

Saturday 9 July, 10am-4pm

Child Okeford open gardens

An opportunity to visit around 20 private gardens in the village. Parking is available at the village hall and community centre. Gardens throughout Child Okeford (just look for the open gardens signs). Call Merlin Lewis for details on 01258 863800

Saturday 9 July, 10.30-2.30pm

Wildflower meadow guided foraging walk

Gentle stroll through meadows to collect seasonal wild things to eat, and learn plant folklore. Bring a packed lunch and water. Bonsley Wood, near Blandford and Durweston (signed from Travellers Rest Farm). Spaces limited and booking advisable – email lucie@thenaturalpath.org.uk or call Lucie Cowles on 07903 587376 or. Cost £5 per adult, children under 10 free.

Saturday 9 July, 11.15am-1pm

Natural history walk around Spetisbury

A walk of around 3 kilometres, looking at the flowers, birds, butterflies and other insects of the area. Meet at the Spetisbury School car park. Numbers for this walk are limited – to book a place, call Ann or Tony Taylor on 01258 857336 or email ammataylor@yahoo.co.uk.

Saturday 9 July, starting at 2pm

Cycle, walk or horse ride along the North Dorset Trailway

Travel on this off-road route from Sturminster Newton to Stourpaine, with supporters of the Two Tunnels Trailway project (Bath to Midford). It is hoped the Trailway will one day link Bournemouth to Bath along former railway tracks. Meet at Sturminster Newton public car park or the start of the trailway, off Barnes Close. For further details call Keith Yarwood on 01258 456781

Saturday 9 July, 2-4pm

Guided bee walk around Goldhill Organic Farm

Identify different species of bee, and discover what they eat and where they nest. A relaxed walk of around 2 miles in view of Hambledon Hill. Coffee and cake in the cafe afterwards. Meet outside the farm shop at Goldhill Organic Farm, Goldhill, Child Okeford. For details call Jon Colman on 077385 70107.

All events in this programme are free and there is no need to book them unless otherwise stated

Friday 8 July, 9am-12pm

Green Fair and Farmers market at the Corn Exchange, Blandford

Green Fair stallholders will include wildlife organisations, companies offering sustainable technologies like solar panels and low energy lighting, environmental organisations, local producers of eco-products, allotment and community groups. For details call the DT11 Forum office (contact details below)

During the whole of Green Week (in library open hours) Blandford Library has energy monitors to borrow (at no cost), and a display of green lifestyle and sustainability books. Blandford Library, The Tabernacle, Blandford Forum

The DT11 Green Group works with environmental organisations and community groups in Blandford and surrounding villages and parishes. The DT11 Forum Community Partnership's vision is to create a thriving, vibrant and environmentally sustainable future for the town and villages of the DT11 Forum area, set in accessible and well-managed countryside.



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The DT11 Green Group and DT11 Forum Community Partnership bring you



Green Week 2011

A week of guided walks, open days, family events and arts activities in and around Blandford, to raise awareness of environmental issues and promote sustainable living

Sunday 3 to Saturday 9 July 2011

Sunday 3 July, 10.30am-12pm

Farm walk

See, touch, smell and taste a wide variety of vegetables straight from the earth, and see how well they grow organically.

Meet outside the farm shop at Goldhill Organic Farm, Child Okeford. For more details call Sara Cross on 01258 861413

Sunday 3 July, 10.30am start

Pimperne village tidy-up

Join village residents for tasks including clearing streams and weeding the green outside the church.

Meet under the chestnut tree at the church gate in Pimperne. For details call Anne Allan on 01258 456553

Sunday 3 July, 2.30-4.30pm

Turnaround Turnworth

A gentle stroll around Turnworth Down and Ringmoor, a 130 acre nature reserve with wood pasture, chalk down and iron age archaeology, and learn how farming can shape the landscape.

Meet at Turnworth Down, between Turnworth and Okeford Fitzpaine, grid reference 816084. Booking essential - call Katharine Wright 01305 228239 or 07786 312644

Monday 4 July, from 10am

Litter pick in Stourpaine

Join the Stourpaine Toddler Group and the local beat constable.

