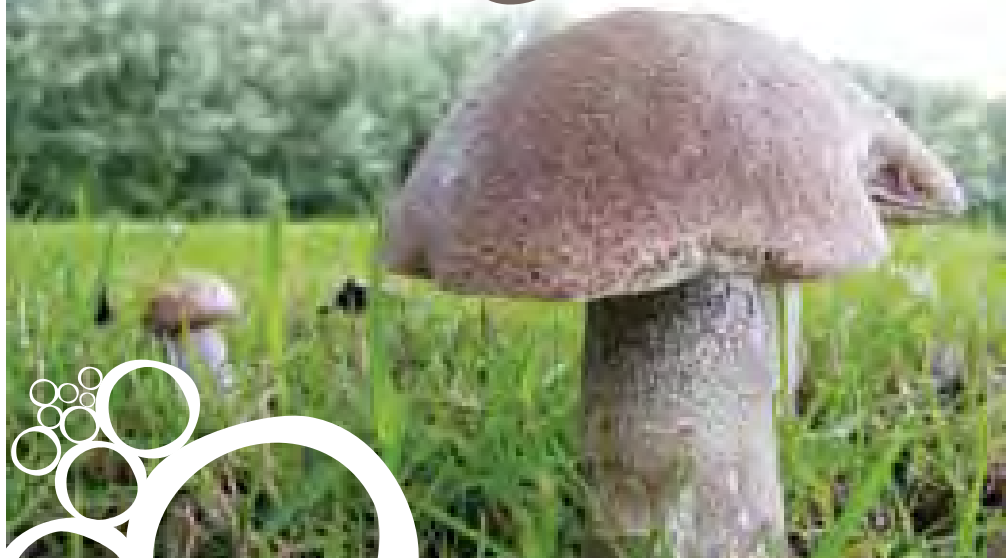
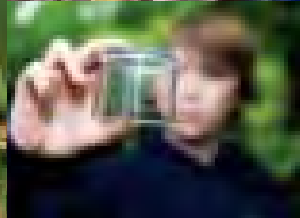
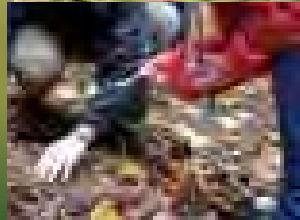


# Holland Park Ecology Centre

March 2010



Events programme 2010



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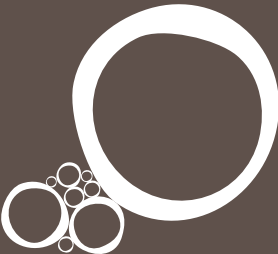
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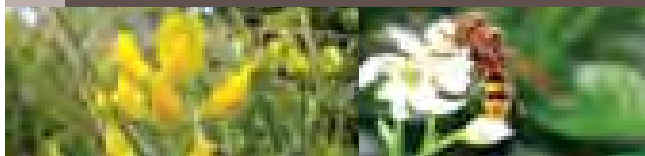


# Ecology Service events programme 2010

The United Nations declared 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). It is a celebration of life on earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives. The world is invited to take action in 2010 to safeguard the variety of life on earth: biodiversity. The Ecology Service is celebrating IYB 2010, with a great range of walks, talks and workshops across the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, 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.



2010

## 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 woodland and grassland habitats, and a wildlife pond with a dipping platform. 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 ten year olds in the spring, summer, and half term holidays.

## Ecology Club

The club is open to local children aged from eight to 14 and meets once a month to participate in activities exploring the natural world.

## Booking events

Due to high demand, booking is essential for holiday activities and some talks and workshops. Please telephone the organiser or contact Holland Park Ecology Centre on **020 7938 8186**, or email **ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk** for details or to reserve your place.

Most evening talks and open days do not require booking; however, spaces may be limited for safety reasons and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



**Details are subject to change.  
Contact the Ecology Centre or  
look for posters at the event  
venue for confirmation.**



## 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.

## Public transport

We strongly advice using public transport if possible, as Holland Park falls within the Congestion Charge Zone.

