

COMPETITION TIME!

Complete our wordsearch by finding and circling the 8 Dungeness Wildlife words in our grid on the right:

**PEBBLE POPPY EGRET GREBE
BUMBLEBEE SEAWEED SEAL FISH**

Send your name and address to WCCP, C/o Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ by Tuesday 24 September 2019. The first 3 correct entries out of the hat will receive a family ticket (up to 2 adults and 3 children) free entry to RSPB Dungeness.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

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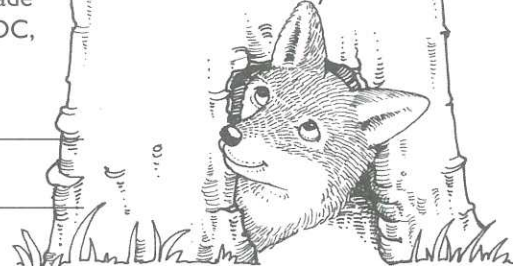
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JOIN THE JUNIOR RANGER!

The Junior Ranger events take a closer look at wildlife and ecology. Make notes in your nature notebook to earn special Junior Ranger badges and certificates. It costs £3 to join the Junior Ranger scheme and you start as a Trainee Ranger and receive your badge and notebook. By attending the events you progress through the levels from Junior Ranger (5 events) to Peregrine (40 events). Parents would you please let us know when your child has attended the qualifying number of events, enabling us to send out our reward pack. For an application form or to advise on qualifying attendance please contact Sue Bradford on (01304) 241806.

WELCOME TO

Robert Horsley
Bethan Lloyd
Oscar Pearce
Kaylum Pinn
Jacob & Anna McCarthy
Isla Bushell
James & Henry Chapman
Ryan Bailey
Lois & Olivia Hearn
Imogen Hooker-Thomsett
Emily & Avie Combes
and Eve Parry



FIRST NAME	SURNAME	MALE/ FEMALE

To find Junior Ranger events look out for the ladybird logo



If you would like your children to join the Junior Rangers please complete the names of the children, together with your details below, and send with a cheque/postal order for £3 per child (made payable to Dover District Council) and post to White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, c/o DDC, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ. Or join up at a Junior Ranger event.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Personal details will be kept securely for the sole use of WCCP Junior Ranger Scheme administration officers.

To be receive information and digital or paper copies of Green Gang programme for the next 4 years, please tick the box you would like us to contact you by. Please note certificates and prizes will be sent/delivered by post.

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GREEN GANG

Celebrating 25 years of connecting children and their families with the environment

LOVE OUR PLANET

We hear dire warnings of pollution of the environment and atmosphere, climate change, destruction of wildlife habitats and a drastic drop in species populations. So what can we do locally to make a difference? Come along to our Family Fun Day at Samphire Hoe on Sunday 28 July and find out. As a traditional style country fayre, there'll be side shows, stalls and an exhibition. Fun activities include spin painting, feed the trout, insect roulette, excavate the T-Rex skull, the orchid challenge, plus see real live giant bugs. Food and drink available with free entry, although donations are very welcome.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES SUMMER 2019



WELCOME to the bumper Summer edition of the Green Gang magazine. The Green Gang is a special programme of fun events for children and their families enabling them to learn more about local wildlife and countryside. You are welcome at all the events, most of the events are free, and you don't have to be a member to attend.

WCCP's 30th YEAR!



FIND 30... At the end of this year, WCCP celebrates thirty years of organising events to help local people enjoy, learn about and care for their wonderful countryside and wildlife. So, special Green Gang events have been designed to help you discover the wealth of wildlife this summer. These include Orienteering on Whinless Down, a guided walk on the Western Heights nature reserve, Rockpooling at Folkestone and St Margaret's Bay, Anglo Saxon plant hunting in Dover, and a evening Bat Walk at Western Heights. See inside this newsletter for all the details. There's sure to be something to interest everyone.

RIVER DOUR FESTIVAL



The River Dour is a chalk stream that runs from Kearsney to Dover seafont and we're organising a week of fun filled family events so you can learn all about

it. Starting on Monday 5 August, there'll be two pop-up River lab days, an outdoor games event, an evening Bat walk and finishing the week with storytelling events and walks. You'll also be able to visit our brand new Centre on the River Dour where there'll be displays about wildlife and history of the River. There'll also be a chance to see some of the photographs and movies made by students. See our website or Facebook page for more details.

COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to **Ferne Jarrett, Poppy Rockall** and **Lily Rockall** for being the first 3 entries out of the hat in the Easter/Spring Green Gang bird wordsearch competition. They will each receive a woodland trail guide.

Congratulations to **Amelia Rose Harris, Erin Oliver** and **Ferne Jarrett** for being the first 3 entries out of the hat with the correct answers to the water competition. They will each receive a water saving kit kindly supplied by Affinity Water.



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New Romney, Kent TN28 8JR
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Website: www.rmcp.co.uk

A LONG HOT SUMMER

Looking forward to a long hot summer – playing outside, day trips, holidays....ice creams?

We'll all be hoping for some lovely hot sunshine to help us enjoy this time of year, and what better way to cool off than splashing around in water!

However, it is important to be aware that our weather is getting warmer and more unpredictable due to climate change. Over the last two years, we haven't had as much rain as we would normally expect.

This means there is less water stored in rivers and underground water sources called 'aquifers', which is where the water out of your tap comes from.

There are also more people using more water. This can make it difficult for rivers and aquifers to provide enough water for all of us... plus we still need to leave some water for the plants and animals too!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We can help by using a bit less water everyday, it's easy!

Water is great fun and there are loads of ways to enjoy it while you save it this summer. Here are some of our simple swaps to make sure you can still enjoy water in the summer without using too much. Can you think of any more?

Water saving summer fun!

- Use a small paddling pool instead of a hose or sprinkler for garden games.

- Invite some friends round for a splash party to share the water you do use!

- When you are finished in the paddling pool, use the water on the plants in your garden

- Head out with a picnic to our lovely local beaches and try rock pooling with a parent or guardian

- Run through the fountains at Folkestone harbour square

- Join our special watery Green Gang events like the pop up river labs on the River Dour

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Send your answers along with your summer water saving idea to Summer water saving idea:

Send your completed entry, with your name and address to WCCP, C/o Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ by Tuesday 24 September. The first 3 correct entries out of the hat will receive a fab water saving bag of goodies and a guide to freshwater life kindly supplied by Affinity Water.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Fill in the missing letters to make a word connected with water, write your summer water saving idea below, and then send your entry to the address below:

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you want to stay all day. These events can also count towards your Junior Ranger totals. Contact us on 01304 241806 for more details.

THE GRADING SYSTEM (to help you choose a suitable walk):

Grade 1 Very easy walk generally on pavements.

Grade 2 Easy walk in the countryside with gentle hills. No stiles.

Grade 3 Typical country walk with some steeper hills, stiles or muddy paths.

Grade 4 More difficult walking with steep hills or likely to be very muddy paths.

Grade 5 Difficult walks e.g. rocky shores or night walks.



