



# What's On - 2022

Your handy pull-out guide to MWT events in 2022

For more information and to book, go to our events web page: [www.mwt.im/events](http://www.mwt.im/events)

## April

### Scarlett & Ayres Nature Discovery Centres Opening

Our Nature Discovery Centres are open throughout the summer and offer great ways to learn about the local wildlife

**When:** **Scarlett** - Easter; Friday 15 to Monday 18 April then Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday afternoons 2pm to 5pm, 13 May to 13 September. **Ayres** - Daily 1pm to 4pm, 30 April to 18 September

**Where:** Scarlett Nature Discovery Centre, Castletown & Ayres Nature Discovery Centre, Ayres

### Invertebrate Group

Investigating Invertebrates

**When:** Saturday 23 April at 10am

**Where:** iMuseum, Douglas

### Wildlife Watch

Wildlife Watch is MWT's junior branch and the leading children's action club for children aged 4-11. All children to be accompanied by a responsible adult please

### Spring has Sprung!

Spring is here and the flowers are taking advantage of the lack of tree leaves. Cooldarry is a lovely reserve to explore at this time of year. Along the way we will learn how to identify the flowers and also about parts of flowers and how they try to make life difficult for insects!

**When:** Saturday 23 April at 2pm

**Where:** Cooldarry Nature Reserve, meet at the top car park on the roadway into Glen Wyllin campsite at Kirk Michael

**Cost:** Free for members, £5 for non-members

## May



### Wildlife Watch: A Spring Walk

A walk through Cooldarry, the woodland reserve, looking at spring flowers and an opportunity to learn about the history and management of the site

**When:** Sunday 1 May at 10am

**Where:** Cooldarry nature reserve. Meet at the junction of the A4 with the turn to Glen Wyllin campsite

**Cost:** Donations welcome

### Family Wildlife Treasure Hunt

Discover all sorts of wildlife at this spectacular National Nature Reserve. Volunteers will be on hand to help you, with magnifying glasses, bug boxes and more. Centre with shop and toilet plus plenty of parking

**When:** Monday 2 May 11am to 4pm

**Where:** Ayres Nature Discovery Centre

### Invertebrate Group

Macro photography with Jeremy Broome-Smith TBC

**When:** Monday 2 May at 2pm

**Where:** Scarlett Nature Discovery Centre

### Adult Education

Following the popularity of our adult education courses last year we will again be running certificates in Wildlife Gardening and Wildlife Observing, and a Magnificent Meadows programme. See [mwt.im](http://mwt.im) for more information

### Wildlife Gardening Course - Introduction: Why Garden for Wildlife?

Ice-Breaker – students to discuss their own gardens. Outline course & assessment. Walk-round & discussion

**When:** Wednesday 4 May at 7pm

**Where:** St John's Mill

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

### Adults Only Stream Dipping

Join MWT and DEFA as we explore the river life in Summerhill Glen. We'll be kick sampling to look for hidden beasts so wear wellies

**When:** Thursday 5 May at 1pm

**Where:** Summerhill Glen

**Cost:** Donations welcome

### The Joy of Moss

A two-hour walk around Archallagan Plantation led by Sarah Hickey and Andree Dubbeldam to look at the carpets of moss and the ecology that has created them

**When:** Thursday 5 May at 6:30pm

**Where:** Archallagan Plantation. Meet at the south car-park at SC298 782

### Manx Wildlife Trust BioBlitz

Join us for a BioBlitz recording as many species as possible using citizen science. Specialists will be on hand to help identify species from marine, woodland, and freshwater habitats. Our Artist in Residence will also join us to produce a collective

art project with your help!

**When:** Saturday 7 May, 10am - 6pm

**Where:** Groudle Glen, meet in the car park

### Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - Field Trip 1

Garden Visit and introduction to Wild Design

**When:** Wednesday 11 May at 6:30pm

**Where:** Port St Mary

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

### Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Introduction to course, Use of Transects

Use of transects, example of using BC transect and looking at data from Close Sartfield

**When:** Saturday 14 May at 1:30pm

**Where:** Close Sartfield Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

### Wellbeing: Walk in the Woods

Join us for a slow and contemplative walk in nature to enable a deeper connection and appreciation of our natural landscape and a chance to make a temporary organic work of art. Ecologist and well-being champion Adam Denard will be joined by Artist in Residence Clare Payne.

