

Northumberland Wildlife Trust Events – July to September 2016

We have loads of great, varied events with something for everyone across Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside. Our forthcoming ones are listed below but we're always adding new ones. All our events with full details and booking are available online here <http://www.nwt.org.uk/whats-on> **Please note that all children under 18 attending our events must be accompanied by an adult.**



July 2016

National Meadows Day, East Chevington Nature Reserve, Sat 02/07/2016 - 11:00am - 3:30pm

Come along and celebrate the wonders of our native wildflowers and meadows. A day of walks, talks and wildflower crafts. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring a packed lunch. This is a FREE event run as part of the Save our Magnificent Meadows project.

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North East Wildlife Photography Awards, Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle, Thu 14/07/2016 - 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Join us at this FREE event to see the short-listed entries, announce the winners, open the exhibition and meet other photographers. George McGavin, TV presenter, entomologist and author, is back by popular demand as our guest speaker and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

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Willow weaving with a sea twist, Northumberlandia, Wed, 27/07/2016 - 10:00am - 11:30am

Come along to Northumberlandia to learn about traditional uses of willow and how this relates to our maritime history. Come make marine themed creations with willow and wool to take away with you. Just bring your creativity and have a go at willow weaving. £5 per person, please book places online. This is a Living Seas project event.

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Much Ado About Nothing, Northumberlandia, Wed 27/07/2016 6:00pm – 11:00pm

Join the HandleBard's 2016 Summer Tour for a unique open air performance of this Shakespeare classic at Northumberlandia. Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. In case of rain, bring waterproofs. Tickets cost £12 for adults and £10 for children/OAPs/students, please book places online. For more information about the Handlebards tour, visit their website at www.handlebards.com

Beach Clean, Seaton Sluice, Thu 28/07/2016 - 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Help NWT to protect marine wildlife. Marine litter is a real problem for our marine wildlife; a shocking survey showed that 95% of fulmars washed up in the North Sea had plastic in their stomachs. Help turn the tide on marine litter, join us and make a real difference for wildlife. This is a Living Seas project event.

Beginners Guide to Grasses, St Nicholas Park, Gosforth, Thurs 28 and Fri 29th July 10:00am – 4:30pm

A two-day beginners' course to identifying our most common grass species. Free event. This is a Save our Magnificent Meadows event.

Story time at Northumberlandia, Cramlington Fri, 29/07/2016 - 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Ahoy, me hearties! Calling all landlubbers, pirates and mermaids. Join us for a campfire and hot chocolate while we listen to stories from the high seas. £5 per child, accompanying adults free, please book places online. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a Living Seas project event.

Big Watch Weekend, Cresswell Village Hall, Sat 30/07 and Sun 31/07 2016 - 10:00am - 4:00pm

Join us for a marine mammal fun weekend at Cresswell. Stop by to learn more about what dolphins and whales live off our coast, watch for the fascinating mammals out at sea and take part in games and activities in the hall. NWT is collaborating with ERIC and local marine conservation charities; ORCA, Sea Watch Foundation, MARINELife and the North Sea Wildlife Trusts. This is a FREE event supported by the Living Seas project.

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ARTventurers Birdhouse Workshop, Northumberlandia, Mon 01/08/2016 – 10:30am – 11:30am

At this hour long workshop your child will design and paint their very own wooden birdhouse to take home! You are welcome to stay and create with your child or enjoy an hour of 'me time' with a cuppa and take in the views! £8 per child. To book please visit: www.artventurers.co.uk/cramlington/events/bird-house-workshop

Treasure Hunt, Weetslade Country Park, Tue 02/08/2016 - 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Join us for a fun, marine themed treasure hunt with a map and use your marine knowledge to answer the questions to find the wooden pieces. Put them together to make your prize! Not suitable for under 5's. £3 per child, accompanying adults free – please book places online. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Wonderful Worms, St Nicholas Park, Gosforth, Thu 04/08/2016 - 10:00am - 11:30am

Build a wormery, then join us for a look around the park to see if we can find some worms and see what other mini-beasts might be hiding. Aimed at children aged 5-12. Please bring an empty, clean 2 litre plastic bottle for your wormery. All other materials will be provided. £5 per child, accompanying adults free – please book places online.

Discovering Rockpools, Cullercoats, Thu 04/08/2016 - 10:30am - 12:30pm

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Brilliant Birds, St Nicholas Park, Gosforth, Thu 11/08/2016 - 10:00am - 11:30am

Make a bird feeder, have a go at crafts to learn more about birds, then we'll have a look around the park to see what birds we can see. Aimed at children aged 5-12. £5 per child, accompanying adults free – please book places online.