Junior Ranger events



Suitable for wheelchairs



Look out for events sponsored by Affinity Water

Friday 30 August 9:30am

TWEETING AT THE ROMNEY WARREN

Join us for our quarterly bird survey, and learn to recognize the birds that live on the Marshes. Bring a bottle of water, and your own binoculars, if you own any. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, between New Romney and St Mary's Bay, by railway bridge off A259, TN28 8AY.

Friday 30 August 7:15pm

BAT TOUR AT FORT BURGOYNE (Please book)

A short introduction by Kent Bat Group followed by a walk through the ditches in the south western side of the Fort to look for bats. Please wear suitable footwear and bring a torch. Some bat detectors provided but if you have one please bring it along. Booking essential – bookings.wccp@gmail.com or 01304 241806. Donations to Kent Bat Group. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07773 619121 or 01304 241806) and Nick Tardivel, Kent Bat Group. **MEET:** Entrance to former Connaught Barracks, off Dover Road (Just off A258 junction with Dover Road and Dover Castle Coach Park) Dover, CT15 5LP. **DISTANCE:** 0.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (night). No dogs.

Saturday 31 August 10:00am – 3:00pm

SOUND MIRRORS OPEN DAY

RSPB Dungeness welcomes you to visit these unique historic monuments. Come and see what this fantastic place has to offer and get up close to our Sound Mirrors! More details on the website: www.rspb.org.uk/ **CHARGE:** £5 per adult, £2.50 per child, £3.50 per student (with a valid student card), £12.50 family offer (2 adults, 2 children). RSPB members free, under 5's free. **LEADER:** RSPB (01797 320588). **MEET:** The nearest car parks (with toilets) to the Sound Mirrors is situated on Coast Drive, TN29 9PE. Please use these car parks and follow the signs to the Sound Mirrors. Please bear in mind that there is a reasonable walk over shingle to reach the Sound Mirrors from the road as they are situated in the centre of our nature reserve. **GRADE:** 5 (walking across shingle). Dogs on leads welcome (although dog may need to be carried over the narrow bridge).

Saturday 31 August 2:00pm

SAMPHIRE HOE GRASSLAND GROOVERS (Green Gang)

Come along and join in a minibeast safari in the inches high savannah at Samphire Hoe. There will be the chance to create your very own bug superstar. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Holt, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display parking). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 2. No dogs.

Sunday 1 September to Monday 30 September 11:00am to 3:00pm daily

EXHIBITION: WILDLIFE MIGRATION

The Kent coast around Dover and Folkestone is a wonderful area to see wildlife migration in action. Come along and discover more. For information please call 01304 225649. **VENUE:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is signposted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display parking).

Tuesday 3 September 7:30pm

NIGHT TIME ACRO-BAT-ICS (Please book)

Join us for a bat walk around the Romney Warren, where we will discover what wildlife comes out at night on the Romney Marsh. Please wear sturdy shoes with good grip, bring extra layers (as it will go dark during the walk) and a torch. Donation of £4 per person appreciated, 50% of the donation will go towards the Kent Bat Group. TO BOOK: bookings.wccp@gmail.com or 01304 241806. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, between New Romney and St Mary's Bay, by railway bridges off A259, TN28 8AY. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (Night). No dogs.

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 September 10:00am – 5:00pm

WESTERN HEIGHTS OPEN WEEKEND

The Drop Redoubt and Grand Shaft will be open to the public. Napoleonic and Second World War re-enactors will be carrying out skirmishes, parades, drills and demonstrations throughout the weekend. There will also be a Napoleonic camp showing what life was like for an early nineteenth century soldier. In addition there will be various other stalls and displays including one from White Cliffs Countryside Partnership. We do recommend sturdy footwear as there are many stairs and uneven surfaces throughout. As a result, it is unfortunately unsuitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Please note there will be firing and loud bangs (dogs) although ear plugs for children and adults are provided. For more information see www.doverwesternheights.org or Dover Tourist Information Centre (01304 201066). **CHARGE:** For entry to Drop Redoubt - £5 adults, accompanied children free. Entrance to the Grand Shaft is free. **LEADER:** Western Heights Preservation Society. **MEET:** Drop Redoubt Road, Western Heights, Dover (TR 317 409). Walk to the site following the signs from the town, use the Grand Shaft staircase (Snargate Street) or parking on the sports field on Citadel Road.

Saturday 7 September 2:00pm (Green Gang)

CREATE YOUR OWN BIRDS OF SAMPHIRE HOE PAINTING

Working from a template and using real water colour paint to create your own wildlife illustration. We will be using paint so it might be a bit messy. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Steve Walker, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display parking). **DURATION:** 1.5 hours. No dogs.



Saturday 14 September 10:00am to 5:00pm

TREE CLIMBING AT KEARSNEY (Please book)

The Great Big Tree Climbing Company is returning to Kearsney Abbey! You'll get the chance to climb high into the tree canopy and see the park from a different perspective. You'll be supervised by an instructor, fitted with a harness and helmet, and always securely attached to a safety line. The event is open to adults, and children aged six and over. To book please go to the website: (www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contactus/). **CHARGE:** Tickets are £20 each, and each session lasts for an hour. **LEADER:** Great Big Tree Climbing Company for Kearsney Parks. **MEET:** Kearsney Abbey, Alkham Valley Road, Kearsney, near Dover CT16 3EE. **DURATION:** 1 hour.

Saturday 21 September 10:30am

GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN

Join us to take part in the Great British Beach Clean, organized nationally by the Marine Conservation Society. Help clear up litter from the shoreline on Dungeness NNR. Refreshments and litter picking equipment provided. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** Lade Public car park (opposite Taylor Road), Coast Drive, Greatstone, TN29 9PD. Car parking passes will be provided, please speak to Steff on the day.

Sunday 22 September 10:00am

DUNGENESS NNR: NATIONAL BEACH CLEAN

Come along and help record the rubbish, then bag it and remove it from the beach. We are into our 21st year of completing the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) Beachwatch and the section we will do will take a few hours...Cakes and biscuits will be used as a tempter and we will also provide the gloves and litter pickers and the essential clipboards and pencils!! **LEADER:** Owen Leyshon, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934 or 07770 670316). **MEET:** At the red and white barrier between the Old Lighthouse and the Power Station fence-line at TN29 9NB (TR 089 169) at Dungeness Point (NNR).

Sunday 22 September 10:00am

SHAKESPEARE BEACH, DOVER – GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN

What could be more British than that? Clear the sea-borne plastics from this iconic beach within sight of the White Cliffs of Dover; departure point for Channel Swims! Help us clear the beach of rubbish and record the material of the rubbish your team collects as you go. You will be working in groups of 2-3 people, with one person recording and the others collecting litter. You can rotate the roles! Gloves and litter pickers will be provided. At 1 o'clock tea and biscuits will be provided although you are welcome to bring along a packed lunch. We will also present prizes to the people or groups who find the most interesting finds! Event in partnership with the Port of Dover. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley and Matt Weiss, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07880 706990 or 01304 241806). **MEET:** Car park (brown), Lord Warden Square, Western Docks, Dover (TR 318 403). Collect a permit from the leader to get free car parking for volunteers, though space is limited.

