Valley Park Woodlands Local Nature Reserve, Chandlers Ford

Grid reference: SU420203

Comprising of ancient woodland with a mixture of woodland rides, open glades, ponds and rough grassland, the woodlands have been managed by Test Valley Borough Council since 1998. Rich in wildlife as well as archaeology the woodland is home to a variety of species including pipistrelle bats, roe deer and a host of insects and plant life. The site is thought to be derived from the historic Baddesley Common complex and has close characteristics with the New Forest. It also boasts the remnants of an Iron Age enclosure and associated features.

Tadburn Meadows Local Nature Reserve, Romsey

Grid reference: SU367214

Hidden amongst the houses, Tadburn Meadows covers almost 12 acres and provides a home for a variety of Britain's best loved wildlife and some nationally threatened species. The site boasts a variety of habitats, from a stream more characteristic of the New Forest, to wet woodland and grassland.

Abbotswood Local Nature Reserve, Romsey

Grid reference: SU364228

Abbotswood Local Nature Reserve, located adjacent to the Abbotswood development, has been designated primarily due to the presence of great crested newts, a European protected species. The site contains a host of interesting habitats, including wetlands, ancient semi-natural woodland and grassland. These support a wealth of wildlife. The site also boasts veteran oak trees, estimated to be over 300 years old and each a home to hundreds of other species, making them a hugely important part of the site.

Local Conservation Groups

Tadburn Conservation Volunteers

A local volunteers group working on Tadburn Meadows Local Nature Reserve, Romsey. For more information contact: **tadburn.meadows@gmail.com**

Friends of the Parks

A local volunteer group working in Valley Park Woodlands Local Nature Reserve, Chandlers Ford. Contact Steve White on **02380 263204** or **fotp@btinternet.com**

Wilder Romsey

A local conservation group working in and around Romsey. For more information, visit **www.romseytc.org.uk/wilder-romsey.html**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered throughout 2024 to help maintain and enhance our green spaces.

New volunteers, including families, are always welcome to help with the on-going programme of events.

Test Valley Parks and Countryside Team

The team work to maintain and develop the borough's green spaces which include countryside sites, Nature Reserves, parks and cemeteries.

Please contact the countryside officers in advance for more details. Further information is available on **www.testvalley.gov.uk**

Or contact the Countryside Officers on **01264 368000**, or email **community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk**

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Date	Time	Task	Venue	Meeting Place
Sun 5 Jan	10am to 2pm	Holly thinning & bonfire	Valley Park LNR, Knightwood Copse	Violet Close Playground
Wed 15 Jan	10 am to 1pm	Vegetation Management (Wilder Romsey)	Romsey Barge Canal	Bottom of Mercer Way
Sat 25 Jan	10am to 12pm	Vegetation management	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Wed 5 Feb	10am to 1pm	Vegetation Management (Wilder Romsey)	Romsey Barge Canal	New Road Car Park
Sun 16 Feb	10am to 12pm	Tree planting	Valley Park LNR, Zionshill East	Leisure Centre
Sat 22 Feb	10am to 1pm	Scrub Management (Wilder Romsey)	Abbotswood LNR	Abbotswood Sports Ground
Sun 9 Mar	10am to 12pm	Meadow Maintenance	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Sun 16 Mar	10am to 12pm	Coppicing	Valley Park LNR, Clothiers Copse	Top of Catmint Drive
Sun 13 Apr	10am to 12pm	Sycamore coppicing	Valley Park LNR, Skyswood	Top of Morgan Le Fay
Sat 10 May	10am to 12pm	Site Maintenance	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Sun 8 Jun	10am to 12pm	Heath management	Valley Park LNR, Zionshill East	Leisure Centre
Sun 29 Jun	10 am to 12pm	Balsam Pull	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Sun 6 Jul	10am to 12pm	Bracken management	Valley Park LNR, Tredgoulds Copse	Top of Yewberry Way
Sat 12 Jul	10am to 1pm	Ragwort Pull (Wilder Romsey)	Abbotswood LNR	Abbotswood Sports Ground
Tue 29 Jul	10am to 12pm	Discovery Day	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Wed 30 Jul	10am to 12pm	Discovery Day	Abbotswood LNR	Lawes Walk attenuation basins
Wed 13 Aug	10am to 1pm	Ragwort Pull (Wilder Romsey)	Abbotswood LNR	Abbotswood Sports Ground
Sun 17 Aug	10 am to 12pm	Balsam Pull	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Fri 29 Aug	7:45 PM onwards	Bat Walk	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Wed 10 Sep	10am to 1pm	Meadow Maintenance (Wilder Romsey)	Abbotswood LNR	Cupernham Lane LNR entrance
Fri 12 Sep	7:30 pm onwards	Bat Walk	Abbotswood LNR	Entrance to LNR by football pitches
Sun 14 Sep	10am to 12pm	Hazel Coppicing	Valley Park LNR, Skyswood	Top of Morgan Le Fay
Sat 20 Sep	10 am to 12pm	Wildflower Meadow Management	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Wed 8 Oct	10am to 1pm	Orchard Maintenance (Wilder Romsey)	Woodley Open Space	Woodley open space Orchard
Sun 12 Oct	10am to 12pm	Holly Management	Valley Park LNR, Zionshill West	Leisure Centre
Sat 25 Oct	10am to 12pm	Scrub Management (Wilder Romsey)	Abbotswood LNR	Abbotswood Sports Ground

Wed 5 Nov	10am to 12pm	Vegetation management (Wilder Romsey)	Romsey Barge Canal	New Road Car Park
Sun 16 Nov	10am to 12pm	Ride management	Valley Park LNR, Zionshill West	Leisure Centre
Sun 30 Nov	10am to 12pm	Non-Native removal	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Eight Acres
Sun 7 Dec	10am to 12pm	Sycamore coppicing	Valley Park LNR, Knightwood	Top of Catmint Close
Wed 10 Dec	10am to 12pm	Path Maintenance (Wilder Romsey)	Abbotswood LNR	Cupernham Lane LNR entrance
Sun 14 Dec	10am to 12pm	Holly Wreath Making	Valley Park LNR	Valley Park LNR

Important Note

The practical tasks that we carry out on our Green Spaces and Nature Reserves can be strenuous, tiring and involve the use of hand tools that some people may find challenging. Please inform the co-ordinator leading the event if you have any medical conditions or concerns that could be a danger to yourself or other volunteers working around you. We reserve the right to restrict your level of participation in certain circumstances. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.