Marlow Drive.*

Sun 12 Aug **Seasonal Walk** 3pm-5pm
General walk led by Jade North, Urban Heaths Partnership Warden. See 12 Feb for details. Members only, £2 charge.

Sat 22 Sep **Eight Legged Friends** 2pm-4pm
Join local webmaster Tony Sheridan for this popular guided walk, looking at the wide variety of spiders found on site. *Meet at five bar gate at top of St Catherine's Hill Lane. SZ145950*

Sat 6 Oct **Annual Litter Pick** 10am-12pm
All equipment and refreshments provided. No charge for this event!! *Meet at the top end of Sandy Lane. SZ144948*

Sat 13 Oct **Fungal Foray** 11.00am-1.00pm
Join expert Phil Budd on a walk around site and find out more about these little rotters. *Meet at entrance at junction of Orford Close and Hillside Drive. SZ139958*

Sun 11 Nov **Seasonal Walk** 2pm-4pm
Guided history walk led by Sue Newman & Mike Tizzard. See 12th Feb for details. Members only, £2 charge.

Wed 12 Dec **Christmas Social & Fun Quiz** 7.30pm-9.30pm
Annual festive get together for members, with mulled wine and mince pies. *Meet at St Catherine's Community Hall.*