

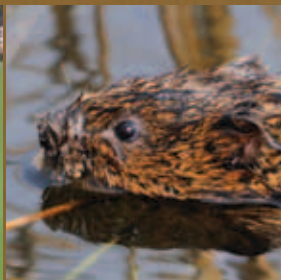
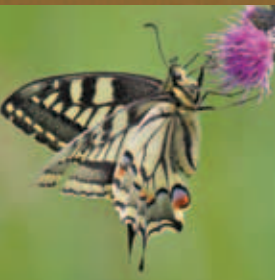
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# Durham Wildlife Trust Groups

## Contact Information

If you would like to find out more about the various groups associated with the Trust just call – contact information is given below. This events guide gives details of events organised by Durham Wildlife Trust and associated groups, but full details are not always available before going to print. To find out if additional events have been organised please contact the Trust or group directly or visit [www.durhamwt.co.uk](http://www.durhamwt.co.uk).



### > Low Barns Visitor Centre

Low Barns Nature Reserve,  
Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland,  
County Durham, DL14 0AG  
Tel: 01388 488728

The centre is a fantastic base to find out more about the wildlife of the trust's Low Barns Nature reserve on the banks of the River Wear, one of the finest in the North East.

#### West Pasture Hide

The West Pasture Hide is used throughout the year as a classroom. The hide is a fantastic resource for people of all ages and is used for environmental education. For a list of dates when the West Pasture Hide is closed to the public please visit [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk) and go to the 'Latest News' section of the website.

## OPENING TIMES:

**1st April – 31st October:**  
Mon-Sun & Bank Holidays (9.30am – 5pm)

**1st November – 31st March:**  
Mon-Sun (9.30am – 4pm)

**A £2.50 parking charge for non DWT members applies.**



### > Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre

Chilton Moor, Houghton-le-Spring,  
Tyne & Wear, DH4 6PU  
Tel: 0191 5843112

The centre's displays and toilet facilities are open to members of the public from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 11am to 4pm at weekends and on Bank Holidays. The Coffee Shop is open 11am to 4pm, 7 days a week including Bank Holidays. The Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve surrounds the centre, providing the visitor with accessible paths to explore the woodlands, grasslands and lakes.

### > Low Barns Photography Group

Contact [Ian Whale](mailto:Ian.Whale@bt.com) 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)  
Meet at Low Barns Visitor Centre, selection of speakers and outings. Items may be subject to change with members notified in advance.

### > Rainton Meadows Photography Group

Contact [Ian Hoseason](mailto:Ian.Hoseason@bt.com) 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwtphotography.co.uk](http://www.dwtphotography.co.uk)  
Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre, regular guest speakers and outings. Items may be subject to change with members notified in advance.

### > Gateshead Wildlife Group

Contact [Judy Summerson](mailto:Judy.Summerson@bt.com) 0191 4883597  
Meet in St Helen's Church Hall, Low Fell.

> **Darlington Wildlife Group**

Contact **Cliff Evans** 01325 466471

Meet in Cockerton Methodist Church, Darlington.

> **Lanchester Wildlife Group**

Contact **Noel Jackson** 0778 633 2365

or **Elaine Williams** 01207 520063

Monthly field trips alternating between our home patch of Malton Nature Reserve and other wildlife sites further afield.

> **Middleton-St George Wildlife Group**

Contact **Barbara Shorney** 01325 332773

Meet in Boardroom, Water Park, Middleton-St-George.

> **Rainton Meadows Wildlife Group**

Contact **John Ellis** 07792859245

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre, near Houghton-le-Spring.

> **Sedgefield Wildlife Group**

Contact **Steve Ashton** 01740 620559

Meet in Sedgefield Parish Hall, Sedgefield.

> **Nature Rangers**

**@ Rainton Meadows**

Contact **Annette Morris** 0191 5842821

(5-11 years) Children under 8 must bring an adult with them. Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre near Houghton-le-Spring, 1pm-3pm on Tuesdays during the school holidays. There is a charge of £1 per family to help cover costs. Refreshments included.

> **Young Volunteers**

**@ Rainton Meadows**

Contact **Annette Morris** 0191 5842821

(12-18 years) Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre, 1pm-3pm on Tuesdays during the school holidays. There is a charge of £1 to help cover costs. Refreshments included.

> **Durham City Watch Group**

Contact **Judy Summerson** 0191 4883597

(5-11 yrs). Children under 8 must bring an adult with them. Meet at Durham Botanic Gardens, 10 am -12 noon second Saturday of every month. There is a donation of 50p per child.

> **East Hedleyhope Watch Group**

Contact **Clare Ross** 01388 731553

(5-11 yrs) Meet in East Hedleyhope Village Hall.

> **Lanchester Watch Group**

Contact **Noel Jackson** 01207 560684

(5-11 yrs) Meet in Small Hall, Lanchester Community Centre.

> **Low Bams Watch Group**

(5-11 yrs) Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the Visitor Centre 10am – 12noon. £1 charge to cover refreshments and resources.

> **Lunchtime Lectures**

A series of talks by DWT staff about their work for the Trust. The lectures are a chance for members of staff to tell their colleagues and Trust members about the work they do and for ideas to be exchanged and questions asked. Booking is essential so please call 0191 5843112 to book your place. At each lecture refreshments will be served from noon, with the lecture beginning at 12.15 and lasting for about half an hour, with a question session to follow.

