

Dorset Flora Group Events 2025

Overview of Events

Many of our events require booking in advance, please book by contacting the meeting/workshop's leader.

The majority of events are outdoors so please wear and bring clothing suitable for our changeable weather, as well as water and sunscreen. For longer meetings/workshops please bring a packed lunch and drink along with you. Please be tick aware.

APRIL	
Saturday 26 th	Woodland SNCI Surveys, near Wimborne Minster
Tuesday 29 th	Green Winged Orchid Counts at Stonebarrow (Westhay Fields)
MAY	
Saturday 3 rd	Visit to Baber's Farm, Marshwood
Saturday 17 th	Grassland SNCI Surveys, near Bridport
Saturday 24 th	Spring Flora at Avon Heath Country Park
Sunday 25 th	Floral Family Picnic at The Great Field, Poundbury
Saturday 31 st	Botanical Walk at Holes Bay (from the West), Poole
JUNE	
Thursday 5 th	Early Gentian Survey at Hambledon Hill
Saturday 7 th	Recording Day (based on BSBI's Field Identification Skills Certificate - FISC), The Kingcombe Centre
Wednesday 11 th	Evening Walk at Nether Cerne near Godmanstone.
Saturday 14 th	Midsummer Flora at Avon Heath Country Park
Saturday 28 th	Grassland SNCI Surveys. Dorset Downs West of Blandford
JULY	
Saturday 5 th	Botanical Walk and Survey, Ryewater Nursery
Saturday 12 th	Coastal Plants at Ferrybridge
Sunday 13 th	Alfred's Tower, Stourhead Estate, Wiltshire
Saturday 19 th	Survey at Coombe Heath, Lulworth
Saturday 26 th	Yellow Bird's Nest Survey at Melbury Wood
Wednesday 30 th	Evening Walk in Catherston Leweston, Charmouth
AUGUST	
Thursday 7 th	Survey at West Moors MOD Fuel Depot
Saturday 9 th	Cyanotype Ferns & Wildflowers, Kingcombe
Tuesday 12 th	Canford Heath - Dorset Heath Survey and General Recording
Wednesday 20 th	Evening Walk in Chickerell
Tuesday 26 th	Autumn Lady's Tresses Counts at Westhay Meadows, Golden Cap Estate

SEPTEMBER	
Saturday 6 th	Aquatics Workshop, Wareham Common
Wednesday 10 th	Evening Walk in Puncknowle
OCTOBER	
Friday 3 rd	Introduction to Bryophytes Workshop at Kingcombe
NOVEMBER	
Saturday 8 th	Conifer Identification Workshop, Sugar Hill Arboretum, Wareham Forest
Sunday 16 th	AGM at Brooklands
Saturday 29 th	Wreath and Willow Star Making, Charminster

This is the second edition of the DFG programme for this year. If further information becomes available, we will publish updated editions of the programme. Please note that finish times for events are approximate.

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Full Programme

Saturday 26th April. Woodland SNCI Surveys near Wimborne Minster

A survey day to cover SNCI survey methodology and woodland indicator species.

When: 10am – 4pm.

Leader: Mariko Whyte.

Meeting point: Full details will be provided to those who have booked a week or so before the event.

Booking essential via: sncl@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk; 07852 810191.



We will divide into smaller groups and cover a range of sites. A great opportunity to visit sites which may not have public access and help support the SNCI monitoring programme. Be prepared for uneven terrain.



Tuesday 29th April. Green Winged Orchid Counts at Stonebarrow (Westhay fields)

Annual monitoring of Green Winged Orchids in Westhay fields, on the National Trust's Golden Cap Estate. Joint meeting with National Trust Ecology Volunteers.

When: 10am – 3pm.

Leader: Ruth Worsley, National Trust Ecologist Booking essential.

Meeting point: Stonebarrow, Stonebarrow Lane, Charmouth.

Grid ref.: SY382933; What 3 words - ///seashell.broke.depth.