Saturday 28 September 7:00pm (Green Gang)

SAMPHIRE HOE THE EDGE OF THE NIGHT ADVENTURE AND MOTHING

Join in a dusk walk around the Hoe and see what is attracted to the moth traps. Please bring a torch. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Holt, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display parking). **DISTANCE:** 1.5 mile (1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (Typical country walk with some steeper hills or stiles). Dogs on leads.



Sunday 29 September 10:00am

SAMPHIRE HOE BREAKFAST WITH THE MOTHS (Green Gang)

Come and see the results from the over-night moth trapping. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Holt, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display parking). **DISTANCE:** 0.5 mile (1 hour). **GRADE:** 1 (Very easy walk generally on pavements). Dogs on leads.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

Please note that children under 18 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian. It is the responsibility of the adult to make sure that their children are safe and well behaved, not the responsibility of the leader of the event. Many events take time to set up beforehand, so please don't let unruly behaviour spoil the event for everyone else. **Please wear sturdy footwear, waterproof clothing if rain is forecast, sun protection and bring water to drink.**

HAVE A GO AT VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer events are practical conservation days where local volunteers carry out practical work to improve the sites for wildlife and people. The leader will explain about the work and how to use the tools. You don't have to stay all day – why not come along for an hour or two. We provide gloves, as well as refreshments, but please wear old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty or torn, and boots that protect your toes and have good grip. Bring a cold drink and packed lunch if

wee beasts can you discover? Suggested Donation of £2 per person appreciated. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806). **MEET:** Car park at St. Radigund's Community Centre, Poulton Close, off Coombe Valley Road, Dover CT17 OHL. **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (2 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (one steep hill). No dogs.

Wednesday 21 August 9:15am
FAMILY ROCKPOOLING
Explore the rock pools at Mill Point and see what has adapted to life between the tides. Any plants or animals found are to be returned to the pools at the end of the session please. Please wear clothing suitable for the weather and closed-toed, nonslip on/off shoes. Suitable for ages 3+. For more information visit guardiansofthedeep.org. Free event. **LEADER:** Zoë Stevenson, Kent Wildlife Trust (01622 662012). **MEET:** Warden's Hut, Lower Leas Coastal Park, Folkestone, CT20 2JP (TR 220 353). **DURATION:** 2 hours. **GRADE:** 5 (steps to beach, shingle & slippery rocks). Guide dogs only

Wednesday 21 August 10.30am to 3.00pm
PIRATES AT DOVER MUSEUM
Pirate themed craft activities. Free entry to the museum and free craft activities for children. **LEADER:** Dover Museum (01304 201066). **MEET:** Dover Museum, Market Square, Dover, CT16 1PB. **DURATION:** 30 mins.

Wednesday 21 August 10:30am
NATURE JEWELLERY WORKSHOP (Please book)
Go on a bug hunt to discover a range of wildlife, then use this as inspiration to create your own clay and wool bracelet. Please wear outdoor clothing. Spaces limited so booking essential: www.fifthcontinent.org.uk/whats-on **LEADER:** Craig Midwinter - Delivered through the fifth continent landscape partnership scheme led by Kent Wildlife Trust, funded by the heritage fund (01622 357897). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, TN28 8AY. **DURATION:** 1.5 hours. Dogs on leads.

Wednesday 21 August 2:00pm (Green Gang)
GETTING A BUZZ AT DUNGENESS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
Enjoy a gentle stroll around parts of Dungeness looking at the variety of different wildflowers and getting up close to the bees which call the National Nature Reserve their home. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Jake Jones, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934 or 07969 822691). **MEET:** The Old Lighthouse/ End of the Line Railway Cafe car park, Dungeness Point, TN29 9NB (TR 088 167). **DISTANCE:** 2 miles (2.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (Typical country walk with some steeper hills or stiles - walking on some sections of shingle). Dogs on leads

Wednesday 21 August 8:00pm (Green Gang)
FIND 30... BAT WALK, WESTERN HEIGHTS, DOVER
Take a slow walk up and around the slopes and ditches of the Western Heights fortifications and nature reserve. Stopping to look and learn about bats - these wonderful, furry, flying mammals. Please bring a torch. Wear shoes or boots with good grip. Please bring a Bat detector if you have one. Or, you can have a try of the leader's detector. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07880 706990). **MEET:** Albany Place car park, (pay and display) (off York Street and off Durham Hill), Albany Place, Dover CT17 9AU. **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (2 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (night/dark).

Thursday 22 August 11.00am
WILD FAMILIES - PONDS, PELLETS AND POTIONS (Please book)
Please see Thursday 8 August for details.

Thursday 22 August 2:00pm (Green Gang)
BEACH WALK AT DUNGENESS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
Enjoy a gentle stroll on the beach at Dungeness looking for shells and the distinctive wildlife found at this special National Nature Reserve. If the weather is calm it is a good opportunity to look for porpoises which feed off the Point, as well as many seabirds. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Jake Jones, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934 or 07969 822691). **MEET:** The Old Lighthouse/ End of the Line Railway Cafe car park, Dungeness Point, TN29 9NB (TR 088 167). **DISTANCE:** 2 miles (2.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (walking on some sections of shingle). Dogs on leads.

Friday 23 August 10:00am (Green Gang)
FIND 30...ROCKING ROCKPOOLS & FLINT FOSSILS
Join us on a falling tide as the sea ebbs away revealing the sea creatures that make their home on the rocky shore. Are you brave enough to discover sea snails, prawns, shrimps, crabs or fish? It's such a tough place to live! Hear about how the wildlife adapts to survive? You can also search for trace fossils of sponges; sea urchins; corals impressions in the pebbles. Please bring a net and a bucket if you have one. We will return all sea animals back to their rock pools. Sea shoes recommended. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07880 706990). **MEET:** St. Margaret's Bay car park (pay and display), bottom of Bay Hill, St. Margaret's Bay, near Dover. **DISTANCE:** 0.5 mile (2 hours) **GRADE:** 5 (rocky seashore).

Saturday 24 August 10:00am
BUILD A BIRD BOX (Green Gang) (Please book)
Come and build your bird box from our kits supplied. Helpers will guide you through the process and when complete you can take them home (materials supplied by the Land Trust at Fort Burgoyne). Booking essential as you will need a timed slot during the day. Booking via bookings.wccp@gmail.com or 01304 241806. A maximum of 30 kits will be available so early booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, (01304 241806 or 07773 619121). **MEET:** Burgoyne Heights Community Hall, Guston, Dover, CT15 5LY. **DURATION:** 20 minutes. No dogs.

Saturday 24 August 7.30pm
WE'RE GOING ON A NIGHT-TIME BUG HUNT! (Green Gang)
Go on a bug hunt before it gets dark, have your picnic tea and then venture into the darkness to see what other creatures come out at night. Weather permitting we might play a few bug-related games as well! Then return to see what the moth traps have bought in. Please bring a picnic tea, something to sit on, suitable warm clothing and a torch for each person. You don't have to stay for the whole event which will finish at 10pm or longer if wanted. Suggested donation of £2 per person appreciated. **LEADER:** Tony Rouse, Bug Roadshow for White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Site Management Office, Samphire Hoe (pay and display car park). The Hoe is signposted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL. **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (2/3 hours). **GRADE:** 2 (or 5 night-time event). No dogs.