### 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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**T:** 020 7938 8186

**W:** [www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology)

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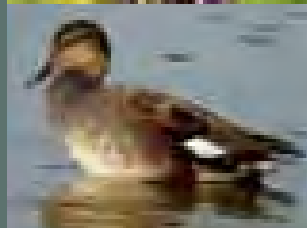
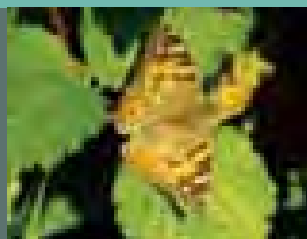
# Events

## Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

### *Half term holiday activities in Holland Park*

The Ecology Centre runs a scheme of outdoor and creative activities for children in the half term holiday. Outdoor activities are based in our wooded wildlife area. Each session lasts for two hours and past activities have included shelter building, orienteering and animal themed art and crafts.

- Suitable for five to ten year olds only.
- Two sessions a day: **10am to 12 noon; and 2 to 4pm.**
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- £3.50 per session. Booking is essential.
- **T: 020 7938 8186**  
**E: [ecology.centre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecology.centre@rbkc.gov.uk)**  
**W: [www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology).**
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service.



## Saturday 6 March and Saturday 3 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.
- Meet at 9am by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park.
- Free.
- **T: 020 7602 0304 | W: [www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org](http://www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org)**
- Organised by The Friends of Holland Park.

## Monday 6 April to Friday 16 April

### *Easter 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 ran craft and game focused sessions about different animals like snakes and bats.

- The two hour sessions are suitable for five to ten year olds only.
- The longer four hour sessions are suitable for eight to 12 years old only.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- It will cost £3.60 per two hour session and £7.20 per four hour session.
- Booking is essential.

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- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service.



## Friday 9 April

### *Wild night out in Holland Park*

Join the Ecology Team in a fun filled evening discovering the park in the dark! We will be making lanterns, playing some wild games and searching the woods for their nocturnal inhabitants.

- This event is for those aged five to ten only and children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre at 7pm.
- It will cost £3.60 per child. Booking is essential.
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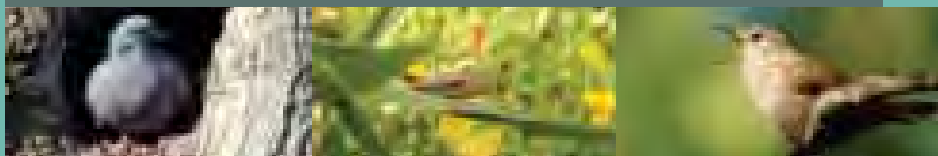


## Saturday 24 April

### *Morning bird walk at Little Wormwood Scrubs*

Learn how to identify birds by sight and song on a spring morning walk in Little Wormwood Scrubs. Hopefully, many birds will be singing as they establish their territories for breeding. Birds like stock doves and linnets were spotted last year; what will you see?

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at the main entrance (Dalgarno Gardens) of Little Wormwood Scrubs at 9am.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
- **T: 020 7938 8186 | E: [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)**
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service.



## Saturday 1 May

### *Bird and nature walk in Holland Park*

Enjoy a guided walk around the park including the wildlife area and learn more about the plants and wild birds of the park 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.
- Meet at 9am by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park.
- Free.
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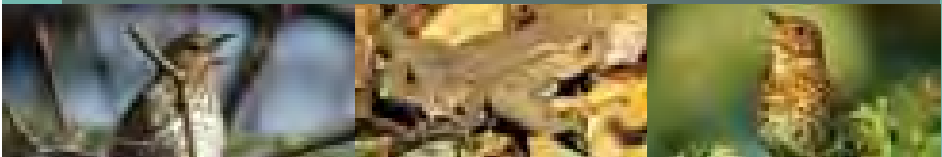


## Sunday 2 May

### *Dawn chorus walk in Holland Park*

International Dawn Chorus Day is an annual celebration of the world's oldest wake-up call – the dawn chorus – and the beauty of bird song. Led by a local expert, 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. The end of April and beginning of May sees the dawn chorus reach its peak, as the songs of the UK's resident bird species are joined by the return of summer visitors, such as chiffchaffs and nightingales.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at Abbotsbury Road Entrance of Holland Park at 5.30am.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Wednesday 5 May

### *Bat walk and talk (London Bat Group) in Holland Park*

How many bats species are there in the British Isles? Where do they live and eat? How long do they live for? Are they declining? Learn all about bats in an informative talk before searching for them within Holland Park armed with bat detectors.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre at 8.30pm.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
- **T: 020 7938 8186 | E: [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)**
- Please make a donation to the London Bat Group.
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service.