Booking essential via: ruth.worsley2@nationaltrust.org.uk; 07977 454545.

We will sweep a number of fields which are monitored annually. Numbers in 2024 were about 80,000. It is one of the best sites in the UK for this early flowering orchid. Bring a mat to kneel on for counting if needed!

Saturday 3rd May. Visit to Baber's Farm, Marshwood

This is a Countryside Regeneration Trust site and we will be concentrating on surveying grassland areas of early season interest and probably also woodland areas to update plant records.

When: 10.30am - 3.30pm (*note later start time*).

Leader: Helena Darragh and Tom Smith.

Meeting point: Babers Farm, Mutton Street, near Marshwood.

Grid ref.: SY 384988.; What 3 words - ///parkland.energetic.ranch ; Postcode: DT6 5PZ.

Off the B3165 between Marshwood and Marshalsea. Directions on where to park will be provided to those who have booked a week or so before the event.

Booking essential via: dorsetfloragroupprogramme@yahoo.com; 07717 437250.

Babers and Harmshay are grazed by Hereford-cross cattle and Zwartbles sheep, a rare breed originating from The Netherlands, owned by local farmer, Jim Strawbridge, while the farmland also provides a variety of habitats such as ditches, ponds, and woodlands. The farm features 5.79ha of SNCI running along a wooded watercourse and incorporating 3.78ha of pasture located to the south-west of the farm.

Notable flora observed at Babers Farm include: Corky-fruited water dropwort *Oenanthe pimpinelloides*, Meadow vetchling *Lathyrus pratensis*, Bird's-foot trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*, Common knapweed *Centaurea nigra*, Devil's-bit scabious *Succisa pratensis*, Oxeye daisy *Leucanthemum vulgare*, Agrimony *Agrimonia eupatoria*, Orchid spp., Adder's-tongue fern *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, Yellow-wort *Blackstonia perfoliata*, Yellow rattle *Rhinanthus minor* and Grass vetchling *Lathyrus nissolia*.



More information on the farm is available on the CRT website:
<https://www.thecrt.co.uk/babers-farm>

Saturday 17th May. Grassland SNCI Surveys near Bridport

A survey day covering a larger grassland site in west Dorset including SNCI survey methodology and neutral grassland indicator species.

When: 10am – 4pm.

Leader: Mariko Whyte.

Meeting point: Full details will be provided to those who have booked a week or so before the event.

Booking essential via: snci@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk; 07852 810191.

We will divide into smaller groups and cover different parts of one or two larger sites. A great opportunity to visit sites which may not have public access and help support the SNCI monitoring programme. Be prepared for uneven terrain.

Saturday 24th May. Spring Flora at Avon Heath Country Park

Walk to enjoy the early botanical display at this expansive SSSI. The likely focus will be rare acid grassland and the network of tracks where Green-winged orchid, unusual clovers and specialist annuals are expected. To include counts of Small Adder's-tongue fern at its only known sites in East Dorset and the possibility of re-examining historic ones. We will be joining forces with the Avon Heath rangers and volunteers.

When: 10.00am – 3pm.

Leader: Phil Smith.

Meeting point: Avon Heath Country Park, St Ives. Visitor Centre, Brocks Pine.

Grid ref.: SU12150290; What 3 words - /// cowboy.broached.formally; Nearest postcode: BH24 2DH.

Booking essential via: philsbats@hotmail.com; 07973 107897.

Toilet and café facilities available near Visitor Centre. Fairly level terrain but some muddy tracks. Public transport on Saturdays is limited to taxi services.

Sunday 25th May. Floral Family Picnic at The Great Field, Poundbury

An opportunity to bring aspiring young botanists along for a family picnic (bring your own picnic) and some fun botany-themed games and activities. Aimed at ages 7+.

When: 11am – 2pm.

Leaders: Fiona Wood and Jo Stephen.

