



# Ecology Service

**Events Programme 2012**

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# About us

This year the Ecology Service is promoting a great range of walks, talks and workshops giving people a chance to explore some of our important Sites of Nature Conservation Importance.

## The Ecology Service work includes:

- promoting awareness and understanding of biodiversity and the local environment through formal and informal education
- protecting sites which are important for nature conservation
- developing local policies for nature conservation
- advising on the management of open spaces to enhance biodiversity within the borough.

## Environmental Visits for Schools

The Centre provides a key facility for local schools to study and enjoy the natural environment, and can be booked for field trips and environmental education workshops throughout the year. Outdoor investigations take place in the Holland Park Wildlife Area, which features a wildlife pond with a dipping platform; woodland and grassland habitats. Visiting groups can work independently or with a member of staff.

## Children's holiday activities

The Ecology Centre runs a scheme of outdoor and creative activities for five to 12 year olds in the spring, summer, and half-term holidays.



# Booking Events

Due to high demand, booking is essential for Holiday Activities and some events. Please telephone the organiser for details or to reserve your place as spaces may be limited for safety reasons and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Details are subject to change.

## How to get there

The Ecology Centre is situated in the middle of Holland Park. Entrance to the park is via Ilchester Place Gate, Abbotsbury Road Car Park, Duchess of Bedford Gate or from Holland Walk and Holland Park Avenue.

We strongly advise using public transport if possible.

- Travelling by bus: Buses 9, 10, 27, 28, 49 and 328 pass Holland Park
- Travelling by tube: The nearest tube stations are Holland Park and Kensington High Street

Address: Holland Park Ecology Centre, The Stable Yard, Holland Park, Ilchester Place, London W8 6LU



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# Events

## April

### Monday 2 to Friday 13 April

#### Easter Children's Holiday Activities in Holland Park

The Ecology Centre runs a full programme of fun outdoor and creative activities for children in the Easter holidays. Outdoor activities are based in our wooded wildlife area and have included animal tracking, camouflage and the ever popular pond dipping. We also run craft-focused sessions about different animals or with a seasonal theme.

- Two hour sessions for five to ten year olds only
- Four hour sessions for eight to 12 year olds only
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- £4 per two hour session or £7.50 for a four hour session (RBKC residents)
- £5 per two hour session or £9 for a four hour session (non-residents)
- Booking is essential; please call on **020 7938 8186** or email **ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk**
- For further information please go to **[www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology)**
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service

### Saturday 7 April

#### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park

A guided nature walk around Holland Park, looking for fauna and flora of seasonal interest with local expert Ian Thomson (The Friends of Holland Park). Open to the general public who have interest in birds and nature.

- Duration approximately one and a half hours
- 9am, meet by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park (W8)
- FREE
- Contact **020 7602 0304** or visit **[www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org](http://www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org)** for further information
- Organised by The Friends of Holland Park



## Saturday 21 April

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer Day

Join us for a practical conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. A great opportunity to get out and about, meet new people, get active, help local wildlife and have fun!

- Tasks 10.30am to 3.30pm
- Tea, gloves, tools and instructions provided
- 10.30am, meet outside Holland Park Cafe, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- FREE
- Contact **020 8743 3040** or **Moira.Herring@groundwork.org.uk**
- Visit **[www.groundwork.org.uk/london](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/london)** for further information
- Organised by Groundwork London

## Saturday 28 April

### Spring Wildlife Area Open Day in Holland Park

This free drop-in event is an opportunity to explore the wildlife area of Holland Park during Spring. This mainly wooded area is only open to the general public four times a year. In Spring the woods are bursting with new life and growth with Spring woodland flowers and trees coming into leaf. Enjoy the peaceful woodland walks, discover what lurks in the wildlife pond and see what creatures are hiding in the woods.

- The Open Day is suitable for all ages
- 2 to 6pm Holland Park Wildlife Area, Holland Park (W8)
- FREE drop-in event
- Contact **020 7938 8186** or **[ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)** for further information
- Organised by RBKC Ecology Service



# May

## Saturday 5 May

### Dawn Chorus Bird Walk in Holland Park

Early Spring is an excellent time to experience the world's oldest wake-up call – the dawn chorus – and the beauty of bird song. Led by professional ornithologist Bill Haines, this event has an early start and offers listeners a truly memorable experience as the dawn chorus builds from the first cheep to a crescendo of birdsong.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience
- Meet at 5am at Abbotsbury Road Car Park, Holland Park (W8)
- FREE
- Booking is essential; please call on **020 7938 8186** or [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service
- Sponsored by The Friends of Holland Park

## Saturday 5 May

### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park

A guided nature walk around Holland Park. Please see previous event on 7 April for details.