> **Adult Learning Courses – Habitats of the North East**

Each session costs £5 for DWT members, £10 for non-members. To book a place on any of the courses or for more information please call Durham Wildlife Trust 0191 584 3112





# JULY

**4th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Work Shop – Panoramic. 7.00pm.  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**6th** Preparing The Kiln @  
Milkwellburn Wood  
Help to process timber and stack the charcoal  
kiln to ensure plenty of charcoal is produced.  
10:30am – 3.00pm. No booking necessary,  
drop in anytime or stay for the whole day.  
Simply follow signs from the southern  
entrance of Milkwellburn Wood.  
Please contact Fran Mudd on (0191) 584 3112  
or [fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk) for further details.

**7th** Lighting The Kiln @  
Milkwellburn Wood  
Learn about the history of charcoal making  
and see the kiln being lit. The kiln will be lit at  
11.00am, but will burn throughout the day  
and into the night. No booking necessary,  
simply follow the signs from the southern  
entrance of Milkwellburn Wood.  
Please contact Fran Mudd on (0191) 584 3112  
or [fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk) for further details.

**8th** Moth morning @  
Milkwellburn Wood  
Discover some of the fantastic moths that  
have been caught in the light trap on the  
reserve, and help to set them free.  
10.30am – 12 noon, no booking necessary.  
Simply follow signs from the southern  
entrance of Milkwellburn Wood.  
Please contact Fran Mudd on (0191) 584 3112  
or [fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk) for further details.

**9th** Charcoal grading and BBQ  
@ Milkwellburn Wood  
Having stacked and burned timber in the  
charcoal kiln, see the finished product and  
help to empty the kiln and grade and bag  
the charcoal. We couldn't sell the charcoal  
without testing it! So be sure to Bring Your  
Own sausages and burgers for the afternoon  
barbeque. 10.30am – 4.00pm, no booking  
necessary, drop in anytime or stay for the  
whole day. Simply follow signs from the  
southern entrance of Milkwellburn Wood.  
Please contact Fran Mudd on (0191) 584 3112  
or [fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:fmudd@durhamwt.co.uk) for further details.

**9th** Durham City Watch Group  
Botanic Gardens, Durham. 10.00am – 12 noon.  
Pond Dipping – Back by popular demand,  
we'll have a look in the ponds by the Botanic  
Gardens and also find out what lives in the  
meadow around the pond.

**9th** Low Barns Saturday  
Volunteer Team  
Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or email  
[lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk) for  
details of where to meet and the task for the  
day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

**9th** Darlington Wildlife Group  
Visit to Bishop Middleham Reserve.  
Meet Cockerton Car Park 10.00am.

**9th** East Hedleyhope Watch Group  
Family Wildlife Fun -  
Hedleyhill Colliery Wood and Meadow.  
Mini-beast Safari and Activity Treasure Trail –  
find the hidden nature treasure boxes!  
Meet at East Hedleyhope Village Hall 2.00pm.  
Suitable for all ages.  
Under 8's must be accompanied.  
PLEASE BOOK on 01388 731553



**10th** Haymeadows of Upper Teesdale (a joint venture with Moor House-Upper Teesdale NNR and Durham Wildlife Trust)

10.00am – 3.30pm.

Join Green Guide and naturalist Cliff Evans on a walk through the rare northern haymeadows in the Widdybank area. Plenty of time will be spent looking at the plants, birds and other wildlife that you come across along the way. Meet at Widdybank farm gate. Grade: Moderate, 5 miles. Booking Essential: Ring the Natural England Reserve base on 01833 622374

**10th** Rainton Meadows Photography Group

Group Outing –

Byers Green or Hannah's Meadow. Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716 or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**12th** Gateshead Wildlife Group  
Field trip to be arranged.

**12th** Rainton Meadows Photography Group

Monthly Meeting –

Marion Hannaford, Moths. 7.30pm. Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716 or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**12th** Lanchester Wildlife Group  
Out Doors to see Bats

Small Hall, Lanchester Community Centre, Lanchester. 7.30pm.

**13th** Volunteer Training Day  
Training days are provided by the Trust for their Volunteers.

Wildflower ID at Hannah's Meadows.

**16th** Adult Learning Courses –  
Habitats of the North East  
Meadow Flowers and Grasses

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre at 10.00am. This reserve was a former opencast coal mine but has been restored and contains grasslands rich in meadow flowers and grass species. There will be a guided tour around the nature reserve and an indoor practical session providing opportunities to learn how to identify common meadow plants. Tea and coffee will be available during the indoor session. Approximate finish time 12 noon. £5 for Members £10 for non members. To book a place phone 0191 584 3112

**17th** Rainton Meadows Sunday Gang

10.00am – 4.00pm.

Join the reserves team for some hands on volunteering at Rainton Meadows and Joes Pond. For further information call Lisa on 0191 5843112

**20th** Volunteer Training Day  
Training days are provided by the Trust for their Volunteers  
NVC - Grassland

A training day in the National Vegetation Classification surveying technique.

**20th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Monthly Meeting –

Melissa Young, Reptiles.  
Prints Competition – Mammals  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798 or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**21st** Rainton Meadows Wildlife Group

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Rainton Meadows 7.00pm.

**23rd** Low Barns Photography Group  
Group Outing – Teesdale  
Contact Ian Whale on 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**23rd** Low Barns Saturday  
Volunteer Team


Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or email  
[lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk)  
for details of where to meet and the task for  
the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

**24th** Sedgfield Wildlife Group  
Durham Heritage Coast  
Meet at the Parish Hall Car Park in Sedgfield  
at 6.30pm to share lifts.