Meeting point: The Great Field, Poundbury.

Grid ref.: S67769080; What 3 words - ///second.division surfacing; Nearest postcode: DT1 3RH.

Booking essential via: Fiona.Wood@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; 07599 441887.

Public toilets, a cafe and children's play area are close to where we are holding the event. On street parking is available on the streets surrounding The Great Field.

Saturday 31st May. Holes Bay (from the West), Poole. Botanical Walk

Botanical walk to enjoy this rich flora, heading eastwards from Upton Country Park then southwards along the shoreline of the Poole Harbour Trail.

When: 10am – 3pm.

Leader: Tom Smith and Stephen Smith.

Meeting point: The Welcome Centre, Upton Country Park.

Grid ref.: SY992929; What 3 words - ///lungs.enjoy.shade; Nearest postcode: BH17 7BJ.

Booking essential via: dorsetfloragroupprogramme@yahoo.com; 07717 437250 (Tom).



This year we'll be walking from the west covering the areas (05-09) not reached in 2024. If time permits, we can re-visit areas (04-01). Toilets available at the Welcome Centre and by the tearoom. Bus stop in Poole Road near the entrance to Upton Country Park (8, 9, 10 and 40 all stop there). Pay and display car parks in the country park (£8 for over 4 hours) or free parking in nearby residential streets (allow 15 minutes to walk to the meeting point).

Not recommended for families with young children because of busy A350 which runs close by. For 2021 report on the plant life of the site, go to: Birds of Poole Harbour: - surveys; Holes Bay Nature Park Birds and Wildlife Report 2021, pp. 127 -134.

[Holes_Bay_Nature_Park_REPORT_2021_v2_March_2023-compressed.pdf](#)
(uptoncountrypark.com)

Thursday 5th June Early Gentian Survey at Hambledon Hill

Walkover survey around the ramparts of Hambledon Hill alongside the National Trust's North Dorset Ecology Volunteer Group to survey for the beautiful, but diminutive, Early Gentian *Gentianella anglica* amongst the rich chalk flora of the hillfort. Joint meeting with National Trust Ecology Volunteers.



When: 10am – 3pm.

Leader: Adam Woolcott, NT Ranger.

Meeting point: Hambledon Hill, Child Okeford.

Grid ref.: ST 8388212234; What3words - ///Owner.stealing.currently; Nearest postcode: DT11 8HD.

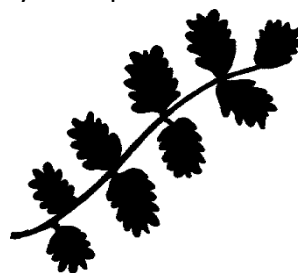
Parking available in Markstone Field, DT11 8ET.

Booking essential via: adam.woolcott@nationaltrust.org.uk; 07811009014.

The NT North Dorset Ecology Group surveyed for Early Gentians last year on the hill and found good numbers in some areas, and disappointing in others! We're basing our surveys on Bryan Edward's 1997 suite of surveys where he surveyed many Dorset sites for the plant. Last year we were able to survey the Western slopes of the hill, so we will be primarily focussing on the top of the hillfort and the eastern ramparts this year.

Saturday 7th June. A Fun Recording Day Based on the BSBI's Field Identification Skills Certificate (FISC) Workshop at The Kingcombe Centre

A fun recording day based on the BSBI's Field identification skills certificate (FISC) workshop. Test your knowledge by identifying a small number of plants in the classroom and then recording plants in a rich meadow, trying to match the records made by an expert leader. Your recording sheet will be scored and feedback given. For those considering taking on the challenge for real, this is a chance to have a lower key introduction to some of the methodology and practice. Please note that the recording sheets used will use taxonomic names only – as is the case with the BSBI FISC. There will be a blank page to allow you to write species down using English names if you can't remember the Latin and time is pressing!



When: Please arrive by 9.45am for a prompt 10am start. Room booking ends 2pm.