## Saturday 8 May

### *Morning bird walk in Brompton Cemetery*

Take a morning bird walk in Brompton Cemetery; bring your binoculars to spot a range of birds like tits, thrushes and many more. A local expert will be on hand to help you identify birds by songs and by sight. Find out which birds are thriving and which need our help.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet inside the gate at the south entrance of Brompton Cemetery at 9am.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Sunday 9 May

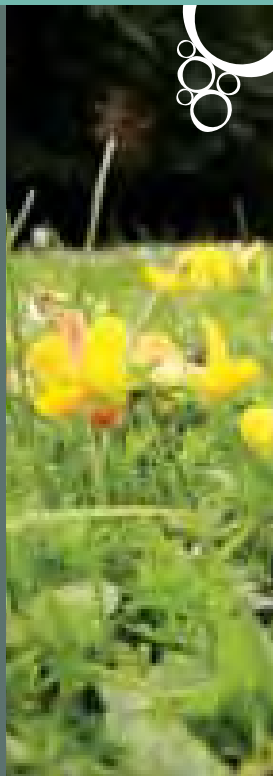
### *Spring wildlife open day in Holland Park*

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 full of new life and growth, with spring woodland flowers and trees coming into leaf.

Enjoy the peaceful 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.
- It will run from 2 to 6pm at the Holland Park Wildlife Area.
- It is a free drop-in event.
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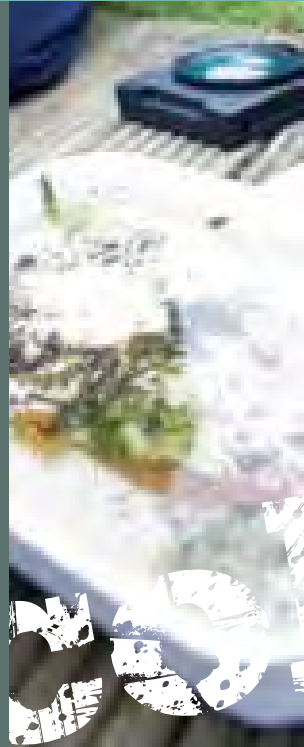
## Wednesday 12 May

### *Adult pond dipping in Holland Park*

Creatures like water scorpions, boatmen, phantom midge larvae and cyclops await your discovery in this special chance for adults to go pond dipping at our wildlife pond.

Armed with a net you will discover more about the great variety of strange animals that live and breed in this underwater world. What will you catch?

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at the Holland Park Ecology Centre at 7pm.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Saturday 15 May

### *Morning bird walk by the Thames*

Discover the birdlife of the Thames on a walk with a local expert. The river is an excellent place for bird watching as it is an important habitat for many species, whilst other birds may be spotted flying overhead. Expect to see a range of wildfowl, gulls and garden species. Bring your binoculars.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at Cremone Gardens at 9am.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Saturday 22 May

### *Spring tree walk in Holland Park*

Discover fascinating facts and lore about the species found in Holland Park. Learn how to identify different species by their branches, leaves and bark. Led by Alan Harrington, a local tree expert, this fascinating walk will be of interest to adults with an interest in gardening, botany, or natural history.

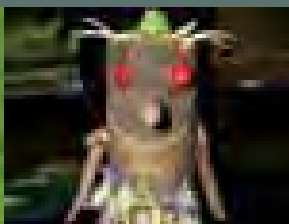
- Meet outside Holland Park Ecology Centre at 11am.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Monday 1 June to Friday 4 June

### *Half term holiday activities in Holland Park*

During the half term, the Ecology Centre runs a scheme of fun environmental creative activities for children. Our packed programme is a mixture of outdoor activities based in our wooded wildlife area, like shelter building, pond dipping and scavenger hunts. There are also animal themed art and crafts sessions, such as charming snakes and mask making.

- These sessions are suitable for five to ten year olds only.
- Two sessions a day: 10am to 12 noon; and 2 to 4pm.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- It will cost £3.60 per session. Booking is essential.
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## Saturday 5 June

### *Bird and nature walk in Holland Park*

Walk around Holland Park, including wildlife area, observing all birds and plants of current interest with local expert, Ian Thomson (The Friends of Holland Park).

Open to the general public who have interest in birds and nature.

- Meet at 9am by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park.
- Duration approximately one and a half hours.
- Free.
- **T: 020 7602 0304**
- **W: [www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org](http://www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org)**
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## Saturday 5 June

### *Environment Day in Holland Park*

Come join in a celebration of environmental sustainability in the heart of London at the beautiful Holland Park!

The park has something of interest for everyone. The environment day will be held outdoors in the vicinity of the café and sports field under a number of tents. It will include interesting exhibits and hands-on activities that utilise the grounds of the park.