**25th** Lunch Time Lecture  
Rainton Meadows

Refreshments served from 12 noon,  
lecture commencing 12.15pm.  
Living Waterways (the life and times of an  
urban stream). Michael Rogers –  
Living Waterways Project Officer.  
Booking essential, please call 0191 5843112

**26th** Pond Dipping in the Dene

 11.00am – 1.00pm.  
Join us to find out what creatures  
are found beneath the surface of the lake.  
Maurice Bates from the Durham Wildlife Trust  
will be on hand to answer your questions.  
Booking required. For further details  
contact 0191 5480152  
Parking at Hylton Castle Fishing Lake,  
Castletown Road, Sunderland.

**26th** Bowlees Car Park  
and Visitor Centre  
Weird and Wonderful Wildlife

Bring the family along to hunt for minibeasts,  
spot birds and look for signs of other wildlife  
at Bowlees and Low Force during our wildlife

afternoon. Make some crafty animals as a  
souvenir. Drop in between 2.00pm – 5.00pm.  
A wildlife walk (1km) to Low Force/Wynch  
Bridge will set off at 2.00pm and at 3.30pm.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
For more details ring the Natural England  
Reserve base on 01833 622374  
(a joint venture with Moor House-Upper  
Teesdale NNR and Durham Wildlife Trust).

**26th** Nature Rangers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.  
Ever seen a water scorpion?  
Know what dragon fly larvae look like?  
There are lots in our pond and now's your  
chance to catch them. All pond dipping  
equipment will be provided.

**26th** Young Volunteers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.  
Biodiversity and ponds. We'll be pond  
dipping to find out how healthy the water  
is at Rainton Meadows.

**29th** Teddy Bears Picnic  
Mowbray Park  
bandstand, Sunderland

Drop in between 12 noon and 2.00pm  
Celebrate I Love Parks Week with a Teddy  
Bears Picnic in Mowbray Park. This year's  
theme is fairies and magic. Find some  
magical mini-beasts and decorate some fairy  
bunting and elf pictures to hang in the trees.  
This activity is suitable for younger children  
and is supported by Durham Wildlife Trust  
and Sunderland Family, Adult and Community  
Learning (FACL). Mini-beast hunts at 12noon  
and 1.00pm (meet at the gazebos).  
Art and craft activities 12 noon – 2.00pm

in the bandstand and gazebos.  
Contact the Learning Team on 0191 553 2323  
for more information or e-mail  
sunderland@twmuseums.org.uk.

## **AUGUST**

**TBC** Volunteer Training Day – Small Mammal Survey Techniques and Ecology. Training days are provided by the Trust for their Volunteers

From mice, to voles, to shrews!  
Learn about how small mammals play a role in the ecosystem, and learn how to survey for them. Details of this event will be confirmed later in the year.  
Please phone 0191 584 3112 for more information.

**1st** Low Barns  
Photography Group

Workshop – Free Night. 7.00pm.  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**2nd** Pond Dipping in the Dene

 11.00am – 1.00pm.  
Join us to find out what creatures are found beneath the surface of the lake. Maurice Bates from the Durham Wildlife Trust will be on hand to answer your questions.  
Booking required.  
For further details contact 0191 5480152  
Parking at Hylton Castle Fishing Lake, Castletown Road, Sunderland.

**2nd** Head of Steam Museum,  
Darlington: Animal Tracks  
Put on your detective hat and discover

which animals leave behind which tracks.  
Have a go and making a plaster mould of an animal track. Drop in from 12 noon – 3.00pm.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**2nd** Nature Rangers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Which small mammals can you identify?  
Do you know where to find them?  
Help us identify the ones we catch.

**2nd** Young Volunteers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Spennymoor wood safari. Meet at Rainton Meadows for a lift to Spennymoor woods where we know there are deer, badgers, foxes and much, much more.

**3rd** Adult Learning  
Course: Wetlands

Meet at Low Barns Visitor Centre and nature reserve at 9.30am.  
Approximate finish at 12.00/12.30pm.  
DWT experts will guide you around the wetland reserve discussing the restoration and management of the site and providing practical opportunities to identify aquatic plants and wetland birds.  
£5 for Members £10 for non members.  
If possible book one week in advance  
on 0191 584 3112



**4th** **Moth Evening at Low Barns**  
Join Dave Wainwright from Butterfly Conservation for an evening of moth identification. Find out about the range of species that live in and around Low Barns. Booking essential. A £2.50 parking charge applies at Low Barns for non DWT members. Please ring Craig Best on 01388 488728 or email cbest@durhamwt.co.uk for more details.

**6th** **Low Barns Saturday Volunteer Team**

Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or email lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk for details of where to meet and the task for the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

**6th** **Living Waterways Celebration Event (to be confirmed)**

Location: Lanchester Village Green, Lanchester  
Join the Living Waterways project for a celebration of river wildlife in County Durham 10.00am – 5.00pm.

There will be a variety of displays about wildlife in the area and ongoing wildlife trust projects such as the Otter Project and Heart of Durham project as well as a falconry display and a chance to meet Lanchester Parish Council's Farming, Wildlife and Environment Development Officer.

There will be also be a variety of activities for children of all ages including face painting, animal handling, a nature trail and other wildlife based activities.