Leaders: Jon Crewe and Robin Walls (our expert for the day).

Meeting point: The Kingcombe Centre, Lower Kingcombe, Dorchester.

Grid ref.: SY 5543199051; What 3 words /// masts.originals.losses; Nearest postcode: DT2 0EQ.

Booking essential via: Crewie4@outlook.com; 07970 847344.

Cost: £10 per person to cover room hire and leader travel costs. Payable in advance to Dorset Flora Group, bank details to be confirmed.

Please bring a packed lunch, unless you wish to make a booking in the café for 1.30pm.

Wednesday 11th June. Evening Walk at Nether Cerne near Godmanstone.

A circular walk of approx. 3.5km up the hillside and back into under-recorded grid squares to the east of Nether Cerne. We will stop enroute for a picnic, so please bring a 'packed supper' along.

When: 5.45pm – 8/8.30pm.

Leader: Fiona Wood.

Meeting point: TBC to booked participants.

Booking essential via: Fiona.Wood@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; 07599 441887.

Saturday 14th June. Midsummer Flora at Avon Heath Country Park.

Botanical walk to enjoy the mid-season display at this expansive SSSI in East Dorset. Some of the rare acid grassland and notable tracks of the earlier visit will be covered, along with complementary areas such as damp heathland. Possibility of seeing Deptford Pink in flower and, depending on previous success, further counts of Small Adder's-tongue fern may be included. We will be joining forces with the Avon Heath rangers and volunteers.

When: 10.00am – 3pm.

Leaders: Phil Smith.

Meeting point: Avon Heath Country Park, St Ives. Visitor Centre, Brocks Pine.

Grid ref.: SU12150290; What 3 words /// cowboy.broached.formally.

Booking essential via: philsbats@hotmail.com; 07973 107897.



Toilet and café facilities available near Visitor Centre, bring a packed lunch and drink. Fairly level terrain but some muddy tracks. Public transport on Saturdays is limited to taxi services.

Saturday 28th June. Grassland SNCI Surveys. Dorset Downs West of Blandford.

A survey day to cover some calcareous grassland sites in central Dorset using SNCI survey methodology identifying calcareous grassland indicator species.

We will divide into smaller groups and cover one or two larger sites. A great opportunity to visit sites which may not have public access and help support the SNCI monitoring programme. Be prepared for uneven terrain.

When: 10am – 4pm.

Leader: Mariko Whyte.

Meeting point: Full details will be provided to those who have booked a week or so before the event.

Booking essential via: snci@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk; 07852 810191.



Saturday 5th July. Ryewater Nursery. Botanical Walk and Survey.



Meadow creation and management on clay soils. A walk through 40 years of habitat creation for butterflies and moths with an emphasis on wildflowers of the clay. Afternoon session recording plants in a new habitat area.

When: 10am – 4pm.

Leader: Wren Franklin.

Meeting point: Ryewater Nursery Car Park.

Grid ref.: ST665105; What 3 words /// scores.reclining.dwell; Nearest postcode: DT9 5PL.

Booking essential via: wrenfranklin@yahoo.co.uk; 07776 100613.

Saturday 12th July. Coastal Plants at Ferrybridge.

A gentle amble on flat terrain to look for coastal plants. Option for lunch at the café afterwards.

When: 11am – 1pm.

Leader: Jo Stephen and Fiona Wood.

Meeting point: Wild Chesil Centre, Portland. Grid ref.: SY668755; What 3 words ///sulky.unlocking.scoots; Nearest postcode: DT4 9XE.

Nearest bus stop at Ferrybridge. Ample car parking in Chesil Car Park but there is a fee.

No booking required: If you need further information contact

Jo.Stephen@naturalengland.org.uk or 07599441887 (Fiona).

Sunday 13th July. Alfred's Tower, Stourhead Estate, Wiltshire. Joint Meeting with Wiltshire Botanical Society.