Footprints Festival 2016, Northumberlandia, Sat 13/08/2016 – 11:00am – 3:00pm

Join 'Footprints on the Moon' for their second annual family festival in the magical woods at Northumberlandia. Enjoy music, drama and crafts in a stunning open air location where we will be exploring and creating in our natural surroundings. Drop-in during the day, £5 per ticket. To book visit: www.fotm.co.uk/events/event/footprints-festival

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Animal Tracks and Trails, Weetslade Country Park, Tue 16/08/2016 - 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Explore our collection of animal skins and skulls, and look for clues to decide which animal they belong to. Better still make your own plaster cast footprint to take home! Not suitable for under 5's. £3 per child, accompanying adults free – please book places online. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Wiggly Water Creatures, St Nicholas Park, Gosforth, Thu 18/08/2016 - 10:00am - 11:30am

Bring your wellies and do some pond dipping to discover the tiny creatures that live in water. All materials will be provided. Aimed at children aged 5-12. £5 per child, accompanying adults free – please book places online.

Our Wildlife 2016, Blagdon Hall, Seaton Burn, Sat 20/08/2016 - 10:00am - 4:00pm

Join us to celebrate the wonderful wildlife of Northumberland! Hear about the conservation work our members, volunteers and supporters have helped us with and have a go for yourself. There will be talks, hands on workshops, drop in sessions and demonstrations to help you get up close and personal to Northumberland's wildlife. There is also a chance to access the beautiful Blagdon Estate and gardens including tractor and trailer wildlife safaris. We'll also be joined by local producers selling tasty treats and merchandise. Full day tickets are just £8 per adult, £5 per child including all activities. Please book places online.

Happy Hedgehogs, St Nicholas Park, Gosforth, Thu 25/08/2016 - 10:00am - 11:30am

Build an insect hotel to hold some food for hedgehogs that visit your garden, then join us on a minibeast hunt and look for signs of hedgehogs in the park. All materials will be provided. Aimed at children aged 5-12. £5 per child, accompanying adults free – please book places online.

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Great North Run 2016, Newcastle and surrounds, Sun 11/09/2016 9:00am onwards

Join the NWT team of runners for the famous half marathon. Or why not just support our runners by sponsoring them and cheering them along on the day?

Fungi foray, location to be confirmed, Wed 14/09/2016 10:00am – 4:00pm

Ever noticed how many different fungi there are and was never sure what they were called? Well now's your chance to come along and find out. Thanks to HLF funding through Save our Magnificent Meadows you can come along for a free day of fungi foraging. Please book places online.

Night Rockpooling, Cresswell Village, Fri 16/09/2016 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Join our Living Seas Officer for an evening rockpooling session at Cresswell Shore. Many intertidal species such as fish, crustaceans and cephalopods are more active at night so the shore will be teeming with even more life than usual. £5.00 per person. Please book places online. A Living Seas project event.

Marine Conservation Society: Great British Beach Clean, Cresswell, Sat 17/09/2016 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Join us as we take part in the Marine Conservation Society's annual beach clean with the data going towards a report on the state of marine litter on beaches around Britain. A Living Seas project event.

Rocky Shore Bioblitz, Beadnell, Mon 19/09/2016 10:00am – 12:00pm

Join us on a rocky shore recording bonanza! This is an exciting opportunity to learn about marine plants, animals and survey skills. Beadnell is one of the most diverse rocky shores in Europe, so we should find plenty of interesting species. This is a free event as part of our Living Seas project but please book places at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rocky-shore-bioblitz-tickets-24458959406> Places are limited so book early!

Foraging and Tasting, Priestclose Wood, Prudhoe, Sun 25/09/2016 10:00am – 12:30pm

An autumn foraging and tasting walk and tour around the reserve led by Bruce Ferguson of Wild North Discovery. We hope to discover what's in the wood and taste some edible species. Suitable for all ages, but children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is part of our Save Our Magnificent Meadows project. £10 per person, please book places online.

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Northumberland Wildlife Trust was founded in 1971 to protect wildlife and promote nature conservation within Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. Today, our voice for wildlife is stronger than ever. We are a non-government funded charity, supported by membership, donations, local businesses and charitable trust grants. We manage over 60 **nature reserves** and work with partner organisations such as local authorities, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission to identify and care for other sites of conservation importance.

Educating the public about the value of the nature is one of our key aims. We run **environmental education sessions** with local schools, organise a wide range of **events** and conservation talks throughout the year, and engage with over 150 **volunteers** who give their time, energy and enthusiasm across a number of conservation tasks. YOU can get involved and make a huge difference to native wildlife on your doorstep.

Visit our website on www.northwt.org.uk for more information or follow us on Facebook (Northumberland Wildlife Trust) and Twitter (@NorthWildlife).