- This event is suitable for all ages.
- It will start at 11am.
- Free drop-in event.
- **W: [www.rbkc.gov.uk/events](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/events)**



## Saturday 12 June

### *Wildflower walk in Brompton Cemetery*

Join wildflower specialist, Roy Vickery, on an afternoon walk around Brompton Cemetery. Learn how to recognise different species of wildflower and learn more about the folklore and uses of different flowers.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet inside the gate at south entrance of Brompton Cemetery at 2pm.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.  
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## Saturday 19 June

### *Friends of Little Wormwood Scrubs open day*

Family fun and environmental activities.

- Event begins at 2pm.
- Free.
- **T: 07957 272822 | W: [www.flws.org.uk](http://www.flws.org.uk)**
- Organised by Friends of Little Wormwood Scrubs.



## Saturday 19 June

### *Morning bird walk in Kensal Green Cemetery*

A summer bird walk in the cemetery with a local bird expert. Bring your binoculars along and learn how to identify birds by sight and call. Discover the life history of different species that you spot.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 9am, Kensal Green Cemetery, just inside the main gate (east end of cemetery by the GCC offices) on the Harrow Road.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.  
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## Wednesday 23 June

### *Adult minibeast hunt (National Insect Week) in Holland Park*

Join us for a hunt for creepy crawlies! This fun event is an opportunity for adults to investigate and discover the amazing world of minibeasts (terrestrial invertebrates).

Using a range of collection methods, we will hunt for minibeasts in the woods and other different habitats in the park. It is an opportunity for you to hone your invertebrate identification skills, learn more about their fascinating lifecycles and their roles in an ecosystem.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at the Holland Park Ecology Centre at 7pm.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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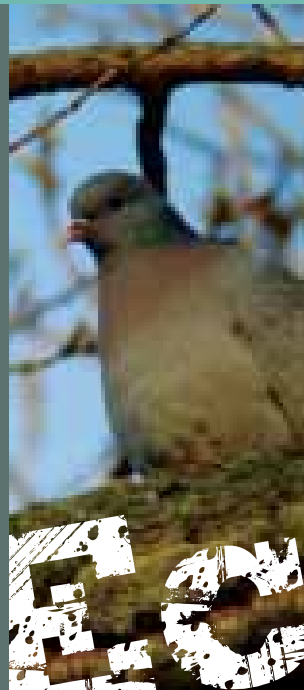
## Saturday 3 July

### *Bird and nature walk in Holland Park*

Walk around Holland Park, including wildlife area, observing all birds and plants of current interest with local expert, Ian Thomson (The Friends of Holland Park).

Open to the general public who have interest in birds and nature.

- Meet at 9am by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park.
- Duration approximately one and a half hours.
- Free.
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## Sunday 4 July

### *Summer wildlife open day in Holland Park*

Holland Park Summer Wildlife Area open day is a chance to explore a hidden corner of the park. This area is regularly used by school groups for environmental education, but is only open to the public once every season.

This is an opportunity to explore this woodland in its summer glory. You will have the chance to enjoy woodland walks and identify different common trees. You could also search for minibeasts in the woods, or find out what is lurking in our wildlife pond by having a go at pond dipping.

- The open day is suitable for all ages.
- The event will run from 2 to 6pm at the Holland Park Wildlife Area.
- This is a free drop-in event.
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## Friday 9 July

### *Moth walk in Holland Park*

Discover the moths of Holland Park with lepidopterist, Tim Freed. He will guide you through the park, searching for a variety of different moths and giving you the chance to see what gets lured into a moth trap.

This fascinating walk will help you improve your moth identification skills and you will learn about the importance of moths in ecosystems.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 9pm outside Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Saturday 10 July

### *Butterfly walk in Kensal Green Cemetery*

A special chance to search for and learn more about butterflies. Join local expert, Tim Freed, on a walk through the park spotting different species.

Learn how to identify common species and find out about the differing requirements of various species, their lifecycle and ways you can help encourage butterflies to your garden. Red admirals and holly blues were amongst those sighted last year. What will be spotted this year?



- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 11am, Kensal Green Cemetery, just inside the main gate (east end of cemetery by the GCC offices) on the Harrow Road.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Wednesday 14 July

### *Introduction to trees walk in Holland Park*

Rowan or ash? Elm or hazel? Join a member of the Ecology Education Team on a basic introduction to native tree species. You will learn how to begin to identify trees by their leaves and other features, and learn some fascinating facts about different species.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 6.30pm outside Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Monday 26 July to Friday 3 September

### *Summer holiday activities in Holland Park*

Throughout the summer holidays, the Ecology Centre runs a fun filled environmental themed programme of outdoor and creative activities.

