

EVENT PROGRAMME 2021

14th August - 18th September



Organised by
Shropshire Wildlife
Trust
and Zero Carbon
Shropshire



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Shropshire Love Nature Festival is a four week celebration of Shropshire Nature. The festival is packed full of events, looking at the challenges Nature faces, along with practical solutions we can all get involved with and opportunities to explore and find out more about Shropshire's rich natural heritage.

Events are being run as a collaboration between organisations and individuals from all over the county. They include fun for all the family, opportunities to get active or to dive deeply into our natural world. We have craft events, walks and talks, community fairs and so much more.

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QUICK GUIDE TO ALL EVENTS

14th, 18th Aug,	Print and Stitch, Don't Ditch, Oswestry	Get Active
	Yummy Grubs, Market Drayton	Family Fun
14th + 15th Aug	Bug Hunting, Market Drayton	Family Fun
	Bird Feeder Crafts, Market Drayton	Family Fun
18th Aug	Restoring Shropshire's Verges Talk, Harley	In Depth
19th Aug	Printing from Nature, Whitchurch	Family Fun
	Nature's Networks Landscape Art, Market Drayton	Family Fun
22nd Aug	Celebrating Cleobury Mortimer's Pleached Limes	In Depth
	Late Summer Flowers and Butterflies walk, Oswestry	In Depth
23rd Aug	Onny Meadows Nature Walk, Craven Arms	In Depth
25th Aug	Pine Martens and Us, Online	In Depth
26th Aug	Butterfly Brunch	Family Fun
	Film Showing and Panel Discussion—2040, Shifnal	In Depth
29th Aug	Wildflower Giveaway, Cressage	Family Fun
31st Aug	Hedgehogs and our Gardens talk, Online	In Depth
1st Sept	Muck and Magic Tour of Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton	In Depth
2nd Sept	Bat Walk, Church Stretton	In Depth
3rd Sept	Forest Bathing and Mindfulness in Nature, Ironbridge	In Depth
4th, 11th Sept	Print and Stitch, Don't Ditch, Oswestry	Get Active
4th Sept	Bird Ringing Demonstration Day, Market Drayton	Get Active
4th Sept	Plot Party with Street Allotment Guy, Shrewsbury	Family Fun
10th, 24th Sept, 8th Oct	Nature Connection Course, Shrewsbury	In Depth
10th Sept	Wildlife Photographic Display, Church Stretton	In Depth
11th Sept	Drop-in Clothes Swap, Shrewsbury	Get Active
11th Sept	Shroshire Agroforestry Project Tour, Wem	In Depth
12th Sept	Litter Pick with Shropshire Young Ramblers, Shrewsbury	Get Active
	Bug Spotting and Pond Dipping	Family Fun
	Fancy Dress Bike Ride, Pontesbury	Family Fun
	Climate Change Fair, Pontesbury	Family Fun
	Green Earth Eco Fete, Shrewsbury	Family Fun
15th Sept	Felting at Fordhall, Market Drayton	Go in Depth

FAMILY FUN



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Explore, create and protect nature, with fun family days out running Shropshire-wide. A chance to find out more about our natural world with county experts

WEEK 1

Sat & Sun
14th
&
15th
Aug

Bird Feeder Crafts, Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton 2.30-3.30

Learn about native bird species, while making fat ball feeders for birds, using pine cones. Drop in event

Bug Hunting at Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton 10.00+11.00

Join Buffy the Bug Hunter in the woods at Fordhall Farm and learn to hunt for mini beasts. Find out all about why they are important and how to look after them in your own garden. Booking essential - call 01630 638696

Yummy Grubs, Market Drayton 12.00-2.00

Get up close and personal with edible bugs at this family friendly event at Fordhall Farm. Booking essential - call 01630 638696

Thur
19th
Aug

Printing from Nature, Whitchurch *FULLY BOOKED*

Find inspiration from nature and learn to combine this with simple print making techniques with artist Andrew Howe. Free event, or donation to Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Booking essential.

Nature's Networks Landscape Art at Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton 10-12

Contribute to a giant piece of landscape art, inspired by wildlife corridors and networks at Fordhall Farm, with environmental arts coordinator Suzanne Antoney. Booking essential - call 01630 638696

WEEK 2

Thurs
26th
Aug

Butterfly Brunch, Shrewsbury 10.00-4.00

Make a butterfly feeder to take home for the garden and find out all about our Shropshire Butterflies. Activities and inspiration for all the family at The Cut Visitor Centre, Shrewsbury. Free event from Shropshire Wildlife Trust; no booking required.