For more information please contact Michael Rogers at Durham Wildlife Trust on 0191 584 3112

**6th** **Members Evening**

Low Barns Nature Reserve 5.00pm.  
Members are invited to join staff and learn more about the work of Durham Wildlife Trust

followed by a guided walk around the reserve. Booking essential please call 0191 5843112

**DATE TBC** **Veteran Tree Walks**

Robin Hood Pub – Roman Road,  
Jarrow – just off the A194  
Commencing 6.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm.  
Booking essential please call 0191 5843112

**8th** **National Marine Week Celebration, Blackhall Rocks Nature Reserve**

From 12.00pm.  
Come and discover more about the wonderful marine life living in our seas and how you can help us look after our marine wildlife. There will be a whale, dolphin and porpoise watch from the reserve, an opportunity to see some of the rockpool creatures close up and take part in a family coast challenge. Please note that due to tide times, most activities will take place on the nature reserve and not on the beach. Further details of this event will be displayed on our website nearer the day or phone 0191 584 3112 to find out more.

**9th** **Pond Dipping in the Dene**

**FREE EVENT** Join us to find out what creatures are found beneath the surface of the lake. Maurice Bates from the Durham Wildlife Trust will be on hand to answer your questions. Booking required. For further details contact 01915480152  
Parking at Hylton Castle Fishing Lake, Castletown Road, Sunderland

**9th** **Nature Rangers @ Rainton Meadows**

1.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Hedgehogs are fattening up ready to hibernate. Find out how to make a hedgehog house for your own garden.



**9th** Young Volunteers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.  
Seasonal conservation tasks at Rainton Meadows (unless you've got an idea of your own you'd like to try out here).

**9th** Gateshead Wildlife Group  
Watergate Lobley Hill, Gateshead  
(Landranger 88.229 606) – John Almond. Meet at Watergate car park at Lobley Hill, 6.30pm.

**9th** Rainton Meadows  
Photography Group  
Monthly Meeting – Davie Wainwright. 7.30pm.  
Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**9th** Lanchester Wildlife Group  
Coastal Waters – Sea Change, Susan Gebbles  
Small Hall, Lanchester Community Centre,  
Lanchester. 7.30pm

**10th** Chester-le-Street Riverside,  
Readly Wild Club:  
Recycled Crafts  
Get creative with recycled materials. Activities are for children aged 5 – 12 years old.  
Cost: £1.50 (£1.20 with Leisure Card).  
Places are limited, please contact Riverside Leisure Complex, Riverside South, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 3SJ.  
Tel.0191 389 0986 for booking information.

**10th** Bat Walk Rainton  
Meadows and  
Joes Pond  
8.00pm. Join the Trusts Bat experts for an evening of discovery. An opportunity to find out about bat ecology and the bats found on and around Rainton Meadows and Joes Pond.  
Booking essential please call 0191 5843112

**11th** Low Barns –  
Wonderful Wildflowers  
Come and discover the wonderful wildflowers at Low Barns Nature Reserve.  
Find all sorts of different flowers and have a go at making a wildflower watercolour sketch!  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
£2.00 per child for non-members and £1.00 per child for members. To book a place please phone 0191 584 3112

**12th** Wild about Plants, Sunderland  
Museum and Winter Gardens  
Join us for a family expedition in Mowbray Park to discover amazing plants in their habitats.  
1.00pm – 3.00pm. (meet at 1.00pm at the learning rooms). This is a joint event organised by Durham Wildlife Trust and Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens. Contact the Learning Team at Sunderland Museum on 0191 553 2323 for more information or e-mail [sunderland@twmuseums.org.uk](mailto:sunderland@twmuseums.org.uk).

**14th** Rainton Meadows  
Photography Group  
Group Outing – Hurworth Burn.  
Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**16th** Fun Outdoor Art for Families  
Bowlees carpark and visitor centre, Upper Teesdale. Drop in between 2.00pm – 5.00pm to get creative using natural materials.  
Make an animal sculpture, construct a natural picture, try your hand at sketching and painting the wildlife that lives around us. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more details ring the Natural England Reserve base on 01833 622374  
A joint venture with Moor House-Upper Teesdale NNR and Durham Wildlife Trust.

## 16th Pond Dipping in the Dene

**FREE EVENT**

Join us to find out what creatures are found beneath the surface of the lake. Maurice Bates from the Durham Wildlife Trust will be on hand to answer your questions.

Booking required. For further details contact 0191 5480152

Parking at Hylton Castle Fishing Lake, Castletown Road, Sunderland

## 16th Nature Rangers @ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre. Plan Bee. Are bees disappearing? Why does it matter if they are? See how many you can find around the nature reserve and find out all about them.

## 16th Young Volunteers @ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre. Plan Bee. Are bees disappearing? Why does it matter if they are? Help conduct a bee count at Rainton Meadows. Find out what you can do to help.

## 17th Volunteer Open Day

Taster for new volunteers (task in the morning and a walk round Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve demonstrating what we do).

## 17th Low Barns Photography Group

Monthly Meeting –  
Peter Lowes, Wildlife & Birds. 7.00pm  
Prints Competition –  
Architecture & Panoramic  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

## 18th Low Barns - Butterflies

1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Find out all about our fluttery friends and see how many different butterflies you can find around Low Barns Nature Reserve. Have a go at designing your very own butterfly. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

£2.00 per child for non-members and £1.00 per child for members.

