



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 ANC, Romsey

Grid reference: SU364228

Abbotswood Area for Nature Conservation, located adjacent to the new 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 including birds, mammals such as bats, and insects, including butterflies and dragonflies. The site also boasts 14 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.

Photo by Natasha Weyers

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 ftop@btinternet.com

Abbotswood Conservation Volunteers

A local group working in Abbotswood Area of Nature Conservation, Romsey. Contact community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk

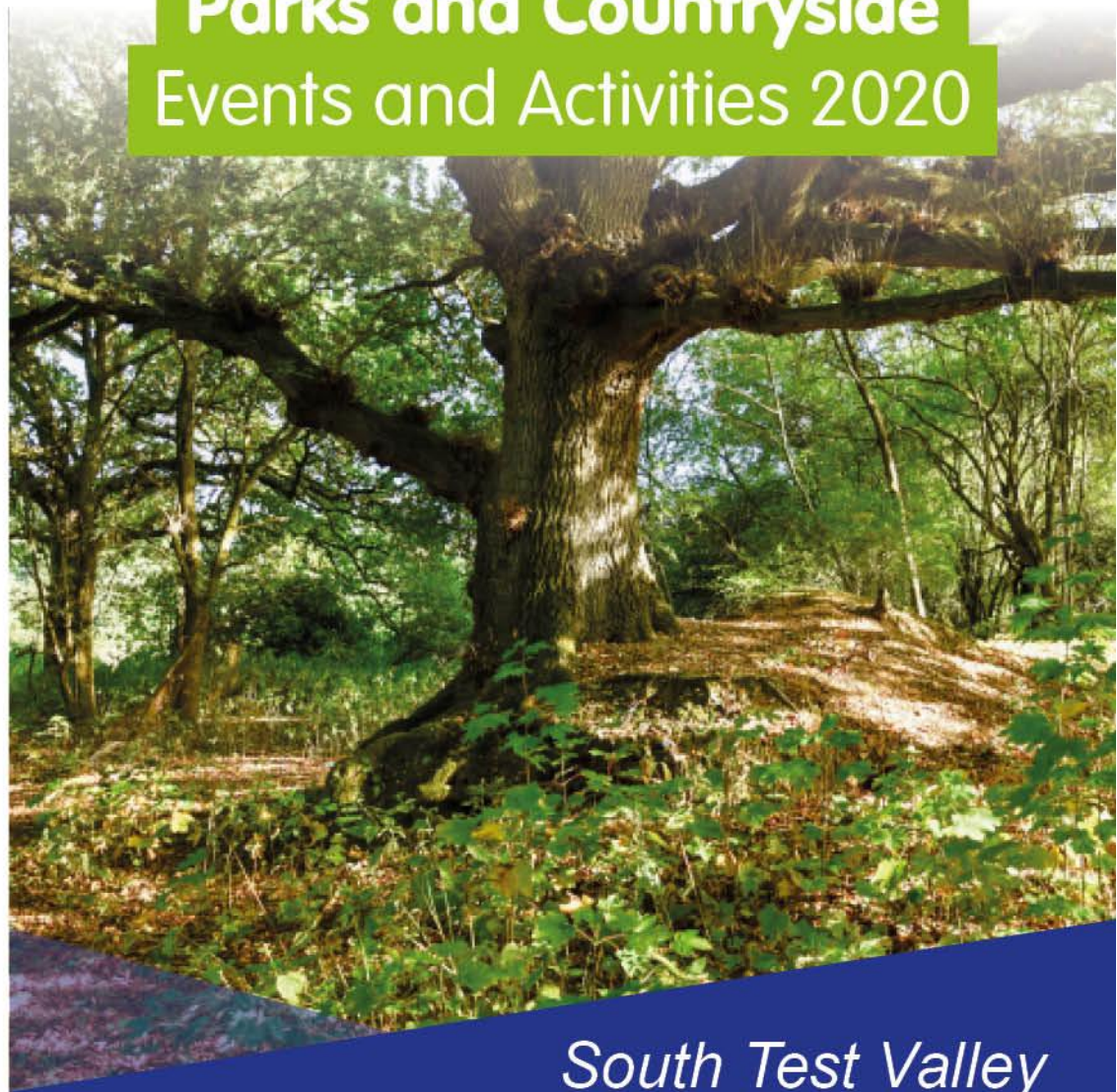
Test Valley Parks and Countryside Team

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

Parks and Countryside Events and Activities 2020



South Test Valley



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Parks and Countryside Events and Activities Guide 2020