Sun
29th
Aug

Wildflower Giveaway, Cressage 9.00-1.00

For all keen gardeners - don't miss this one day only wildflower giveaway by Cressage wildflower gardener. All plants free to a good home. Drop in event, 34 Severn Way, Cressage, SY5 6DS



WEEK 4

Sun
12th
Sept

Bug Spotting and Pond Dipping, Lees Farm, Telford 11.00-3.00

Visit The Barn at Lees Farm for a day of outdoor activities in this beautiful woodland garden and surrounding countryside. No booking required.

Fancy Dress Bike Ride, Pontesbury 9.30

Join Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group for this short cycle event with prizes! Fancy dress encouraged. Meet at Pontesbury Play Park, Hall Bank. The route follows a possible future Active Travel Route, along part of an old railway line, finishing at the Climate Action Fair at Mary Webb School. No booking required.

Climate Change Fair, Pontesbury 10.00-6.00

A fun and informative event held at Mary Webb School, open to all and for all ages. The fair will be packed with tips and ideas for the small changes we can make to reduce our carbon footprints. Includes stalls, kids crafts, talks, tea and cake.

Green Earth Eco Fete, Shrewsbury 11.00-1.00

Family fun, from the young people in the Green Influencers Scheme and in the lovely Shropshire Wildlife Trust gardens at The Cut Visitor Centre. Come along for games, refreshments, a raffle, second hand stall, inspiration for nature action and more. Funds being raised for WWF and Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Drop in event.

GET ACTIVE



Print and Stitch, Don't Ditch in Oswestry

Take action to protect the natural world with events running all over Shropshire. From reducing and tidying up waste, to helping wildlife professionals with their important work, there's lots of opportunities to get involved over the four weeks of the festival.

WEEK 1

14th & 18th
Aug
4th & 11th
Sept

Print & Stitch, Don't Ditch, Oswestry. 10.00-3.30

A chance to repair, revive and re-purpose your favourite clothes, with block printing, button stitching, visible darning, patches and more. Drop in event outside Liar Liar Cafe at the top of Albion Hill, Oswestry town centre

WEEK 3

Thurs
2nd
Sept

Bat Walk, Church Stretton 7.30

Join Shropshire Bat Group, setting out with bat detectors to help take part in the important work this group are doing for Shropshire bats. Meet at the entrance to the scout hut. Further info and booking with Wally Blake, 01694 724040

Sat.
4th
Sept

Bird Ringing Demonstration Day, Market Drayton 10.00-4.00

Experience conservation science close up by joining knowledgeable ornithologist Gerry Thomas and learning about the wild bird life at Fordhall Farm. Drop in event.

WEEK 4

<p>Sat. 11th Sept</p>	<p>Drop in Clothes Swap, Shrewsbury 11.00-3.00</p> <p>Join Generation Zero Carbon at their drop-in Clothes Swap event in Shrewsbury Quarry Park. Also features an interactive fast fashion display, quizzes and games.</p>
<p>Sun 12th Sept</p>	<p>Litter Pick with Shropshire Young Ramblers, Shrewsbury 9.30</p> <p>Join Shropshire Young Ramblers for a litter picking event. Booking essential— www.syr.or.uk/events</p>



WEEK 1

**Weds
18th
Aug**

Restoring Shropshire's Verges, Harley 6.30-7.30

Learn all about the fantastic work of local group 'Restoring Shropshire's Verges' - transforming roadsides into wildflower-rich meadows. Presentation, discussion and invitation to get involved. Free event, booking essential - www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

**Sun
22nd
Aug**

Celebrating Cleobury Mortimer's Unique Pleached Limes 11.00-2.00

Find out more about the unique pleached limes planted in celebration of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in 1897. Enjoy refreshments and the chance to buy fresh, home grown produce from local gardeners, with donations going to care for the trees. Free event, no booking required.

**Sun
22nd
Aug**

Late Summer Flowers and Butterflies 11.00-2.00

Discover late summer flowers and butterflies on this guided walk with Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Get rare access to an old quarry at Llynclys Common, reclaimed by nature for many decades and full of interest. Meet in the Dolgoch lay-by, west of the Llynclys crossroads on the A495. Booking essential - www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

WEEK 2

**Mon
23rd
Aug**

Onny Meadows Nature Walk, Craven Arms 10.00-3.00

Join Meadow Ranger Ian Cheeseborough at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre to learn about meadow management and the wealth of flowers and insects this important habitat can support. Free event, booking essential - 01588 676 060

**Weds
25th
Aug**

Pine Martens and Us, Online Event 7.30

Find out more about this fantastic success story here in Shropshire - the recent discovery of Pine Martens, a great indicator of good quality woodland habitat. Online event, with donations going directly to Pine Marten conservation. Book at www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events