We will be exploring the eastern (VC8) part of this area of forest on the Upper Greensand, hoping to see Climbing Corydalis and even re-find Lemon-scented Fern, last recorded here in 1991.

When: 10.30am – 3.00pm.

Leader: Kat Newbert and Tom Smith.

Meeting point: Alfred's Tower Car Park on Tower Road.

Grid reference: ST748353 What 3 words ///retire.marathons.coolest.

No booking required: Feel free to contact Tom if you want to let him know you'll be attending via: dorsetfloragroupprogramme@yahoo.com; 07717 437250.

Saturday 19th July. Survey at Coombe Heath, Lulworth.

A return visit to this botanically rich heathland site courtesy of The Lulworth Estate.

When: 10am – 3.30pm.

Leader: Tom Smith and Maddy Pfaff.

Meeting point: To be confirmed to booked participants. As parking is limited this is likely to be a rendezvous point in Wool with car sharing to the meeting point.

Booking essential via: dorsetfloragroupprogramme@yahoo.com.

We'll be aiming to carry out further surveys of heathland restoration areas and to track down the remaining target species from Alex Mills' species list (of 2024) based on historic records.

Saturday 26th July. Yellow Bird's Nest Survey at Melbury Wood.

Joint meeting with National Trust Ecology Volunteers. A walkover survey of NT Melbury Woods looking for Yellow Birds Nest *Monotropa hypopitys* alongside the National Trust's North Dorset Ecology Volunteer Group.

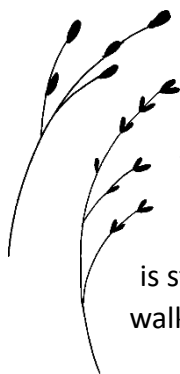
When: 10am – 3pm.

Leader: Adam Woolcott, NT Ranger.

Meeting point: Melbury Wood, near Compton Abbas airfield. Grid ref.: ST9157519798; What 3 words /// carry.mermaids.subjects; Nearest postcode: SP5 5AP.

There is a layby near the entrance to the wood with parking available (for about 8-10 cars). Alternative parking available at NT Win Green 3mins up the road and we can shuttle people to site if needed.

No booking required: However, it is always useful to know numbers, so feel free to let Adam know you'll be attending via adam.woolcott@nationaltrust.org.uk; 07811009014.



Melbury Wood is the only site in Dorset where this epiparasitic plant grows, being associated with *Tricholoma* fungi within this beech woodland.

The NT volunteers did a count in 2024 and recorded over 8,000 flowering spikes(!) and identified several new areas where they had not been seen previously. The aim of this survey would be to thoroughly survey those new areas to get a good idea of the distribution across the site. Some of the terrain is steep and quite slippery with beech leaves and mast, so suitable footwear and walking poles would be recommended.

Wednesday 30th July. Evening Walk in Catherston Leweston, Charmouth.

Approximately 3.7km walk into an under-recorded 1km square (SY3794).

When: 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Leader: Fiona Wood.

Meeting point: Grid ref.: SY3697193967; What 3 words /// deprives.migrants.rate;
Nearest postcode: DT6 6SE.

We will meet on the roadside opposite the public footpath, just north of the bridge over the A35. There should be room to park along Green Pit Knap the Charmouth side of the bridge and a few spots after.

Booking essential via: Fiona.Wood@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; 07599 441887.

Thursday 7th August. Survey at West Moors MOD Fuel Depot.

This site is very botanically rich, so we expect to see a wide range of plants. We will be revisiting an area in the eastern part of the site last surveyed by Dorset Flora Group members in August 2017 when we recorded over 100 species including: Brown-beak Sedge *Rhynchospora fusca*, Coral-necklace *Illecebrum verticillatum*, Mossy Stonecrop *Crassula tillaea*, Allseed *Linum radiola*, Marsh Clubmoss *Lycopodiella inundata* and Slender Sedge *Carex lasiocarpa*. We'll see if we can re-find these species and others and hopefully add to the species list for this site.