South Test Valley

Date	Time	Task	Venue	Meeting Place
Sun 12 Jan	10am to 2pm	Holly thinning	Valley Park LNR – Knightwood Copse	Top of Catmint Close
Sat 25 Jan	10am to 12 noon	Scrub management	Abbotswood ANC	Abbotswood Sports Pavilion
Sun 26 Jan	10am to 12 noon	Scrub management	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres
Sun 9 Feb	10am to 12 noon	Coppicing	Valley Park LNR – Skys Wood	Top of Morgan Le Fay Drive
Sun 23 Feb	10am to 12 noon	Big Litter Pick	Abbotswood ANC	Abbotswood Sports Pavilion
Sat 14 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Bramble management	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres
Sun 15 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Coppicing and ride management	Valley Park LNR – Skys Wood	Top of Morgan Le Fay Drive
Sat 28 Mar	10am to 12 noon	Tree guard removal	Abbotswood	Abbotswood play area
Sun 26 Apr	10am to 12 noon	Sycamore and holly thinning	Valley Park LNR – Zionshill West	Knightwood Leisure Centre
Sun 17 May	10am to 12 noon	Spring Survey Fun	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres
Sat 30 May	10am to 2pm	Wildlife Discovery Day	Abbotswood	Attenuation basins outside ANC
Sun 7 Jun	10am to 12 noon	Footpath construction	Valley Park LNR – Zionshill West/Tredgoulds	Hornbeam Road Playground
Sun 28 Jun	10am to 12 noon	Bracken control	Abbotswood	End of Wadham Close
Wed 1 Jul	7pm to 9pm	Himalayan balsam pull	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres
Sun 12 Jul	10am to 12 noon	Heath management	Valley Park LNR – Zionshill East	Knightwood Leisure Centre
Sat 18 Jul	10am to 2pm	Wildlife Discovery Day	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres

Sat 25 Jul	2pm to 4pm	Butterfly and dragonfly walk	Abbotswood ANC	Abbotswood Sports Pavilion
Sat 8 Aug	10am to 12 noon	Himalayan balsam pull	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres
Fri 21 Aug	8pm onwards	Bat Walk	Abbotswood ANC	Abbotswood Sports Pavilion
Sat 5 Sep	10am to 5pm	20th Anniversary Woodfair	Valley Park LNR – Zionshill East	Follow signs for car park
Fri 11 Sep	7.30pm onwards	Bat Walk	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres
Sun 20 Sep	10am to 12 noon	Scrub management	Valley Park LNR – Balancing pond and meadow	Knightwood Leisure Centre
Sun 27 Sep	10am to 12 noon	Wildflower planting	Abbotswood	Attenuation basins outside ANC
Sat 24 Oct	10am to 12 noon	Pond management	Abbotswood ANC	Abbotswood Sports Pavilion
Sun 25 Oct	10am to 12 noon	Coppicing	Valley Park LNR – Clothiers Copse	Top of Path to Flexford Road
Sun 22 Nov	10am to 12 noon	Tree planting	Valley Park LNR – Skys Wood	Top of Morgan Le Fay Drive
Sun 22 Nov	10am to 12 noon	Bulb/wildflower planting	Tadburn Meadows LNR	Entrance off of Eight Acres
Sun 29 Nov	10am to 12 noon	Scrub management	Abbotswood ANC	Abbotswood Sports Pavilion
Sun 13 Dec	10am to 12 noon	Alder coppicing and ash management	Valley Park LNR – Tredgoulds Copse	Top of Yewberry Way

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.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered throughout 2019 to help maintain and enhance our green spaces.

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