Popular activities include shelter building in the woods; minibeast hunting; searching for dragonflies; and mask making. Most sessions last for two hours.

Two sessions are run each day: 10am to 12 noon; and 2 to 4pm. Longer, whole-day sessions last for four hours.

- The two hour sessions are suitable for five to ten years old only.
- The longer four hour sessions are suitable for eight to 12 years old only.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- The cost is £3.60 per two hour session and £7.20 per four hour session.
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## Tuesday 3 August

### *Summer tree walk in Holland Park*

Join Alan Harrington, a 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.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 7pm outside Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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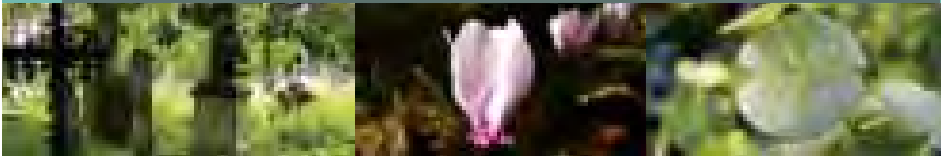


## Wednesday 11 August

### *Bat walk and talk (London Bat Group) in Holland Park*

Bats are the only type of flying mammal and their secretive lifecycle 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.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre at 8pm.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
- **T: 020 7938 8186 | E: [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)**
- Please make a donation to the London Bat Group.
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## Friday 3 September

### *Wild night out in Holland Park*

Discover the park in the dark! Join the Ecology Team in a fun filled evening. We will be making lanterns and playing some wild games before heading out into the park with our lit lanterns to search for its nocturnal inhabitants and explore the woods.

- This event is for ages five to ten only and children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre at 7pm.
- The cost is £3.60 per child and booking is essential.
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## Saturday 4 September

### *Bird and nature walk in Holland Park*

Walk around Holland Park, including wildlife area, observing all birds and plants of current interest with local expert, Ian Thomson (The Friends of Holland Park).

Open to the general public who have interest in birds and nature.

- Meet at 9am by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park.
- Duration approximately one and a half hours.
- Free.
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- Organised by The Friends of Holland Park.

## Wednesday 8 September

### *Bat walk and talk (London Bat Group) in Brompton Cemetery*

Discover the fascinating and secret world of bats. Learn about which bat species are found in the British Isles, their life cycle and threats to their survival. Following a brief talk by an expert from the London Bat group, you will head out to search for them in the cemetery with bat detectors.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet inside the gate by the south entrance of Brompton Cemetery at 7.30pm.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Wednesday 15 September

### *Bat walk and talk (London Bat Group) in Holland Park*

In this very popular event you will have the chance to learn all about British bats, their intriguing life cycle and the reasons why their populations are in decline. After the informative talk, we will head out into the park using bat detectors to search for them.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre at 6.30pm.
- This event is free, but booking is essential.
- **T: 020 7938 8186 | E: [ecology.centre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecology.centre@rbkc.gov.uk)**
- Please make a donation to the London Bat Group.
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service.



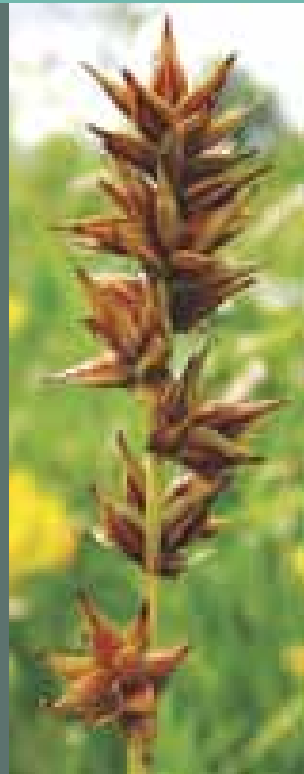
## 16, 23, 30 September and 7 October

### *Nature photography course in Holland Park*

Develop your nature photography skills on a special four week course. You will learn camera skills, outdoor and still life nature photography leading to an online exhibition of your work.

The course is led by professional photographers Bruce Tanner and Graeme Harris. Please bring a digital camera with at least some manual controls.