To book a place please phone 0191 584 3112

## 20th Low Barns Saturday Volunteer Team

Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or email [lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk) for details of where to meet and the task for the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

## 20th Volunteer Open Day at Low Barns

A taster day for people wanting to find out what volunteering with Durham Wildlife Trust is all about. The day will start at 10.00am with a task in morning and finish with a walk and talk round Low Barns. Booking essential. Call Graeme on 01388 488278 or email [lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk) for more information.

## 20th Veteran Tree Surveying

Saltwell Park, Gateshead –  
10.00am until 2.00pm.  
Please call 0191 5843112 for further details.

## 20th Creatures of the night

7.30pm – 10.30pm (TBC).  
Meet at Bowlees Visitor Centre car park. Discover the wonder of these night time flyers with the aid of bat detectors and moth traps. We will begin with a short talk at the visitor centre to set the scene. Refreshments will be available to buy during the evening.



A joint venture with Moor House-Upper Teesdale NNR and Durham Wildlife Trust. Grade: Easy – but it will be dark!! Info: Bring a torch, warm clothing and insect repellent! Suitable for wheelchair users. Suitable for families, children must be accompanied by an adult. No booking required.

### **20th** Big Forest Picnic, Whitehill Woods (Easington Lane)

11.00am – 3.00pm.

The Woodland Trust, Groundwork North East and OASES are having a Big Forest Picnic in Whitehill Woods. The event will include a whole range of activities including outdoor cooking, Woodland Activities, Play Rangers and much much more. Bring along a Picnic and join in the fun. This event is free for all the family. For more information you can contact VisitWoods East Durham Outreach Officer Chris Affleck on 0191 5273333 or 07899 060 434 or email [chrisaffleck@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:chrisaffleck@woodlandtrust.org.uk) or visit [www.visitwoods.org.uk/eastdurhm](http://www.visitwoods.org.uk/eastdurhm) or [www.wwf.org.uk/bigforestpicnic](http://www.wwf.org.uk/bigforestpicnic)



### **21st** Rainton Meadows Sunday Gang

10.00am – 4.00pm.

Join the reserves team for some hands on volunteering at Rainton Meadows. For further information call Lisa on 0191 5843112

### **22nd** Lunch Time Lecture Rainton Meadow

Refreshments served from 12 noon.

Lecture commencing 12.15pm.

Booking essential, please call 0191 5843112

### **23rd** Pond Dipping in the Dene



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Booking required.

For further details contact 01915480152

Parking at Hylton Castle Fishing Lake, Castletown Road, Sunderland

### **23rd** Nature Rangers @ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Bugs galore! We'll be mini beast hunting in the grassland and the woods, making bug hotels to help insects survive the winter and stocking up the wormery.

### **23rd** Young Volunteers @ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.

Seasonal conservation tasks at Rainton Meadows (unless you've got an idea of your own you'd like to try out here).

### **25th** Low Barns – Family Bird Day

1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Discover the many different birds visiting Low Barns Nature Reserve. Take a trip to the bird hides to see what you can spot and join in some bird games and activities.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

£2.00 per child for non-members and £1.00

per child for members. To book a place please phone 0191 584 3112.



**27th** Adult Learning Course –  
Habitats of the North  
East Moorlands

Meet at the car park at Hedley Hope Fell at 10.00. Approximate finish time 12.00pm. DWT lead guided tour around this mid-altitude heathland nature reserve. This type of habitat is very rare in County Durham and supports a number of species which are rare or declining. This course will provide an opportunity to look for and identify some of these species and will provide an insight into the management techniques used by Durham Wildlife Trust to maintain this valuable habitat. There are no toilets or indoor facilities at this site. Low Barns nature reserve is nearby and has a coffee shop and toilets.

£5 for Members £10 for non members.  
If possible book one week in advance  
on 0191 584 3112

**27th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Group Outing – Bamburgh/Holy Island.  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**30th** Natural Dyes and  
Fragrances, Head of Steam  
Museum Darlington

Find out what people used to use to create colours and sweet smelling fragrances. Have a go and making your own colour dye or fragrance using natural materials.  
Drop in from 12.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**30th** Nature Rangers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.  
TIDE PERMITTING – Please call 0191 5843112  
Meet at Seaham in the car park nearest Seaham Hall where the kiosk café is.  
Join us rock pooling, sand sculpting and lots of fun on the beach. If anyone needs help with transport from West Rainton or Rainton

Meadows please contact Annette  
on 0191 5842821 or 0787 6316168

**30th** Young Volunteers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.  
TIDE PERMITTING – Please call 0191 5843112  
Meet at Seaham in the car park nearest Seaham Hall where the kiosk café is.  
Shark egg case recording, limpets and lots of fun on the beach. If anyone needs help with transport from West Rainton or Rainton Meadows please contact Annette  
on 0191 5842821 or 0787 6316168

**30th** Bat Walk and Talk

Learn all about bat ecology before venturing out at dusk to see the real thing!  
7.30pm – 9.30pm @ Blackhall Mill Community Centre. Spaces limited, booking essential, please call 0191 584 3112

 **SEPTEMBER**

**TBC** Volunteer Training Day –  
Edible Plants

Training days are provided by the Trust for their Volunteers. Details of this event will be confirmed later in the year. Please phone 0191 584 3112 for more information.