## Friday 11 May

### Bat Walk and Talk (London Bat Group) in Holland Park

Bats are the only type of flying mammal and their nocturnal habits and strange appearance mean there are lots of myths and mystery about them. Learn about their natural history in an informative talk before searching for them within Holland Park equipped with bat detectors.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience
- 8.30pm, meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- Booking is essential; please call on **020 7938 8186** or email [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)
- Please make a donation to the London Bat Group
- Organised by Royal Borough's Ecology Service
- Sponsored by The Friends of Holland Park

## Saturday 12 May

### Bird Ringing Demonstration

Drop in between 7 and 11am to see wild birds in the hand and hear about how the national ringing programme works. You will also learn how ringing aids conservation and our knowledge of birds' migratory patterns.

- This event is suitable for all ages
- 7am to 11am Holland Park Wildlife Area, Holland Park (W8)
- FREE drop-in event
- Contact **020 7938 8186** or email **ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk** for further information
- Organised by Royal Borough's Ecology Service
- Sponsored by The Friends of Holland Park

## Saturday 19 May

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer Day

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.

## Tuesday 22 May

### Wildlife Area Open Evening

Discover the plants and animals of the wildlife area on a Spring evening. You can take a stroll around the woodland and discover more about the trees and experience wildlife firsthand through our self-guided trail. There will also be an opportunity to try your hand at pond-dipping.

- The Open Evening is suitable for all ages
- 5 to 7pm Holland Park Wildlife Area, Holland Park (W8)
- FREE drop-in event
- Contact **020 7938 8186** or email **ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk** for further information
- Organised by Royal Borough's Ecology Service



# June

## Saturday 2 June

### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park

A guided nature walk around Holland Park. Please see previous event on 7 April for details.

## Saturday 2 June

### Drawing on Nature Course in Holland Park

Come along to our one-day workshop led by expert Mary Kuper who will cover the art of natural history illustration. You will work with watercolour sets, charcoal and other media, and be taken through different approaches such as negative space study, cropping and enlarging sections of your work.

- 10am to 4pm, meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- This course is aimed at an adult audience
- £26 (Royal Borough residents)
- £31.50 (non-residents)
- Booking is essential; please call on **020 7938 8186** or email [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)
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## Wednesday 6 June to Friday 8 June

### Half term Children's Holiday Activities in Holland Park

Environmental themed, outdoor and creative activities for children. Please see previous holiday activities on 2 April for more details.





**Saturday 16 June**

## **Friends of Holland Park Summer Tree walk**

Join Alan Harrington, a retired botanist from the Natural History Museum, on a tour of the park exploring the many different native and exotic tree species found there. Throughout the fascinating walk you will learn about the wildlife and lore of different trees plus simple identification techniques for trees using their leaves and bark.

- 11am to 1pm
- Meet outside Holland Park Cafe, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- Contact **020 7602 0304** or visit **[www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org](http://www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org)** for further information
- Organised by The Friends of Holland Park

**Saturday 16 June**

## **Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer day**

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.

**Thursday 28 June**

## **Wildlife Area Open Evening**

Explore and enjoy Holland Park's wildlife area on a summer's evening. Please see previous event on 22 May for details.

- 6 to 8pm Holland Park Wildlife Area, Holland Park (W8)



**Saturday 30 June**

## **Friends of Little Wormwood Scrubs Open Day**

The annual Fun Day this year will be on Saturday 30 June. We will be having the usual stalls and events, as well as lots more for this year. The birds of prey will also be back and we'll be having a Dog Show early on in the day. We've started collecting for our bric-a-brac stall, so if you have anything to give us, we can store it until the Fun Day.

- FREE
- Suitable for all ages
- 1 to 6pm Little Wormwood Scrubs, Dalgarno Gardens (W10)
- Contact **07957 272 822** or visit **[www.flws.org.uk](http://www.flws.org.uk)** for further information
- Organised by Friends of Little Wormwood Scrubs



# July

## Saturday 7 July

### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park

A guided nature walk around Holland Park. Please see previous event on 7 April for details.

## Saturday 7 July

### Summer Wildlife Area Open Day in Holland Park

Explore the normally closed wildlife area and discover its fauna and flora. See previous event on 28 April for details.

- 2 to 6pm Holland Park Wildlife Area, Holland Park (W8)

## Wednesday 18 July

### Tree Walk: The Basics

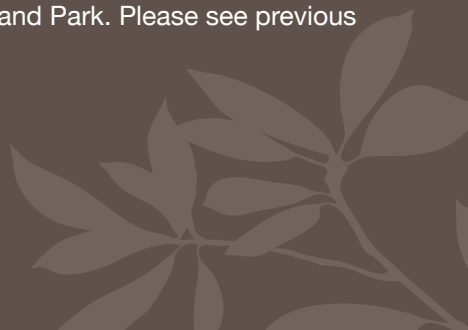
Join a member of the Ecology Education Team on a basic introduction to native tree species. You will learn how to hone your identification skills using the surroundings of Holland Park.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience
- 6.30 to 8pm, meet outside Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- FREE
- Booking is essential; please call on **020 7938 8186** or email **ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk**
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## Saturday 21 July

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer day

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.



