

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

Abbotswood Conservation Volunteers

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

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered throughout 2018 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 the Countryside Officers on **01264 368000**

Or email community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk

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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.

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Parks and Countryside

Events and Activities 2019

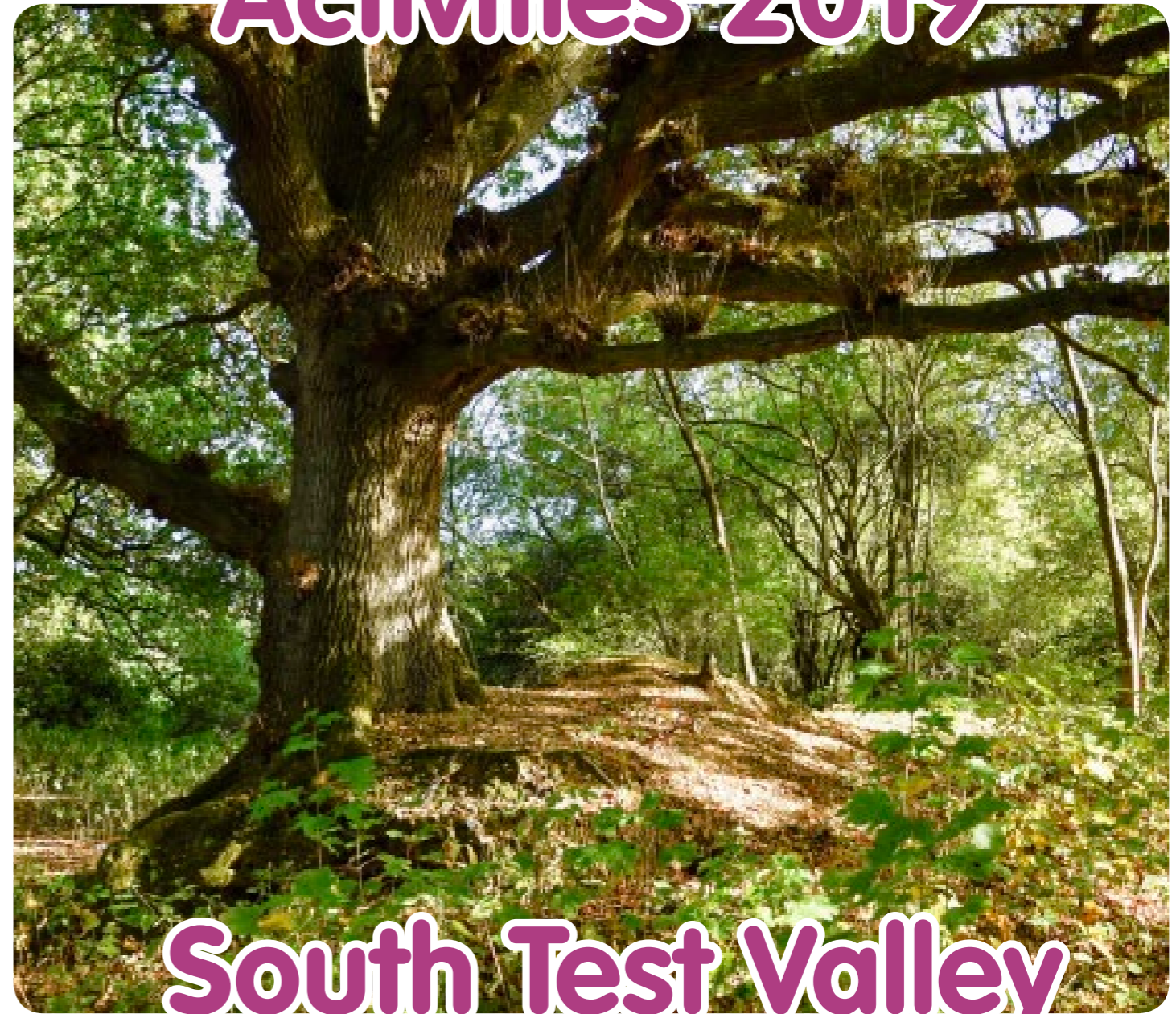


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South Test Valley

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What's on?



Big Litter Pick

Sunday 14 April
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion

Sycamore Removal

Sunday 28 April
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Zionshill West
Meeting point: Knightwood Leisure Centre

Meadow Mania

Saturday 11 May
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Follow signage on site

Wildlife Discovery Day

Saturday 25 May
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Follow signage on site

Footpath Construction

Sunday 2 June
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Zionshill West
Meeting point: Hornbeam playground

Himalayan Balsam Pull

Sunday 9 June
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Entrance off of Eight Acres

Butterfly and Dragonfly Walk

Sunday 16 June
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion

Wildlife Discovery Day

Saturday 29 June
10am - 2pm
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Entrance off of Eight Acres



Heathland Management

Sunday 14 July
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Zionshill east
Meeting point: Knightwood Leisure Centre

Bracken Control

Sunday 21 July
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Woodland at end of Wadham Close

Himalayan Balsam Pull

Wednesday 24 July
7pm - 9pm
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Entrance off of Eight Acres

Bat Walk

Saturday 24 August
8pm onwards
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion

19th Annual Zionshill Copse Community Woodfair

Saturday 7 September
10am - 5pm
Venue: Zionshill Copse

Coppicing

Sunday 22 September
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Zionshill West
Meeting point: Knightwood Leisure Centre

Bat Walk

Friday 27 September
7pm onwards
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Entrance off of Eight Acres

Pond Management

Sunday 29 September
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion



Tree Guard Removal

Sunday 20 October
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Tredgoulds linking strip
Meeting point: Hornbeam Playground

Tree Planting and Tree Guard Removal

Sunday 27 October
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Play area

Scrub Clearance

Sunday 3 November
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Entrance off of Eight Acres

Scrub Clearance

Saturday 16 November
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion

Ride Management

Sunday 24 November
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Skys Wood Copse
Meeting point: Top of Morgane Le Fay

Ride Management

Sunday 8 December
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Zionshill East
Meeting point: Knightwood Leisure Centre

Coppicing

Sunday 15 December
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion

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.**

Tree Planting and Layering

Sunday 24 March
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Zionshill East
Meeting point: Knightwood Leisure Centre

Tree Guard Removal

Saturday 16 March
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Play Area

Non-native Species Removal

Sunday 10 March
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Entrance off of Eight Acres

Scrub Clearance

Sunday 17 February
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion

Coppicing

Sunday 10 February
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Skys Wood Copse
Meeting point: Top of Morgan Le Fay

Scrub Clearance

Sunday 27 January
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Tadburn Meadows LNR
Meeting point: Entrance off of Eight Acres

Scrub Clearance

Saturday 26 January
10am - 12 noon
Venue: Abbotswood ANC
Meeting point: Abbotswood Sports Pavilion

Holly Thinning and Bonfire

Sunday 13 January
10am - 2pm
Venue: Knightwood Copse
Meeting point: Top of Catmint Drive