**1st** Low Barns –  
Ladybirds of Low Barns

Join in the search for the Low Barns Ladybirds and find out all about these spotted bugs. Build your very own Ladybird Chamber to take back to your garden (optional activity which costs an extra £5). Or you can do some pebble painting to make your own friendly ladybird to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
£2.00 per child for non-members and £1.00

per child for members. To book a place please phone 0191 584 3112

### **5th** Low Barns Photography Group

Work Shop – All about LENSES. 7.00pm.  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

### **7th** Batty about Bats

**FREE EVENT** Your chance to visit Hylton Castle and Hylton Dene, for an early evening stroll with Maurice Bates from the Durham Wildlife Trust, to discover the animals that emerge during the early hours of darkness.

Booking required.

For further details contact 0191 5480152  
Meet in Hylton Castle car park, Craigavon Road, Sunderland.

### **9th** Veteran Tree Walk

Castle Eden Dene. 10.30am-12.30pm  
Booking essential please call 0191 5843112

### **9th** Heritage Open Days

**FREE EVENT** 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Your chance to visit Hylton Castle and learn about the history of the Hylton family and plans for the future development of the castle. The castle will be open to visitors, with Maurice Bates from Durham Wildlife Trust supported by representatives from Castle in the Community, available to answer questions. For further details contact 0191 5480152  
Parking at Hylton Castle, Craigavon Road, Sunderland.

### **10th** River and Woodlands Bat Walk, River Wear, Durham

Join the Living Waterways Officer and the Wild Woods Officer for a bat walk along the River Wear in Durham. 7.30pm.  
Bats have developed a highly sophisticated echolocation system that allows them to catch tiny insects and avoid obstacles, even

in complete darkness. At this event we will be using bat detectors to help us find and identify the bats. With practise it is possible to tell what kind of bat is making the calls picked up by the detector. Spaces on the walk are limited so please contact Michael Rogers on 0191 584 3112 to book your place.

### **10th** Low Barns Saturday Volunteer Team

Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or email [lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk) for details of where to meet and the task for the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

### **10th** Durham City Watch Group Fun & Games.

Botanic Gardens, Durham. 10.00am – 12 noon.

### **11th** Rainton Meadows Photography Group

Group Outing –  
Hauxley/Druridge Bay/Cresswell.  
Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

### **13th** Gateshead Wildlife Group

A Tasty of Honey – Dr Lewis Moncrieff  
St Helen's Church Hall, Belle Vue Bank, Low Fell.  
7.15pm – 9.00pm.

### **13th** Rainton Meadows Photography Group

West Boldon Lodge, West Boldon.  
9.30pm – 12 noon.

### **13th** Lanchester Wildlife Group

Birds – Steve Ashton  
Small Hall, Lanchester Community Centre, Lanchester. 7.30pm.

### **15th** Rainton Meadows Wildlife Group

TBA  
Rainton Meadows 7.00pm.



### **15th** Dorrington Wildlife Group

Neil or Rebecca –  
"Meadows in the North Pennines – AONB"  
Cockerton Methodist Church, 7.30pm.

### **17th** AGM

Members are invited to the 40th Annual General Meeting.  
Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre  
commencing 11.00am.

### **18th** Rainton Meadows Sunday Gang

10.00am – 4.00pm  
Join the reserves team for some hands on volunteering at Rainton Meadows and Joe's Pond. For further information call Lisa on 0191 5843112

### **21st** Low Barns Photography Group

Monthly Meeting – 7.00pm  
Prints Competition – Bugs & Creepy Crawlies.  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

### **22nd** Sedgfield Wildlife Group

AGM and Quiz  
Parish Hall, Sedgfield 7.45pm

### **23rd** An Evening with TV Wildlife Presenter Chris Packham

7.30pm at The Journal Tyne Theatre,  
Newcastle Upon Tyne.  
Join us for an evening with TV wildlife presenter and accomplished naturalist and wildlife photographer, Chris Packham and be enthralled by his wildlife tales from around the globe and much closer to home. Accompanied by his own astonishing images of wildlife, this fabulously entertaining evening will be fun for all the family and delivered with his trademark humour.  
Adults £12 or £10 for Durham Wildlife Trust

members, members of Northumberland Wildlife Trust or the Natural History Society of Northumbria or concessions and under 14 year olds. Suitable for children aged 8+  
To book a place contact the Tyne Theatre on 0844 493 9999 or visit [www.thejournaltynetheatre.co.uk](http://www.thejournaltynetheatre.co.uk)

### **24th** Low Barns Saturday Volunteer Team

Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or email [lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk) for details of where to meet and the task for the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

### **24th** Low Barns Photography Group

Group Outing – Leighton Moss  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

### **26th** Lunch Time Lecture

Rainton Meadows. Refreshments served from 12 noon, lecture commencing 12.15pm.  
Booking essential, please call 0191 5843112



## **OCTOBER**

### **TBC** Volunteer Training Day – Fungal Foray at Milkwellburn Woods

Training days are provided by the Trust for their Volunteers. Details of this event will be confirmed later in the year. Please call 0191 584 3112 for more information.

### **1st** Low Barns Watch Group

Come along for the very first Low Barns Watch Group and join in lots of fun activities to explore the wildlife at Low Barns Nature Reserve.  
(5-11 yrs) Children under 8 must be

accompanied by an adult. Meet in the Visitor Centre 10.00am – 12noon. £1 charge to cover refreshments and resources.

