

Forthcoming events 2014/15

Crossness Nature Reserve events

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Date	Event	Meeting details
Weds 12 th Nov 10:00 – 14:00	<p>HARVEST MOUSE NEST SEARCH LED BY CHRIS ROSE – We currently do not have confirmed records of Harvest Mouse presence at Crossness Nature Reserve. They are an elusive, nocturnal mammal, rarely seen in the wild, but given the amount of suitable habitat in the form of dense reedbeds and tall tussocky grass, it seems unlikely that they would be entirely absent from Crossness.</p> <p>The nests of the elusive Harvest Mouse are easily overlooked however. For this reason, we are going to make a concerted effort to conduct a nest search for one of Britain and Europe's smallest rodents. Chris Rose, who is kindly leading the event, is also site manager at nearby Thames Road Wetland where a number of Harvest Mouse nests have been found. We are hoping that he can bring one of these old nests along to help us identify what we should be looking for.</p> <p>The results of this search will also be used to contribute to the Mammal Society's request for Harvest Mouse surveyors. Their guidelines for surveys across 2013/2014 can be found on their website www.mammal.org.uk/harvestmouse_survey</p> <p>Refreshments provided.</p> <p>It is ESSENTIAL TO WEAR WELLIES for this event as we will be searching in areas of shallow water.</p>	<p>10am at the entrance to the Protected Area. The Norman Road gate (DA17 6JY) will be open and vehicle access permitted</p>
Sat 6 th Dec 9:30 – 13:00	<p>WINTER BIRD WALK WITH RALPH AND BRENDA TODD – Join us for a morning bird walk of the nature reserve in search of winter migrants and resident species across the site. We shall begin the walk by viewing the River Thames at low-tide, before moving down onto the reserve to look at the shallow and deep-water bodies and taking full advantage of the new bird hide. Refreshments provided. Please book onto this event.</p>	<p>9.30am at the entrance to the Protected Area. The Norman Road gates (DA17 6JY) will be open and vehicle access permitted</p>
Fri 19 th Dec 10:00 – 14:00	<p>VOLUNTEER TASKDAY REED CLEARANCE – Come and join us for a pre-Christmas work-out, helping us to rake up reeds as we carry out the annual maintenance of our Protected Area reedbed.</p> <p>Refreshments provided, including mince pies!</p> <p>WELLIES ARE ESSENTIAL as we will be working in areas of shallow water</p>	<p>10am at the entrance to the Protected Area. The Norman Road gate (DA17 6JY) will be open and vehicle access permitted</p>
Weds 14 th Jan 10:00 – 14:00	<p>VOLUNTEER TASKDAY BRAMBLE BASHING – Join us for a post-Christmas work-out, helping to clear bramble.</p> <p>Refreshments provided.</p>	<p>10am at the entrance to the Protected Area. The Norman Road gate (DA17 6JY) will be open and vehicle access permitted</p>
Fri 23 rd Jan 10:00 – 14:00	<p>VOLUNTEER TASKDAY WILLOW REMOVAL – Come along and help us cut and remove Willow</p> <p>Refreshments provided.</p>	<p>10am at the entrance to the Protected Area. The Norman Road gate (DA17 6JY) will be open and vehicle access permitted</p>

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Weds 11 th Feb 10:00 – 14:00	<p>VOLUNTEER TASKDAY LITTER PICKING – We will be carrying out our annual litter pick of Footpath 2: the wooded path that runs along the bottom of the nature reserve. A lot of wind-blown litter finds its way from the dual carriageway onto this path; we will be taking advantage of the winter leaf-drop to expose the litter ready for collection and bagging.</p> <p>Refreshments provided.</p>	<p>10am at the entrance to the Protected Area. The Norman Road gate (DA17 6JY) will be open and vehicle access permitted</p>
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Crossness Southern Marsh events

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Date	Event	Meeting details
Weds 26 th Nov 10:00 – 14:00	<p>HARVEST MOUSE NEST SEARCH LED BY CHRIS ROSE – We currently do not have confirmed records of Harvest Mouse presence at Crossness Southern Marsh. They are an elusive, nocturnal mammal, rarely seen in the wild, but given the amount of suitable habitat in the form of dense reedbeds and tall tussocky grass, it seems unlikely that they would be entirely absent from Crossness.</p> <p>The nests of the elusive Harvest Mouse are easily overlooked however. For this reason, we are going to make a concerted effort to conduct a nest search for one of Britain and Europe's smallest rodents. Chris Rose, who is kindly leading the event, is also site manager at nearby Thames Road Wetland where a number of Harvest Mouse nests have been found. We are hoping that he can bring one of these old nests along to help us identify what we should be looking for.</p> <p>The results of this search will also be used to contribute to the Mammal Society's request for Harvest Mouse surveyors. Their guidelines for surveys across 2013/2014 can be found on their website www.mammal.org.uk/harvestmouse_survey</p> <p>Refreshments provided.</p> <p>It is ESSENTIAL TO WEAR WELLIES for this event as we will be searching in areas of shallow water.</p>	<p>10am at the vehicle entrance to Crossness Southern Marsh (palisade gates, under the red flyover on the left-hand/east side of Belvedere Road, Abbey Wood, SE2 9AQ).</p> <p>Parking available on Belvedere Road or in the Southmere Lake/ Lakeside Complex car park off Belvedere Road.</p>
Fri 27 th Feb 10:00 – 14:00	<p>VOLUNTEER TASKDAY REED CLEARANCE – Join us as we carry out our rotational reed clearance on The Wetland reedbed.</p> <p>Refreshments provided.</p> <p>WELLIES ARE ESSENTIAL as we will be working in areas of shallow water</p>	<p>10am at the vehicle entrance to Crossness Southern Marsh (palisade gates, under the red flyover on the left-hand/east side of Belvedere Road, Abbey Wood, SE2 9AQ).</p> <p>Parking available on Belvedere Road or in the Southmere Lake/ Lakeside Complex car park off Belvedere Road</p>
Weds 11 th Mar 10:00 – 14:00	<p>VOLUNTEER TASKDAY VEGETATION CLEARANCE – Help us to rake and clear vegetation on the Crossness Southern Marsh</p> <p>Refreshments provided</p>	<p>10am at the vehicle entrance to Crossness Southern Marsh (palisade gates, under the red flyover on the left-hand/east side of Belvedere Road, Abbey Wood, SE2 9AQ).</p> <p>Parking available on Belvedere Road or in the Southmere Lake/ Lakeside Complex car park off Belvedere Road</p>

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