Monday 26 to Saturday 31 August 10.00am—4.00pm
MARITIME WEEK AT FOLKESTONE MUSEUM
Ahoy Matey! Come to Folkestone Museum to make your own pirate hat and eye patch, or join in other activities throughout the week. Events and workshops will run from 26-31 August, check out our individual events for times and bookings on www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk Donations are gratefully received with a suggested donation of £2 or more per visit. There are three colourful donation boxes around the Museum for you to use. **LEADER:** Folkestone Museum (01303 257946). **MEET:** Folkestone Museum, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone CT20 1DY.

Tuesday 27 August 2:00pm
ROCKPOOL ROCKSTARS (Green Gang)
Your chance to discover the amazing world of rockpools. Nets and tanks can be provided but feel free to bring your own. Please wear appropriate footwear. Donation appreciated. LEADERS: Paul Holt and Steve Walker, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter (Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone) CT17 9FL (pay and display car park). **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (Difficult walks e.g. rocky shores or night walks - pebble beach). No dogs.

Wednesday 28 August 10.30am (Green Gang)
TEMPORARY SHELTER BUILDING & WILD COOKING (Please book)
Bring a tarpaulin, cord/strong string and tent pegs and have a go at building an emergency, temporary shelter also using some natural materials. There will be some tarps and equipment to borrow. Once you've built your shelter, cook up some simple food for lunch. Please bring a saucepan or frying pan; a small, camping stove; and food to cook with you. We'll also take a look at edible, wild plant identification. **CHARGE:** £3 per person. Please book via bookings.wccp@gmail.com **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806). **MEET:** Near the concrete steps (opposite Anselm Road), Noah's Ark Road, Dover CT17 0DD. **DISTANCE:** 0.5 miles, approx.4 hours. **GRADE:** 3. No Dogs.

Wednesday 28 August 10:30am
SPROUTING SEEDLINGS (Please book)
Make your very own sprouting grass head to see how grass grows up from the ground. Then create wild flower planters and decorate them to attract bees to your garden. Please wear outdoor clothing. Spaces limited so booking essential: www.fifthcontinent.org.uk/whats-on **LEADER:** Craig Midwinter - Delivered through the fifth continent landscape partnership scheme led by Kent Wildlife Trust, funded by the heritage fund (01622 357897). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, TN28 8AY. **DURATION:** 1.5 hours. Dogs on leads.

Wednesday 28 August 11:00am (Please book)
WILD FAMILIES - BRILLIANT BEES AND BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES
Do you want to learn more about our wonderful bees and butterflies? Want to learn how to identify them, find out about how they live and how important they are? If the answers yes, join us on an exploration around our wildflower meadows to see how many bees and butterflies we can find buzzing around the flowers. Then after lunch, learn how to feed a butterfly and give bees a home. Please wear sensible clothing and bring a packed lunch with you. **CHARGE:** Child £8. Accompanying adults £2 (20% discount for Wildlife Explorers). **LEADER:** RSPB (01797 320588). **MEET:** Dungeness Nature Reserve, Boulderwall Farm, Dungeness Road, Lydd, TN29 9PN. **DURATION:** 4 hours. No dogs.

Wednesday 28 August 2:00pm
GETTING A BUZZ AT DUNGENESS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
Enjoy a gentle stroll around parts of Dungeness looking at the variety of different wildflowers and getting up close to the bees which call the National Nature Reserve their home. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Jake Jones, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934 or 07969 822691). **MEET:** The Old Lighthouse/ End of the Line Railway Cafe car park, Dungeness Point, TN29 9NB (TR 088 167). **DISTANCE:** 2 miles (2.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (walking on some sections of shingle). Dogs on leads.

Thursday 29 August 10:00am (Please book) (Green Gang)
BUG HUNT WALK WITH A TWIST ON THE DUNGENESS NNR
Join us for a guided walk with a difference. We will be catching any insects that we come across and taking some time along the walk to stop and draw wildlife that we see. Please bring water and a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Please book (bookings.wccp@gmail.com or 01304 241806). Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825) **MEET:** In front of St Peter's Church, Baldwin Road, Greatstone, TN28 8RG. **DISTANCE:** 1-2 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (shingle). Dogs on leads.

Monday 1 July to Saturday 31 August 11.00am to 3.00pm daily
EXHIBITION: LOVE OUR PLANET
We hear dire warnings of pollution of the environment & atmosphere, climate change, destruction of wildlife habitats and drastic drop in species populations. So what can we do locally to make a difference? Come along - it's not all doom and gloom, it could even be fun. For information please call 01304 225649. **VENUE:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL (pay and display parking).

Wednesday 24 July to Saturday 27 July 10.00am—4.00pm
ART WEEK AT FOLKESTONE MUSEUM
Bring your budding artists into Folkestone Museum where children can explore their creative side and discover new, fun materials. All materials are provided. Events and workshops will run from 24-27July, check out our individual events for times and bookings at www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk . Donations are gratefully received with a suggested donation of £2 or more per visit. There are three colourful donation boxes around the Museum for you to use. **LEADER:** Folkestone Museum (01303 257946). **MEET:** Folkestone Museum, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone CT20 1DY.

Thursday 25 July 10:30am and 1:00pm
PONDERING POND LIFE (Green Gang) (Please book)
Come along to the Romney Warren and discover what lies beneath the surface of our ponds: from medicinal leeches to whirligigs who knows what you will find. Children under 4 to be under 1 to 1 supervision with an adult (or strapped into a pushchair). Booking required (bookings.wccp@gmail.com or 01304 241806). Suggested donation of £3 per child appreciated. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, between New Romney and St. Mary's Bay, by railway bridge off A259, TN28 8AY. **DISTANCE:** 0.25 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 3. No dogs.

Friday 26 July 10:30am (Green Gang) (Please book)
FRUIT AND NUTCASE SOLVING AT FORT BURGOYNE
We are looking for budding detectives to search out the clues and locate fruits of the countryside. No previous detective experience required, just a keen eye. Notebooks and materials supplied to gather your finds and get a small prize at the end. Booking essential – bookings.wccp@gmail.com Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07773 619121). **MEET:** Entrance to former Connaught Barracks off Dover Road (Just off A258 junction with Dover Road and Dover Castle Coach Park) Dover, CT15 5LP. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 2. No dogs.

Sunday 28 July 12noon – 4:00pm (Green Gang)
SAMPHIRE HOE FUNDAY SUNDAY 'LOVE OUR PLANET'
Our theme this year is 'love our planet' find out how you can have fun and save the planet at the same time. This is our traditional style country fayre. There will be fun side shows such as: spin painting, feed the trout, Insect roulette, excavate the T-Rex skull, the orchid challenge, and see giant bugs. There will be many more stalls and an exhibition. Food and drink will be available. For more information phone 01304 225649. Free entry, donations are welcome. **LEADER:** Paul Holt, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **VENUE:** Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL (pay and display car park).

Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August 9:00am
SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB AT RIPPLEDOWN (week 1) (Please book)
Three weeks of exciting and healthy outdoor activities in a beautiful location where schools and local communities have been connecting with nature for over 40 years. The holiday club is suitable for children aged from 7 to 12 inclusive and provides opportunities to learn new skills in nature and have fun with other children whilst supervised by our outdoor learning team. Please bring packed lunch, plenty of thin layers, sturdy walking boots, sun cream, lip balm, sun hat, water bottle, waterproof clothing and wellies. Booking essential - via Eventbrite using the following web link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-holiday-club-at-rippledown-tickets-62312472282?aff=ebdshpsearchauto> complete **CHARGE:** £35 per child per day. **LEADER:** Sian Lloyd, Lead Outdoor Tutor. **INFO:** Alexandra Chambers , administrator (alex@baytrust.org.uk or 01304 851737 ext. 2007). **MEET:** Rippledown Environmental Education Centre, Dover Road, Ringwould, Deal CT14 8HE. **DURATION:** 6 hours.

Monday 29 July – Saturday 3 August 10.00am—4.00pm
VICTORIAN SEASIDE ART WEEK AT FOLKESTONE MUSEUM
For one week only, Folkestone Museum will take you back to the Victorian age. Events include a live Punch and Judy show, make and send your own postcard, along with other arts and crafts. All materials are provided. Events and workshops will run from 29 July – 3 August, check out our individual events for times and bookings at www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk . Donations are gratefully received with a suggested donation of £2 or more per visit. There are three colourful donation boxes around the Museum for you to use. **LEADER:** Folkestone Museum (01303 257946). **MEET:** Folkestone Museum, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone CT20 1DY.

Monday 29 July 10:30am - 12.30pm
POP-UP RIVER LAB (Green Gang)
Discover the freshwater wildlife of the River Dour. Join us on a drop-in (not literally) river dipping session with your pond nets and discover the animals living in the Dover's special chalk river. Please bring wellies and a towel. Event sponsored by Affinity Water. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Iona Dubieniec, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07740 561012) and Karen Stanley, Affinity Water. **VENUE:** Barton Path, End of Limes Road, Dover CT16 2NB (TR 312 424). No dogs.

Monday 29 July 3:30pm
FAMILY ROCKPOOLING
Explore the rock pools at Mill Point and see what has adapted to life between the tides. Any plants or animals found are to be returned to the pools at the end of the session please. Please wear clothing suitable for the weather and closed-toed, nonslip on/ off shoes. Suitable for ages 3+. For more information visit guardiansofthedeep.org Free event. **LEADER:** Zoë Stevenson, Kent Wildlife Trust (01622 662012). **MEET:** Warden's Hut, Lower Leas Coastal Park, Folkestone, CT20 2JP (TR 220 353). **DURATION:** 2 hours. **GRADE:** 5 (Difficult walks e.g. - steps to beach, shingle & slippery rocks). Guide dogs only.

Tuesday 30 July 1:30pm
BUG HUNT AT DUNGENESS (Green Gang)
Join a wildlife walk looking for the wide variety of bugs and minibeasts that can be found living on the Dungeness shingle. Activities may be amended depending on weather conditions. No pre booking required. Donations appreciated for walk. **LEADER:** Jake Jones, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934) and EDF Energy Visitor Centre team. **MEET:** EDF Energy Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station, Dungeness, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 hours (2 miles). **GRADE:** 5 (Difficult walks e.g. rocky shores or night walks - shingle). No dogs.

Wednesday 31 July 10:30am
GUIDED CYCLE RIDE - RURAL RIDES
A relaxing 15 mile family cycle ride through the heart of the Romney Marsh. Discover some of the wildlife of the Marsh, as well as dabbling in some of its' history as we pass through the beautiful Marsh countryside. We will be stopping for a glass of something cool in Appledore on the way through. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** Outside the front of the Church of St Augustine, Brookland, Kent, TN29 9QP. **DISTANCE:** 15 miles (2.5 hours).

Wednesday 31 July 11.00am -3.00pm
MAKING A BUZZ AT BETTESHANGER
Come and celebrate the bumble bee at Betteshanger Park. We'll be joined by The Bumblebee Conservation Trust who will be teaching us all about this important insect and how to look after them. Identify some of the different types of bee we have on our 250-acre park on led Bee Walks or discover what the inside of a bee hive looks like with Deal Bee Keepers' observational hive. Get creative by making your own seed balls or knit your very own Bumblebee with local group 'Make a Beeline'. A day of free activities for all the family. Suitable for ages 4+ **LEADER:** Betteshanger Park (01304-619227) **MEET:** Betteshanger Park, Sandwich Road, Deal CT14 0BF. Parking fees apply. **DURATION:** 4 hours. **GRADE:** 1. Suitable for Prams, Pushchairs and Wheelchairs. Dogs on leads.

Thursday 1 August 10:00am and 1:00pm (Green Gang) (Please book)
PICTURE PERFECT, AT GREATSTONE DUNES AND DUNGENESS
Come along for a wildlife themed photography walk, where you will be challenged to explore the Romney Marsh through the eye of your camera lens. Prizes will be available for the best wildlife photo on the day. Please bring your own digital camera (e.g. a mobile phone camera). Please wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate to the days weather forecast, and bring a bottle of water. To book: bookings.wccp@gmail.com or 01304 241806. Suggested donation of £2 per child appreciated. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** In front of St Peter's Church, Baldwin Road, Greatstone, TN28 8RG. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (Typical country walk with some steeper hills or stiles - walking on some areas of sand and shingle). Dogs on leads.

Friday 2 August 10:30am – 12:30pm
POP-UP RIVER LAB (Green Gang)
Discover the freshwater wildlife of the River Dour. Join us on a drop-in (not literally) river dipping session with your pond nets and discover the animals living in the Dover's special chalk river. Please bring wellies and a towel. Event sponsored by Affinity Water. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Iona Dubieniec, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07740 561012) and Karen Stanley, Affinity Water. **VENUE:** Pencester Gardens, Pencester Road, Dover, CT16 1BW.

Saturday 3 August – 31 August 11:00am to 3:00pm
A SELF-LED TRAIL: COLOUR THE FLOWERS
Pick up an outline sheet, some pencils from the shelter and go for a walk around Samphire Hoe. As you see one of the flowers on the sheet you can colour them in. How many of the flowers did you find? What are their names? Contact Samphire Hoe for more information - 01304 225649. Free event although donation appreciated. **VENUE:** Samphire Hoe (pay and display car park). The Hoe is signposted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL (TR 294 391). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 2 (Easy walk in the countryside with gentle hills - no stiles). Dogs on leads.

Saturday 3 August 12:00pm
NATURE UNDER THE MICROSCOPE (Please book)
Discover the amazing world of soil and plants, as you conduct your own scientific tests of pH, dissecting flowers, chromatography and seed planting. A small lunch is included. Outdoor event wear weather appropriate clothing. Spaces limited so booking essential: www.fifthcontinent.org.uk/whats-on **LEADER:** Craig Midwinter - Delivered through the fifth continent landscape partnership scheme led by Kent Wildlife Trust, funded by the heritage fund (01622 357897). **MEET:** St George's Church, Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0AR. **DURATION:** 2.5 hours. Dogs on leads.

Monday 5 August to Friday 9 August 9:00am
SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB AT RIPPLEDOWN (week 2) (Please book)
Please see Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August (week 1) for details.