### **1st** Small mammals at High Force 2.00pm – 5.00pm.

A joint venture with Moor House-Upper Teesdale NNR and Durham Wildlife Trust.

A fun event for all the family! Come and meet the shy and secretive animals that live in the juniper woods at High Force. Find out who might be eating the juniper berries and nibbling young bushes in the company of Ian Findlay, local naturalist.

Meet: High Force car park

Grade: Moderate – well defined path but with steep steps. 1.5 miles.

Suitable for accompanied children (age 5+).

Booking Essential: Ring the Natural England Reserve base on 01833 622374.

### **3rd** Low Barns Photography Group

Work Shop – Studio Lighting. 7.00pm.

Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798

or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

### **8th** Durham City Watch Group

Trees, colours and Autumn

Botanic Gardens, Durham. 10.00am – 12 noon

### **8th** Low Barns Saturday Volunteer Team

Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or

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for details of where to meet and the task for the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

### **9th** Rainton Meadows Photography Group

Group Outing Fungal Foray –  
Tunstall Reservoir

Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716

or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

### **9th** Fruit and Nut Trail

10.30am

**FREE EVENT**

Join Maurice Bates from Durham Wildlife Trust for a walk through the dene, identifying the different fruits and nuts that can be found growing on the plants. Bring packed lunch, waterproofs and sturdy footwear.

Booking essential, for further details contact 0191 5480152

Meet at Hylton Castle, off Craigavon Road, Sunderland

### **11th** Gateshead Wildlife Group

Pine Martens in the North East – Kevin O'Hara  
St Helen's Church Hall, Belle Vue Bank, Low Fell.  
7.15pm – 9pm.

### **11th** Rainton Meadows Photography Group

Monthly Meeting – TBA. 7.30pm.

Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716

or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

### **11th** Lanchester Wildlife Group

Big Cats – Ian Bond

Small Hall, Lanchester Community Centre,  
Lanchester. 7.30pm.

### **16th** Rainton Meadows Sunday Gang

10.00am – 4.00pm

Join the reserves team for some hands on volunteering at Rainton Meadows and Joes Pond. For further information call Lisa on 0191 5843112



**16th** Head of Steam Museum,  
Darlington: Museum garden

11.00am – 3.00pm.

Come along and be a wild child! Outdoor fun in the museum gardens, including making habitat boxes, bird feeding and watching and bulb planting. Durham Wildlife Trust and Natural England will also be on site to provide activities. Normal museum entrance fee applies.

**19th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Monthly Meeting –

David Williams – ARPS Wildlife. 7.00pm

Prints Competition - Birds

Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798

or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**20th** Rainton Meadows  
Wildlife Group

TBA

Rainton Meadows 7.00pm.

**20th** Darlington Wildlife Group

The Botanic Gardens, Durham –

Michael Hughes

Cockerton Methodist Church, 7.30pm.

**22nd** Low Barns  
Photography Group

Group Outing –

Fungal Foray, Lake District

Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798

or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**22nd** Low Barns Saturday  
Volunteer Team

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for details of where to meet and the task for the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

**23rd** Milkwellburn Wood Weekend  
Volunteer Team

10.15 – 3.00pm.

Join the gang for some hands on volunteering at Milkwellburn Wood.

Booking essential. To book or for further information call Fran on (0191) 584 3112

**25th** Nature Rangers  
@ Rainton Meadows

1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.

Loads of Leaves; trees as habitats. Lots of woodland games and activities so come dressed to be out of doors and get muddy.

**25th** Young Volunteers  
@ Rainton Meadows

11.00am – 3.00pm.

Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.

Fungus foray. Wear appropriate footwear – it might be muddy.

**26th** Chester-le-Street Riverside  
WildClub: Bulb planting

Activities are for children aged 5 – 12 years old. Cost: £1.50 (£1.20 with Leisure Card).

Places are limited, please contact Riverside Leisure Complex, Riverside South, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 3SJ. Tel. 0191 389 0986 for booking information.

**27th** Head of Steam Museum  
Darlington, Boxes for Birds

Build a bird box to put up in your garden (1 box per family, £5 per box). Bring an empty plastic bottle along and transform it into a hanging bird feeder. Discover what a bird's favourite summer and winter snacks are. Drop in from 12.00pm – 3.00pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**27th** Low Barns  
Hibernating hedgehogs

Come along and discover how our prickly friends are getting ready for the winter. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £2.00 per child for non-members and £1.00 per child for members. To book a place please phone 0191 584 3112

**27th** Sedgfield Wildlife Group

TBA  
Parish Hall, Sedgfield 7.45pm.

**31st** Lunch Time Lecture

Rainton Meadows. Refreshments served from 12 noon, lecture commencing 12.15pm. Booking essential, please call 0191 5843112



# NOVEMBER

**TBC** Volunteer Training Day -  
Lichens

Training days are provided by the Trust for their Volunteers. Details of this event will be confirmed nearer the date. Phone 0191 584 3112 for more information.

**7th** Low Barns Photography Group

Work Shop – Still Life. 7.00pm.  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**8th** Gateshead Wildlife Group

Bringing The Wildlife of the Past to the People of Tomorrow – the Birds of Durham Heritage Project –  
Keith Bowey  
St Helen's Church Hall, Belle Vue Bank, Low Fell.  
7.15pm – 9.00pm.