**Monday 23 July to Wednesday 5 September**  
**(no sessions 27/07 to 12/08)**

## **Summer Holiday Children's Activities in Holland Park**

Environmental themed, outdoor and creative activities for children. Please see previous holiday activities on 2 April for more details.

**Thursday 26 July**

## **Wildlife Area Open Evening**

Explore and enjoy Holland Park's wildlife area on a Summer evening. Please see previous event on 22 May for details.

- 6 to 8pm Holland Park Wildlife Area, Holland Park (W8)





# August



## Saturday 18 August

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer day

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.

## Friday 31 August

### Bat Walk for Kids in Holland Park

Discover the dark, fascinating and secret world of bats. Learn about which bat species are found in the British Isles, their lifecycles and threats to their survival. You will then head out to search for them in the park with bat detectors.

- 7.30 to 9pm; meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- This event is for ages five to ten only and children must be accompanied by an adult
- £4 (Royal Borough residents)
- £5 (Non-residents)
- Booking is essential; please call **020 7938 8186** or email **[ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)**
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# September

## Saturday 1 September

### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park

A guided nature walk around Holland Park. Please see previous event on 7 April for details.

## Friday 21 September

### Bat and Moth Walk in Holland Park

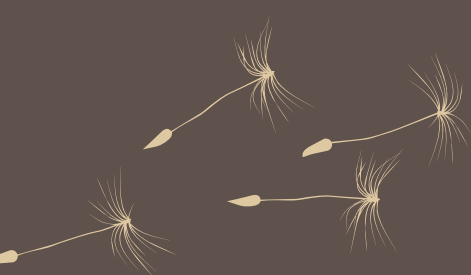
Join the London Bat Group team and a moth expert to delve into the nocturnal world of moths and bats. We will search the park for bats and finish by examining a moth trap.

- 7pm, meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- FREE
- This event is aimed at an adult audience
- Booking is essential; please call on **020 7938 8186** or email **ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk**
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## Saturday 15 September

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer day

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.



**Saturday 29 September**

## **Nature Photography Beginners Class in Holland Park**

Develop your natural photography techniques on our special one-day beginner's course. You will learn quality camera skills and engage in practical exercises in outdoor and still life nature photography leading to a review of your work on screen. The course is led by professional photographer Bruce Tanner. Please bring a digital camera with at least some manual controls.

- 10am to 4pm, meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- This course is aimed at an adult audience
- £26 (Royal Borough residents)
- £31.50 (non-residents)
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# October

## Saturday 6 October

### Nature Photography Master Class in Holland Park

Enhance your nature photography skills with our one-day Master Class course. You will learn advanced camera skills, acquire a deeper understanding of compositional approaches to outdoor and still life nature photography and review a collection of your own work on screen. The course is led by professional photographer Bruce Tanner. So, have your digital SLRs at the ready to snap some fantastic shots!

- 10am to 4pm, meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- This course is aimed at an adult audience
- £26 (Royal Borough residents)
- £31.50 (non-residents)
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## Saturday 6 October

### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park

A guided nature walk around Holland Park. Please see previous event on 7 April for details.

## Saturday 20 October

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer Day

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.

## Saturday 20 October

### Autumn Wildlife Area Open Day in Holland Park

Explore the normally closed wildlife area and discover its fauna and flora. See previous event on 28 April for details.

- 12 noon to 4pm Holland Park Wildlife Area, Holland Park (W8)







**Saturday 27 October**

**Friends of Holland Park Autumn Tree Walk**

An expert led walk examining the native and exotic trees of Holland Park.  
See previous event on 18 June for details.

**Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November**

**Half-term Holiday Activities in Holland Park**

Environmental themed, outdoor and creative activities for children. Please see  
previous holiday activities on 2 April for more details.



# November

## Saturday 3 November

### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park

A guided nature walk around Holland Park. Please see previous event on 7 April for details.

## Saturday 3 November

### Fungi Foray in Holland Park

Search the wildlife area and other enclosures with expert Mark Spencer from the Natural History Museum to discover what fungi are on display at this time of year. Learn how to identify common species and hopefully discover some great specimens.

- 2pm, meet outside Holland Park Ecology Centre, Holland Park (W8 6LU)
- FREE
- This event is aimed at an adult audience
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## Saturday 17 November

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer day

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.



# December



## Saturday 1 December

### Bird and Nature Walk in Holland Park


A guided nature walk around Holland Park. Please see previous event on 7 April for details.

## Saturday 15 December

### Task Force 4 Nature Volunteer Day

A nature conservation volunteer workday in Holland Park. Please see previous event on 21 April for details.





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