Meet at the village hall, Stourpaine

Monday 4 July, 7-9pm

Historic railway walk

A walk up the Trailway with the Blandford Railway Arches Trust, to see reminders of the Somerset and Dorset Railway.

Meet Langton Rd car park. Details Nicci Brown 01258 459346

Tuesday 5 July, 10am-12pm

Birds of the Milldown

A walk around this local nature reserve with a Dorset Countryside Service ranger, looking for and listening to birds that live here.

Please bring binoculars if you have some.

Meet Milldown car park opposite the old first school, just off the Milldown Road, Blandford (B3082). Call Graham Stanley on 01258 456970 for details

Tuesday 5 July, 10am-12pm

Stourpaine open allotments

A working allotment, where small plots are still available.

Bushes Road, Stourpaine (the gate is on the first bend). Details from Jacky Fairweather on 01258 480982

Tuesday 5 July, 11.30am-1.30pm

Green initiatives at Bryanston School

Hear about work to lessen the school's carbon footprint.

Bryanston School, Blandford. Maximum 12 people – to book a place, call Paul Speakman on 01258 484600

Wednesday 6 July, 12-2pm

Lunchtime woodland picnic in Blandford

A chance for office staff and others to enjoy the peace of Angus Wood, a short walk from the town centre. Bring a picnic and rug, and hear from the community group managing the wood.

Angus Wood, St Leonards Avenue, Blandford. For more details, call Steve Adamson on 01258 451245

Wednesday 6 July, 2.15-4.30pm

Flowers and forts on Hambledon Hill

A guided walk to explore this dramatic hillfort site, see many mid-summer flowers and marks left by people during the last six thousand years. Please note there is a steep climb up to the hill.

Meet at Child Okeford Cross by the Bakers Arms. No need to book. Details from Ian Nicol of Natural England, 01202 841026

Wednesday 6 July, 4.30-6.30pm

Woodland and hedgerow guided foraging walk

Gentle stroll to collect seasonal edibles, and learn plant folklore.

Bonsley Wood, near Blandford and Durweston (signed from Travellers Rest Farm). To book, call Lucie Cowles on 07903 587376, or email lucie@thenaturalpath.org.uk. Cost is £5 per adult, and children under 10 are free

Thursday 7 July, 3.30-5pm

Green Art Attack!

Listen to stories and create art work and a Green Man model for Blandford out of recycled junk, for display at Friday's Green Fair. Blandford Library, The Tabernacle. To book, call Emma Bevin on 01258 452075 or email blandfordlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Thursday 7 July, 4.30-6.30pm

Tracking for kids

Tracking animals through signs and sounds, with active play. For children of 10 and under, accompanied by an adult.

Bonsley Wood, near Blandford and Durweston (signposts from Travellers Rest Farm). Spaces limited. To book a place contact Lucie Cowles on 07903 587376 or lucie@thenaturalpath.org.uk. Cost is £5 per adult, children under 10 free

Thursday 7 July, 7.30-10pm

An evening of environmental film, talks and entertainment

Films and discussion about issues threatening our local and global environment and inspiring activists taking action around the world. Presented by Lush, makers of handmade cosmetics.

Durweston Village Hall, Church Road, Durweston. For details, contact Matt Shaw on 07968 345211 or email matt@lush.co.uk

Friday 8 July, 9am-12pm

Green Fair at the Blandford Corn Exchange

See back page for details

Friday 8 July, 2-4.30pm

Weeding party

Come and see the Child Okeford community vegetable plot, help with the weeding, and be rewarded with tea and cake.

Upper Street, Child Okeford. Follow footpath which runs down the drive of Yew Hedge House. The plot is in first field on the right. For details call Carrie Lewis on 01258 863800

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Pavement art in Blandford

Adults and children, show your artistic side by contributing to pavement art on an environmental theme. Chalks provided.

Meet town pump, next to Blandford market, weather permitting