**8th** Rainton Meadows  
Photography Group

Monthly Meeting – Ian Bond. 7.30pm.  
Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**8th** Lanchester Wildlife Group

Badgers – Bob Wilkins  
Small Hall, Lanchester Community Centre,  
Lanchester. 7.30pm.

**12th** Durham City Watch Group

Feeding the Birds.  
Botanic Gardens, Durham. 10.00am – 12 noon.

**12th** Low Barns Saturday  
Volunteer Team

Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or  
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for details of where to meet and the task for  
the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

**13th** Rainton Meadows  
Photography Group

Group Outing – South Gare.  
Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**14th** Hylton Dene Ramble

**FREE EVENT** 11.00am.  
Join Maurice Bates from  
the Durham Wildlife Trust for an easy stroll  
through Hylton Dene and Timber Beach  
to help identify the many species of birds  
found in this area. Please wear sturdy footwear  
and bring water proofs, binoculars and a  
packed lunch.  
Booking essential, telephone 0191 5480152  
to book your place. Meet at Hylton Castle, off  
Craigavon Road, Sunderland.



**16th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Monthly Meeting – Tim Randall Nature Photo  
Techniques. 7.00pm.  
Prints Competition – Anything Autumnal  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**17th** Rainton Meadows  
Wildlife Group

TBA  
Rainton Meadows 7.00pm.

**17th** Darlington Wildlife Group  
Dave Wainwright – Butterfly Conservation  
in the North East  
Cockerton Methodist Church, 7.30pm.

**20th** Rainton Meadows  
Sunday Gang

10.00am – 4.00pm  
Join the reserves team for some hands on  
volunteering at Rainton Meadows and Joe's  
Pond. For further information call Lisa  
on 0191 5843112

**20th** Milkwellburn Wood Weekend  
Volunteer Team

10.15am – 3.00pm  
Join the gang for some hands on  
volunteering at Milkwellburn Wood.  
Booking essential. To book or for further  
information call Fran on 0191 584 3112

**24th** Sedgefield Wildlife Group

TBA  
Parish Hall, Sedgefield 7.45pm

**26th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Group Outing – Foxglove Covert (Catterick)  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**26th** Low Barns Watch Group  
Morning of fun activities and games  
to explore wildlife at Low Barns Nature  
Reserve (5-11 yrs).

Children under 8 must be accompanied  
by an adult. Meet in the Visitor Centre  
10.00am – 12noon. £1 charge to cover  
refreshments and resources.

**26th** Low Barns Saturday  
Volunteer Team

Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or  
email [lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk)  
for details of where to meet and the task for  
the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

**28th** Lunch Time Lecture  
Rainton Meadow

Refreshments served from 12 noon.  
Lecture commencing 12.15pm.  
Booking essential, please call 0191 5843112



# DECEMBER

**4th** Christmas craft day

Come along to Low Barns Visitor Centre for  
the day and learn how to make a Christmas  
table decoration, a topiary tree and a host  
of other tree decorations. The day starts at  
9.30am and finishes at 3.30pm. Cost to cover  
materials is £10 per person (price includes  
free tea, coffee and scone!)  
Please bring your own packed lunch.  
Booking essential, please call 01388 488728

**7th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Monthly Meeting - AGM. 7.00pm  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)



**10th** Durham City Watch Group  
Recycling, New Year Resolutions and  
our Christmas Party  
Botanic Gardens, Durham. 10.00am – 12 noon.

**10th** Low Barns Saturday  
Volunteer Team  
Call Graeme on 01388 488728 or  
email [lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:lowbarnsvolunteers@durhamwt.co.uk)  
for details of where to meet and the task for  
the day or go to [www.lowbarns.co.uk](http://www.lowbarns.co.uk)

**11th** Low Barns Photography Group  
Group Outing – York with Rainton Meadows.  
Contact Ian Whale 01207 580798  
or visit [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com)

**11th** Rainton Meadows  
Photography Group  
Group Outing – York with Low Barns.  
Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**13th** Gateshead Wildlife Group  
Bats at Gibside – National Trust  
St Helen's Church Hall, Belle Vue Bank, Low Fell.  
7.15pm – 9.00pm.

**13th** Lanchester Wildlife Group  
7.30pm.  
AGM and Social  
Small Hall, Lanchester Community  
Centre, Lanchester.

**13th** Rainton Meadows  
Photography Group  
Monthly Meeting – AGM. 7.30pm.  
Contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716  
or visit [www.dwt.photography.co.uk](http://www.dwt.photography.co.uk)

**15th** Rainton Meadows  
Wildlife Group  
TBA  
Rainton Meadows. 7.00pm

**15th** Darlington Wildlife Group  
Christmas Social  
Cockerton Methodist Church, 7.30pm

**18th** Rainton Meadows  
Sunday Gang  
10.00am – 4.00pm  
Join the reserves team for some hands  
on volunteering at Rainton Meadows and  
Joes Pond. For further information call Lisa  
on 0191 5843112

**19th** Lunch Time Lecture  
Rainton Meadows. Refreshments served  
from 12 noon.  
Lecture commencing 12.15pm.  
Booking essential, please call 0191 5843112

**20th** Nature Rangers  
@ Rainton Meadows  
1.00pm – 3.00pm  
Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.  
Make your own Christmas decorations,  
wreaths and presents using natural materials.

**20th** Young Volunteers  
@ Rainton Meadows  
1.00 – 3.00pm  
Meet at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre.  
Make your own Christmas decorations,  
wreaths and presents using natural materials.





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