Monday 5, Tuesday 6 and Friday 9 August 9.00am

FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB (Please book)

In partnership with Really Wild Wooders we will be running our popular Forest School Holiday Club during the Summer holiday. Our holiday club, for children aged between 4 and 11 years, is guaranteed to be jam-packed with fun and woodland adventures. Please note lunch is not included, a packed lunch should be brought with you. Please ensure your child comes in lots of layers with extra tops, socks and sunscreen in their bag. Wellies are waterproof but not warm, walking boots or similar are much better to spend the day in. A sun hat is also advisable. Days will be full to the brim with learning how to use a whole range of different tools, lighting fires, campfire cooking, creating rustic crafts, building dens, climbing trees, making friends and exploring our amazing forest school site. Kids will come home buzzing with excitement, with hundreds of stories to tell plus lots of skills that they will be able to share. Please book via bettesdanger-park.co.uk **CHARGE:** £25 per day. **LEADER:** Really Wild Wooders (01304 619227) **MEET:** Betteshanger Park, Sandwich Road, Deal CT14 0BF. Parking fees apply. **DURATION:** 6 hours. We regret that no dogs, prams or wheelchairs are permitted on this event.

Monday 5 August to Saturday 10 August 10.00am - 4.00pm
NATURE WEEK ART WEEK AT FOLKESTONE MUSEUM

Discover the exciting nature on display at Folkestone Museum and meet some live bugs with 'The Bug Roadshow'. Arts and crafts will be on at various time in the week, all materials are provided. Events and workshops will run from 5-10 August, check out our individual events for times and bookings at www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk Donations are gratefully received with a suggested donation of £2 or more per visit. There are three colourful donation boxes around the Museum for you to use. **LEADER:** Folkestone Museum (01303 257946). **MEET:** Folkestone Museum, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone CT20 1DY.

Monday 5 August 10:30am - 12.30pm
POP-UP RIVER LAB (Green Gang)

Discover the freshwater wildlife of the River Dour. Join us on a drop-in (not literally) river dipping session with your pond nets and discover the animals living in the Dover's special chalk river. Please bring wellies and a towel. Event sponsored by Affinity Water. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Iona Dubieniec, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07740 561012) and Karen Stanley, Affinity Water. **VENUE:** Barton Path, End of Limes Road, Dover CT16 2NB (TR 312 424).

Tuesday 6 August 10:30am to 12.30pm
POP-UP RIVER LAB (Green Gang)

Discover the freshwater wildlife of the River Dour. Join us on a drop-in (not literally) river dipping session with your pond nets and discover the animals living in Dover's special chalk river. Please bring wellies and a towel. Event sponsored by Affinity Water. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Iona Dubieniec, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07740 561012) and Karen Stanley, Affinity Water. **VENUE:** Pencester Gardens, Pencester Road, Dover, CT16 1BW.

Tuesday 6 August 11:00am
FAMILY ROCKPOOLING

Explore the rock pools at Mill Point and see what has adapted to life between the tides. Any plants or animals found are to be returned to the pools at the end of the session please. Please wear clothing suitable for the weather and closed-toed, nonslip on/off shoes. Suitable for ages 3+. For more information visit guardiansofthedeep.org Free event. **LEADER:** Zoë Stevenson, Kent Wildlife Trust (01622 662012). **MEET:** Warden's Hut, Lower Leas Coastal Park, Folkestone, CT20 2JP (TR 220 353). **DURATION:** 2 hours. **GRADE:** 5 (steps to beach, shingle & slippery rocks). Guide dogs only.

Wednesday 7 August 10:00am or 1:00pm
SEASIDE SUMMER STEM CHALLENGE

"Be Creative" at Dungeness B Power Station Visitor Centre Join one of two 2 hour sessions, suitable for ages 3 and up - booking required. **LEADER:** EDF Energy 01797343728 dungenessbtours@edf-energy.com. **MEET:** Dungeness B Power Station Visitor Centre Dungeness, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX. **DURATION:** 2 hours. No Dogs.

Wednesday 7 August 10:30am
HIGH MEADOW – BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES & BUMBLEBEE HEALTH WALK

Join an easy walk through High Meadow, and along the top of Whinless Down, to enjoy the stunning, long reaching views, and to observe and record the wildlife as we go. We start near the top of the hill so there is not too much 'uphill' to walk! The routes include some rough ground. Donation appreciated for the walk. **LEADER:** Matt Weiss, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07880 706993). **MEET:** outside The Ark Christian Centre, Noah's Ark Road, Dover CT17 ODD. On Bus route 63 (Northbourne Avenue). **DISTANCE:** 1 - 1.5 miles (1-1.5 hours for walk). **GRADE:** 3 (Typical country walk with some steeper hills or stiles). Dogs on leads.

Wednesday 7 August 10:30am
WINGING IT (Please book)

Go on a bug hunt to find a range of insects and learn how they can fly across the Marsh. Then become insects yourself as you create your own pair of wings and an animal themed kite. Please wear outdoor clothing. Spaces limited so booking essential: www.fifthcontinent.org.uk/whats-on **LEADER:** Craig Midwinter - Delivered through the fifth continent landscape partnership scheme led by Kent Wildlife Trust, funded by the heritage fund (01622 357897). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, TN28 8AY. **DURATION:** 2 hours. Dogs on leads.

Thursday 8 August 10:00am (Green Gang)
FAMILY FRIENDLY TOUR OF FORT BURGOYNE (Please Book)

Bring the kids along for an introductory tour of Fort Burgoyne, with an activity booklet to

complete to gain a certificate. Please wear stout footwear and bring a torch. Booking essential – bookings.wccp@gmail.com Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07773 619121). **MEET:** Entrance to former Connaught Barracks, off Dover Road (Just off A258 junction with Dover Road and Dover Castle Coach Park), Dover, CT15 5LP. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 2. No dogs.

Thursday 8 August 10:30am (Green Gang) (Booking essential)
SAMPHIRE HOE STONE AGE ADVENTURES

This exciting two part adventure starts with the key to surviving in Stone Age times. After lunch we shall have fun with Stone Age art and discover how to make paint. Please wear appropriate clothes and footwear. Please book with Samphire Hoe to book a place 01304 225649. Suggested donation of £4 per child appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Holt and Steve Walker, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter (pay and display car park). Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone CT17 9FL. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (3.5 hours, including half hour for lunch). **GRADE:** 4 (More difficult walking with steep hills or likely to be muddy paths). No dogs please.

Thursday 8 August 11.00am
WILD FAMILIES - PONDS, PELLETS AND POTIONS (Please book)

Do you want to learn more about the creepy crawlies that hide under the surface of a pond? Want to learn what our resident barn owls like to eat for dinner? How about creating potions and paint out of plants and petals? Then join us on one of these events to be amazed and excited by what we can find and create on our nature reserve. Be prepared to get mucky! Please wear sensible clothing and bring a packed lunch with you. **CHARGE:** Child £8. Accompanying adults £2 (20% discount for Wildlife Explorers). **LEADER:** RSPB (01797 320588). **MEET:** Dungeness Nature Reserve, Boulderwall Farm, Dungeness Road, Lydd, TN29 9PN. **DURATION:** 4 hours. No dogs.