When: 10am – 3.30pm.

Leader: Tom Smith.

Meeting point: Visitor car park by the entrance where you check in. Grid ref: SU083043;
What 3 words - ///headlines.grapevine.marzipan; Nearest postcode: BH21 6QS.

Booking essential via: dorsetfloragroupprogramme@yahoo.com; 07717 437250.

ATEX camera will be available for use by the group. No other phones or cameras permitted due to risk of fire.

Saturday 9th August. Cyanotype Ferns and Wildflowers.

Learn the art of cyanotype, used by pioneer Victorian female botanist and photographer Anna Atkins. We'll create beautiful blueprints using camera-less sun printing and native ferns and wildflowers. All materials provided.



When: 10am – 2pm.

Leader: Jo Stephen.

Meeting point: The Kingcombe Centre, Lower Kingcombe, Dorchester.

Grid ref.: SY 5543199051; What 3 words /// masts.originals.losses; Nearest postcode: DT2 0EQ.

Booking essential via: jo.stephen@naturalengland.org.uk

Cost: A nominal fee of £10 to cover materials and venue hire. Payment details to be confirmed to booked participants.

Tuesday 12th August. Canford Heath - Dorset Heath Survey and General Recording.

Survey to check the size of the Dorset Heath population and general plant recording to improve our plant records for some 1km grid squares on Canford Heath.

When: 10am – 3/3.30pm

Leader: Tom Smith and Mark Singleton.

Meeting point: At the western end of Francis Avenue near Knighton Heath golf course.

Grid ref.: SZ044953; What 3 words /// forgiven.helm.moderated. Nearest postcode BH11 9PF

Booking essential via: dorsetfloragroupprogramme@yahoo.com

Wednesday 20th August. Evening Walk in Chickerell.

Approx 3km amble along footpaths within this under-recorded 1km square (SY6481). Evening walk in Chickerell. Mostly arable fields.

When: 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Leader: Fiona Wood.

Meeting point: Courage Way, Chickerell.

Grid ref.: SY64628097; What 3 words ///mingles.vision.refrained; Nearest postcode: DT3 4GW.

Please park along the nearby residential streets with consideration for the residents.

Booking essential via: Fiona.Wood@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; 07599 441887.

Tuesday 26th August. Autumn Lady's Tresses Counts at Westhay Meadows, Golden Cap Estate

Annual monitoring of Autumn Ladies Tresses Orchids in Westhay fields, on the National Trust's Golden Cap Estate. Joint meeting with National Trust Ecology Volunteers.

When: 10.00 am – 3.00pm.

Leaders: Ruth Worsley, National Trust Ecologist.

Meeting point: Stonebarrow, Stonebarrow Lane, Charmouth.

Grid ref.: SY382933; What 3 words /// seashell.broke.depth.

No booking required: ruth.worsley2@nationaltrust.org.uk; 07977 454545.

Saturday 6th September. Aquatics Workshop at Wareham Common.



Field-based workshop to help you improve your aquatic plant identification skills. If you have a good plant identification book such as the Collins Flower Guide or the Wildflower Key by Francis Rose, please bring this along to refer to on the day. Further details to follow nearer the time.

When: 10am – 4pm.

Leader: Robin Walls.

Meeting point: To be confirmed to booked participants.

Booking essential via: robin44walls@outlook.com.

Wednesday 10th September. Evening Walk in Puncknowle.

A walk of approx. 3.5km into under-recorded grid squares north of Puncknowle.

When: 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Leader: Fiona Wood.

Meeting point: Corner of Looke Lane and Springfield, Puncknowle.

Grid ref.: SY 53886 88642; What 3 words ///envelope.gifts.quitter; Nearest postcode: DT2 9BB.

Please be mindful of local residents when parking. There are a few parking spots on Springfield and others near the agricultural buildings on Church Street.