**Thurs
26th
Aug**

Film Showing & Panel Discussion-2040, Shifnal & Live Online 5.45-8.30

Come watch this inspirational film, followed by a lively panel discussion. View in person or catch it livestreamed online, with the chance to take part in the discussion via facebook. Booking information: www.facebook.com/ShropshireLoveNatureFestival/ events



WEEK 3

Tues 31st Aug	Hedgehogs and our Gardens, Online Event, 7.00pm Hedgehogs need our help! Kathryn Jones, from Shropshire Wildlife Trust tells us everything we need to know to transform our gardens into hedgehog friendly zones in this online talk. Booking essential - www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events
Weds 1st Sept	Muck and Magic Tour at Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton 9.30-11.45 Join Charlotte Hollins for a guided tour of Fordhall Farm - a unique, community owned farm. Booking essential-01630 638696 or email project@fordhallfarm.com
Fri 3rd Sept	Forest Bathing and Mindfulness in Nature, Ironbridge 11.45-1.00 Learn how to tune in to yourself and nature in this free taster session of Forest Bathing and Mindfulness in Nature in beautiful natural woodland near Ironbridge. Book via www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-for-wellbeing-tickets-164133566917

WEEK 4

10th 21st Sept 8th Oct	Nature Connection Course, Shrewsbury 10.00-12.00 Join us for 3 autumn walks in the woods to connect with nature through mindfulness and Forest Bathing. Attingham Park Estate. 10th, 24th Sept and 8th Oct. Booking info at www.facebook.com/ShropshireLoveNatureFestival/events
Fri, Sat 10th 11th Sept	Wildlife Photography Display, Church Stretton 9.00-4.00 Come to see this beautiful exhibition at the United Reformed Church, focusing on local wildlife and migratory birds, by chef turned wildlife photographer Terry Moore. Free Entry. 50% of proceeds from all sales are going to support Shropshire Wildlife Trust.
Sat 11th Sept	Shropshire Agroforestry Project, near Wem 3.00-6.00 Find out more about climate friendly farming techniques at the Hollies - an organic holding using silvo-pastoral agroforestry. Free entry, booking essential as places are limited. Email shrewsbury@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

BONUS EXTRA EVENT

Weds 15th Sept	Felting at Fordhall, Market Drayton 10.00-12.00 Join environmental arts coordinator Suzanne Antoney at Fordhall Farm to learn the traditional craft of needle felting. Booking essential - call 01630 638696
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Photo by Terry Moore. His Wildlife Photographic Display can be seen on 10th, 11th Sept, Church Stretton

THE FESTIVAL TEAM

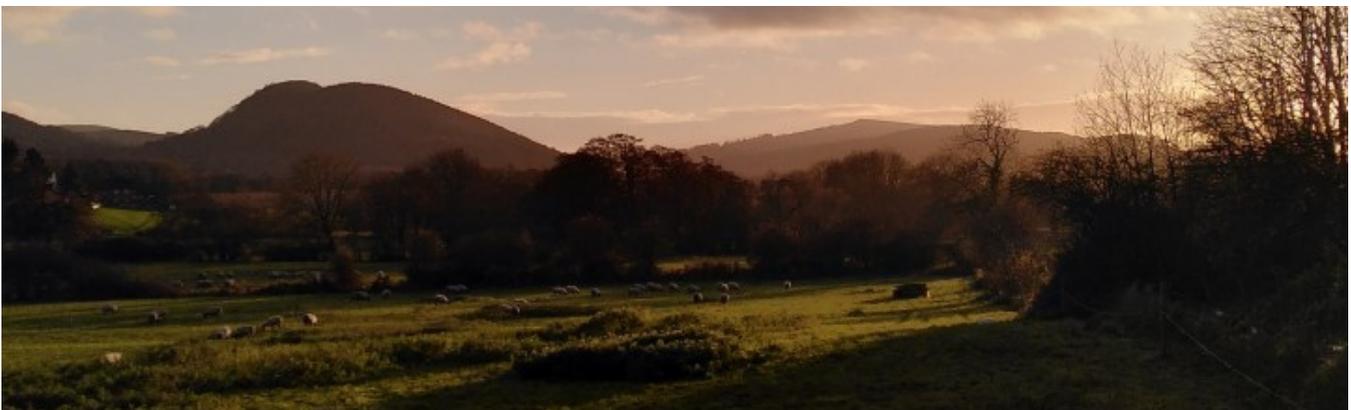
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<https://zerocarbonshropshire.org/>



We would like to extend a massive thank you to the many individuals and organisations who made Shropshire Love Nature Festival what it is by running these fantastic events.