Friday 9 August 09.30am (Pre-booking required—by 19th July)
SUMMER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Please book)

You will need to book 3 weeks in advance of this event before being able to join this event. A tour of Dungeness B power station in the morning...when your fully guided tour will commence with a safety & security briefing. Your station guide will narrate the exciting journey of exploring electricity at Dungeness. We are a working nuclear power station & our tour may include access to the Control Room Training Simulator, view the fuelling machine and the turbine hall (subject to operational requirements). Your tour will be complete by 12 noon (please bring your lunch as we do not have a cafe). ...and Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths activities throughout the afternoon. Take part in a business enterprise fun activity creating & marketing a robotic hand – teams of children vs adults. During the lunch break make your own mini electrical circuits, powering miniature fans, LED bulbs, alarms and more! and talk to us about power production. All children over 8 years of age are welcome, accompanied throughout by a responsible adult. Activities may be amended depending on weather conditions. Free. **LEADER:** Dungeness B Visitor Centre (01797 343728 or DungenesBtours@edfenergy.com). **MEET:** Dungeness B Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station, Dungeness, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX. **DURATION:** 5.5 hours. No Dogs

Friday 9 August 7.30pm (Green Gang)
EVENING WILDLIFE WALK ALONG THE RIVER DOUR (Please book)

Join us for some riverside storytelling featuring creatures big and small before joining Lauren from AnnaOutdoors at 8.15pm to learn how to use a bat detector and discover the sights and sounds of life along the River. Whether it's bats, small mammals or owls, it will be a hoot! Dress for an adventure outdoors and bring a torch. Please book via email.riverdour@dover.gov.uk for a place. **LEADERS:** Our Finest Dour and Dover Talespinners. **MEET:** Kearsney Abbey car park, Alkham Valley Road, Kearsney, near Dover CT16 3EE. **DISTANCE:** 0.25 mile (2.5 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (night-time). Assistance dogs are welcome.

Saturday 10 August 2:00pm (Green Gang) (Please book)
FIND 30 ...ORIENTEERING CHALLENGE

Your challenge...if you wish to accept it... find 30 control posts for 30 years of WCCP! See how many of the 30 control posts you can find in an hour or so in the lovely surroundings of Whinless Down nature reserve and win a prize. Please book via bookings.wccp@gmail.com. **CHARGE:** £3 per child. **LEADER:** Matt Weiss, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07880 706993). **MEET:** Elms Vale Recreation Ground car park, Elms Vale Road, Dover, CT17 9NN. **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3

Sunday 11 August 11.00am
WILD FAMILIES - BUSHCRAFT (Please book)

Ever wondered what it is like to live in the wild? Come and experience it for a day learning fun and useful skills such as den building, tying knots, the use of signalling and messages to communicate, purifying water and much more! This activity is more suitable for children aged 6+. Please wear sensible clothing and bring a packed lunch. Booking required. **CHARGE:** Child £8. Accompanying adults £2 (20% discount for Wildlife Explorers). **LEADER:** RSPB (01797 320588). **MEET:** Dungeness Nature Reserve, Boulderwall Farm, Dungeness Road, Lydd, TN29 9PN. **DURATION:** 4 hours. No dogs.

Sunday 11 August 2:00pm
SIZZLING SUMMER STROLL ON DUNGENESS

Join one of the Rangers for a short guided walk around Dungeness Point to see some of the unusual wildlife which thrives on the harsh, shingle landscape. It is an opportunity to find out about the history of the buildings and landmarks as well. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Owen Leyshon, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07770 670316 or 01797 367934). **MEET:** Dungeness Old Lighthouse/RHD Light Railway car park, Dungeness, TN29 9NP (TR 085 187). **DISTANCE:** 2 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (Difficult walks e.g. rocky shores or night walks). Dogs on leads.

Monday 12, Tuesday 13 and Friday 16 August 9.00am - 3.00pm
FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB (Please book)

Please see Monday 5, Tuesday 6 & Friday 9 August for details.

Monday 12 August 10:00am
THE ROMNEY RECORDERS AT DUNGENESS NNR

Join RMCP and the Fifth Continent Landscape Partnership Scheme as we spend the day on the Dungeness NNR recording as many plants and animals as we can. Training will be given on the day and each visit will focus on a different species group (this session focused on butterflies). Please wear sturdy footwear, and bring water and a packed lunch. Please let us know if you hope to join us by emailing: stan.smith@kentwildlife.org.uk (in case bad weather requires us to postpone). **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825) and Stan Smith, Fifth Continent Biodiversity Officer (07733 205264). **MEET:** At The West end of Derville Road (nearest to number 10 Derville Rd), Greatstone, TN28 8SX. **GRADE:** 5. No dogs please.

Monday 12 August to Saturday 17 August 10.00am—4.00pm
ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK ART WEEK AT FOLKESTONE MUSEUM

From fossils to Anglo Saxons to Romans, we have it all here at Folkestone Museum. This week children will be able to dig into Folkestone's past with guidance from our very own experts. Events and workshops will run from 12-17 August, check out our individual events for times and bookings at www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk Donations are gratefully received with a suggested donation of £2 or more per visit. There are three colourful donation boxes around the Museum for you to use. **LEADER:** Folkestone Museum (01303 257946). **MEET:** Folkestone Museum, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone CT20 1DY.

Tuesday 13 August 1:00pm
WATER WILDLIFE SAFARI (Green Gang) (Please book)

An opportunity to view the wildlife along the canal from a very different perspective. Guided by coaches from the Seapoint Canoe Centre, participants will paddle either Canadian open canoes or bell boats along the canal between Seabrook and West Hythe. This gentle paddle, with frequent stops to observe the wildlife, will provide an introduction to the wildlife along the canal. A waterproof cagoule and buoyancy aid will be provided but participants should bring warm clothing, suitable footwear, and a sunhat and sun cream if the weather is sunny. Bring your own lunch. Suitable for children aged 5 and over – maximum 2 children per adult. Bookings and payment through Seapoint Canoe Centre website: (www.seapointcanoecentre.co.uk), or phone 07909 517812. **CHARGE:** £10 per adult and £5 per child. **LEADER:** Stephanie DAgorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** Seabrook Canoe Centre, Seabrook at 11.55am. The centre is situated at the far eastern end of the canal, just off Princes Parade. Parking: car park adjacent to canoe centre (pay and display) or park on Folkestone to Hythe Road (A259). **DURATION:** around 3 hours.

Tuesday 13 August 1:30pm
BUG HUNT ON DUNGENESS (Green Gang)

Join a wildlife walk looking for the wide variety of bugs and minibests that can be found living on the Dungeness shingle. Activities may be amended depending on weather conditions. Donations appreciated for walk. **LEADER:** Jake Jones, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934) and EDF Energy Visitor Centre team. **MEET:** EDF Energy Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station, Dungeness, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 hours (2 miles). **GRADE:** 5 (5 Difficult walks e.g. rocky shores or night walks - shingle). No dogs.