No booking required: Contact details in case you need them:

Fiona.Wood@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; 07599441887.

Friday 3rd October. Introduction to Bryophytes Workshop, Kingcombe.

An Introduction to Bryophytes workshop for DFG members.

If you thought the winter months were the start of a lean time for botanists, think again! There's a significant but inexplicably overlooked group of small, but perfectly formed plants that could rescue you from winter gloom – mosses and liverworts! With over 450 spp. recorded in Dorset, there's more than enough for everyone. Bryophytes are at their best in the cool and damp seasons, so ideal as a botanist's winter alternative. With this introductory day in early autumn, in the bryophyte-rich Kingcombe NNR, and armed with a hand lens, you'll be all set for several months of botanical revelation.

The day will be a mix of informal teaching and examination of specimens. We'll be based at DWT's Kingcombe Centre, so have comfortable cover if it's wet. Ideally, we can spend some time inside, with collected samples and some information about mosses, and also take a short walk in the nearby nature reserve to see bryophytes in their habitats. So, with a view to spending some time outside, unless it's awful, come prepared for the weather and wet ground conditions. The aim for the day will be to get a basic understanding of bryophytes, and to see a few examples with identification tips, rather than amassing a long list of species; there's all winter for that.

When: 10am - 4pm

Leader: Jim White, Robin Walls and Steve Masters

Meeting point: The Kingcombe centre, Lower Kingcombe, Dorchester.

Grid ref.: SY 554319905; What 3 words /// shook.ogre.mime; Postcode: DT2 0EQ.

Park in the overspill parking at Pound Cottage, and from there walk down through the garden to Swallow Barn. You reach the entrance to Pound Cottage ca 100m before the main Centre entrance, coming from Toller. If you need to park in the main car park the entrance is at What 3 words ///fattening.couple.condensed.

Booking essential via: dorsetfloragroupprogramme@yahoo.com

Cost: £10, 50% of takings will be donated to the Dorset Wildlife Trust

We'll aim to take our lunch break at the Centre. Bring a packed lunch or buy lunch/refreshments at the excellent Centre Café.

Saturday 8th November. Conifer ID Workshop at Sugar Hill Arboretum, Wareham Forest.

Save the date. Details to follow nearer the time.

Sunday 16th November. AGM at Brooklands.

Save the date. Details to follow nearer the time.

Saturday 29th November. Wreath and Willow Star Making in Charminster.

Make a Christmas wreath and Willow star in this pre-Christmas get together with some Christmassy nibbles. Materials supplied, but if you've got any foliage you'd particularly like to include feel free to bring some along.

When: 11am – 1.30pm.

Leader: Fiona Wood and Jo Stephen.

Meeting point: Charminster Community Hall, Weir View, Charminster.

Grid ref.: SY675927; What 3 words /// drifting.panicking.sticks; Postcode: DT2 9QY.

Booking essential via: Fiona.Wood@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk; Phone: 07599 441887.

Cost: There will be a charge of £10 for this event to cover materials and room hire. Payable in advance to Dorset Flora Group, bank details to be confirmed.

Other Botanical Surveys:

Regular botanical recording days, as well as one-off days are run across Dorset by local organisations:

Dorset Wildlife Trust:

Fridays on DWT reserves with [Colleen Smith-Moore](#)

Alternate Mondays at Wild Woodbury with [Daisy Meadowcroft](#)

National Trust:

Kingston Lacy Botany Group. Third Wednesday of the month with [Adam Scott](#)

North Dorset Ecology Volunteer Group. Contact [Ruth Worsley](#)

West Dorset Ecology Volunteer Group. Tuesdays with [Ruth Worsley](#)

Purbeck Natural History Forum:

This forum works with landowners and conservation organisations across Purbeck. There are one-off events and regular recording days including those run by the National Trust.

Join the forum and sign up to opportunities at [Purbeck Natural History Forum](#)