- This course is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre.  
The course will run from 6 to 8pm.
- It will cost £25 for four weeks and booking is essential.
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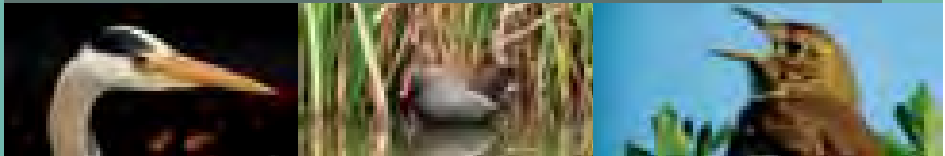


## Saturday 2 October

### *Bird and nature walk in Holland Park*

Walk around Holland Park, including wildlife area, observing all birds and plants of current interest with local expert Ian Thomson (The Friends of Holland Park). Open to the general public who have interest in birds and nature.

- Meet at 9pm by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park.
- Duration approximately one and a half hours.
- Free.
- **T: 020 7602 0304 | W: [www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org](http://www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org)**
- Organised by The Friends of Holland Park.



## Sunday 17 October

### *Autumn wildlife open day in Holland Park*

This event is an opportunity to explore this secret corner of the park in its autumnal colours. You can investigate the woods and learn about the flora and fauna of this normally closed area, or seek out minibeasts lurking under the logs and leaves.

- The open day is suitable for all ages.
- The open day will run from 12 noon to 4pm at the Holland Park Wildlife Area.
- This is a free drop-in event.
- **T: 020 7938 8186 | E: [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)**
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service.



## Saturday 23 October

### *Fungi foray in Holland Park*

Search the wildlife area and other enclosures with Mark Spencer of 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 unusual specimens.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 2pm outside Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October

### *Half term holiday activities in Holland Park*

The Ecology Centre runs a scheme of environmental themed activities for children in the half term holiday utilising the centre and our wooded wildlife area.

Our fun packed programme includes outdoor activities like shelter building and orienteering. It also includes animal themed craft sessions on snakes and birds.

- These sessions are suitable for five to ten year olds only.
- A session lasts for two hours.
- There are two sessions a day: 10am to 12 noon; and 2 to 4pm.
- Meet at Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- The cost is £3.60 per session. Booking is essential.
- **T: 020 7938 8186 | E: [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)**
- Organised by the Royal Borough's Ecology Service.



## Saturday 30 October

### *Autumn tree walk in Holland Park*

Holland Park has an amazing collection of exotic and native trees. Join Alan Harrington, a local tree expert, to discover how to identify different exotic and native trees on an autumnal walk around the park and learn some fascinating botanical facts and figures.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 11am outside Holland Park Ecology Centre.
- This event is free, but booking is advisable.
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## Saturday 6 November and Saturday 4 December

### *Bird and nature walk in Holland Park*

Walk around Holland Park, including the wildlife area, observing all birds and plants of current interest with local expert, Ian Thomson (The Friends of Holland Park).

Open to the general public who have interest in birds and nature.

- Meet at 9am by Lord Holland's statue, Lord Holland Pond, Holland Park.
- Duration approximately one and a half hours.
- Free.
- **T: 020 7602 0304**  
**W: [www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org](http://www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org)**
- Organised by The Friends of Holland Park.



## Sunday 12 December

### *Winter wildlife open day in Holland Park*

Explore and enjoy the wildlife area on a winter afternoon. You can take a stroll around the woodland and discover more about the trees and wildlife through our self-guided trail. There will also be an opportunity to take part in some craft activities.

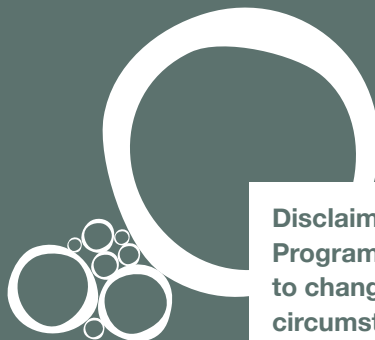
- The open day is suitable for all ages.
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- It is a free drop-in event.
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## Saturday 18 December

### *Winter tree walk in Holland Park*

Winter is an ideal time to brush up on your knowledge and identification skills of different trees. Join our local tree expert, Alan Harrington, on a fascinating guided tour around the park focusing on different tree species of botanical interest.

- This event is aimed at an adult audience.
- Meet at 11am outside Holland Park Ecology Centre.
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We hope you enjoy the events. Any feedback is welcome and should be directed to: Holland Park Ecology Centre on 020 7938 8186, or email [ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk)





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