Wednesday 14 August 10:00am or 1:00pm
SEASIDE SUMMER STEM CHALLENGE (Please book)

Join one of two 2 hour sessions and "Be Creative" at Dungeness B Power Station Visitor Centre. Suitable for ages 3 and up - booking required. **LEADER:**EDF Energy 01797343728 dungenessbtours@edf-energy.com **MEET:** Dungeness B Power Station Visitor Centre Dungeness, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX. **DURATION:** 2 hours. No Dogs.

Wednesday 14 August 10:30am
NATURAL DYE WORKSHOP (Please book)

Create a range of pigments and dyes from naturally found materials from across the Marsh. Then use these to make paintings and sun dye some Romney Marsh sheep wool to take away with you. Please wear outdoor clothing. Spaces limited so booking essential: www.fifthcontinent.org.uk/whats-on **LEADER:** Craig Midwinter - Delivered through the fifth continent landscape partnership scheme led by Kent Wildlife Trust, funded by the heritage fund (01622 357897). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, TN28 8AY. **DURATION:** 2 hours. Dogs on leads.

Wednesday 14 August 11.00am
WILD FAMILIES - DAMSELS AND DRAGONS (Please book)

Do you want to learn more about dragonflies and damselflies at Dungeness? How to identify them, find out about how and where they live? If the answers is yes, join us on an exploration around our reserve to search for dragonflies and damselflies in their own habitat. Afterwards, we will be making our own dragonflies using found items from the reserve and our imaginations! Please wear sensible clothing and bring a packed lunch with you. **CHARGE:** Child £8. Accompanying adults £2 (20% discount for Wildlife Explorers). **LEADER:** RSPB (01797 320588). **MEET:** Dungeness Nature Reserve, Boulderwall Farm, Dungeness Road, Lydd, TN29 9PN. **DURATION:** 4 hours. No dogs.

Wednesday 14 August 3.00pm (Green Gang) (Please book)
FIND 30... DISCOVER PEBBLE TREASURES

Unlock the secrets of the pebbles! What are they made of? Where do they come from? How old are they? Find a trace fossil? Paint a pebble. Please book via bookings.wccp@gmail.com **CHARGE:** £2 per person. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside

Partnership (01304 241806). **MEET:** Outside Pebbles Kiosk on the promenade, Marine Parade, Dover (road side car parking (pay and display). **DISTANCE:** 0.25 miles (1.5 -2 hours). **GRADE:** 2 (walking on pebble beach; steps). No Dogs.

Thursday 15 August 10:00am (Please Book) (Green Gang)
FAMILY FRIENDLY TOUR OF FORT BURGOYNE

Bring the kids along for an introductory tour of Fort Burgoyne, with an activity booklet to complete to gain a certificate. Please wear stout footwear and bring a torch. Booking essential – bookings.wccp@gmail.com Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07773 619121). **MEET:** Entrance to former Connaught Barracks, off Dover Road (Just off A258 junction with Dover Road and Dover Castle Coach Park), Dover, CT15 5LP. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 2. No dogs.

Thursday 15 August 10:30am (Green Gang) (Please book)
FIND 30...A WALK WITH THE RANGER, WESTERN HEIGHTS NATURE RESERVE

Join Ranger Matt for a walk around the chalk meadows of the Western Heights nature reserve and fortifications, stopping to look & hear about the wildlife & history. See how many summer plants and animals you can find and list to win a prize. We'll also collect litter as we go. Please book via bookings.wccp@gmail.com or 01304 241806. **CHARGE:** £2 per child. **LEADER:** Matt Weiss, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07880 706993). **MEET:** St. Martin's Battery car park, South Military Road, Western Heights, Dover, CT17 9TW. **DISTANCE:** 2 miles (1.5 - 2 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (Typical country walk with some steeper hills or stiles). Dogs on leads.

Friday 16 August 09.30am (Pre-booking required—by 26th July)
SUMMER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Please book)

You will need to book 3 weeks in advance of this event before being able to join this event. A tour of Dungeness B power station in the morning...when your fully guided tour will commence with a safety & security briefing. Your station guide will narrate the exciting journey of exploring electricity at Dungeness. We are a working nuclear power station & our tour may include access to the Control Room Training Simulator, view the fuelling machine and the turbine hall (subject to operational requirements). Your tour will be complete by 12 noon (please bring your lunch as we do not have a cafe). ...and Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths activities throughout the afternoon. Take part in a business enterprise fun activity creating & marketing a robotic hand – teams of children vs adults. During the lunch break make your own mini electrical circuits, powering miniature fans, LED bulbs, alarms and more! and talk to us about power production. All children over 8 years of age are welcome, accompanied throughout by a responsible adult. Activities may be amended depending on weather conditions. Free. **LEADER:** Dungeness B Visitor Centre (01797 343728 or DungenesBtours@edfenergy.com). **MEET:** Dungeness B Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station, Dungeness, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX. **DURATION:** 5.5 hours. No Dogs

Sunday 18 August 10.00am - 5.00pm
WIND FESTIVAL

Bring along the family with a picnic and enjoy a sunny day of kite-flying at our annual Wind Festival. Sit back and watch the pros from Kent Kite Flyers fill the sky with their colourful shapes and creations (11am-5pm) or bring your own to fly and join in the fun. Refreshments available in the Amphitheatre. Suitable for ages 4+ **CHARGE:** Kite Making Workshop £3. Free entry to Festival. **LEADER:** Betteshanger Park (01304 619227) **MEET:** Betteshanger Park, Sandwich Road, Deal CT14 0BF. Parking fees apply. Suitable for Prams, Pushchairs and Wheelchairs. Dogs on leads.

Monday 19 August to Friday 23 August 9:00am
SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB AT RIPPLEDOWN (week 3) (Please book)

Please see Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August (week 1) for details.

Monday 19, Tuesday 20 and Friday 23 August 9.00am - 3.00pm
FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB (Please book)

Please see Monday 5, Tuesday 6 & Friday 9 August for details

Monday 19 to Saturday 24 August 10.00am – 4.00pm
DINOSAUR WEEK AT FOLKESTONE MUSEUM

Folkestone Museum and The Dr Fossil show will take you back in time, hundreds of millions of years to meet Dexter the Dinosaur, a roaring baby Tyrannosaurus Rex. Events and workshops will run from 19 – 24 August, check out our individual events for times and bookings on www.folkestonemuseum.co.uk Donations are gratefully received with a suggested donation of £2 or more per visit. There are three colourful donation boxes around the Museum for you to use. **LEADER:** Folkestone Museum (01303 257946). **MEET:** Folkestone Museum, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone CT20 1DY.

Monday 19 August 11:00am
BEACH ART (Green Gang)

Join us to take part in some beach art, create your own work of art on the beach whilst learning about the different wildlife that lives along our shores. Please wear closed toed shoes and bring a bottle of water. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Steff D'Agorne, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (07864 608825). **MEET:** The Varne Watersports and Supporters Club, Coast Drive, Greatstone, New Romney, TN28 8NR. **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1 hour). **GRADE:** 3. Dogs on leads.

Monday 19 August 2.00pm
FIND 30...MINI MONSTERS IF YOU DARE! (Green Gang)

We'll stop and search for all sorts of creepy-crawlies around the meadows and woodland at High Meadow. We'll use different collecting methods. If you have one, please bring a bug bottle and an umbrella! Some equipment will be available to borrow. How many groups of