**When:** Sunday 15 May at 10am

**Where:** Ramsey Hairpin Woodland Park

**Cost:** £10



### Invasive Species Week

**When:** Monday 16 May

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## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - Garden Habitats

Lecture on the different garden wildlife habitats that can be created (hedgerow, lawn, pond, border plants, orchard)

**When:** Wednesday 18 May at 7pm

**Where:** St John's Mill

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

## Invertebrate Group

River dipping and mayfly hunting

**When:** Saturday 21 May at 1pm

**Where:** Cooldarry Nature Reserve

## Adult Education: Magnificent Meadows - Workshop 1

Introduction: importance of species-rich meadows, management and creation

**When:** Wednesday 25 May at 2pm

**Where:** Starting at Moaney and Crawyn's Meadows Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 6 workshops - total cost £60 for members, £90 for non-members

## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - Building a Home for Wildlife

Lecture/discussion on what can be built for wildlife. Practical: constructing homes

**When:** Wednesday 25 May at 7pm

**Where:** St John's Mill

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

## Members Only: Meadow Picnic

An opportunity to visit three of MWT meadow nature reserves to learn about the management undertaken and looking at wildflowers, in particular orchids

**When:** Sunday 29 May at 11am

**Where:** Ballamooar Meadow, Moaney and Crawyn's and Fell's Field Nature Reserves. Meet in lay-by at entrance to Ballamooar Castle (off A13). What3Words – detonated.hardens.shove.

Parking also available in front to Sandygate chapel

## June

### Gardener's Fair will return in 2023

MWT Northern Supporter Groups' Gardener's Fair, previously an annual event, has been changed to allow more preparation time between events. Anyone wishing to become involved with the preparations please email [enquiries@mwt.im](mailto:enquiries@mwt.im)

### #30DaysWild

Do something wild every day in June, sign up at: [wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild](http://wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild)

## Mighty Meadows

A walk around our flagship nature reserve, Close Sartfield, with Tricia Sayle to learn about the importance of wildflower meadows and the challenges and rewards in their management. Following a picnic lunch (bring your own), we will visit Fell's Field to learn about the trials in creating a wildflower meadow using the green hay technique.

**When:** Saturday 11 June at 10:30am

**Where:** Close Sartfield Nature Reserve

**Cost:** £20 for members, £25 for non-members

## Orchid Walks With Tricia

A walk around our flagship nature reserve to learn about the management undertaken and looking at wildflowers, in particular orchids

**When:** Sunday 12 June AND Sunday 19 June at 2:30pm

**Where:** Close Sartfield Nature Reserve

## Adult Education: Magnificent Meadows - Workshop 2

Long-term management & good health indicators

**When:** Wednesday 15 June at 2pm

**Where:** Close Sartfield Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 6 workshops - total cost £60 for members, £90 for non-members

## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - People and Wildlife Gardening

Lecture: Benefits to people inc. health and wellbeing. Introduction to organic/biodynamic gardening. Practical: propagation

**When:** Wednesday 15 June at 7pm

**Where:** St John's Mill

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members



## Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Floral Quadrat Survey

Use of quadrats to ID lichen heath biodiversity

**When:** Saturday 18 June at 1:30pm

**Where:** Ayres Nature Discovery Centre

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - Field Trip 2

Garden visit

**When:** Wednesday 22 June at 7pm

**Where:** TBC

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

## Invertebrate Group

Rosehill Quarry invertebrate hunt

**When:** Saturday 25 June at 1pm

**Where:** Billown (Rosehill Quarry)

## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - Hidden world of soils and composting

Lecture & discussion on the importance of soil/medium. Practical: analysis/composting

**When:** Wednesday 29 June at 7pm

**Where:** St John's Mill

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

## July

### Sand Dune Delights

A walk through this coastal reserve with our Reserves Officer looking at wildflowers, in particular pyramidal orchids and an opportunity to learn about the history and management of the site

**When:** Saturday 2 July at 10am

**Where:** Cronk y Bing nature reserve. Meet in the car park. What3Words – lark.nuzzled.overcook

## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - Designing your Wildlife Garden

Facilitated session with students working on their own designs

**When:** Wednesday 6 July at 7pm

**Where:** St John's Mill

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

## Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Stream Monitoring

Identification of freshwater invertebrates Record species found and equate to water purity

**When:** Saturday 9 July at 1:30pm

**Where:** Cooldarry Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - Managing A Wildlife Garden

Lecture & discussion on managing through the seasons. Practical management in the garden

**When:** Wednesday 13 July at 7pm

**Where:** St John's Mill

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

## Invertebrate Group

Beeflies at the Ayres

**When:** Saturday 16 July at 1pm

**Where:** Ayres Nature Discovery Centre

## Festival of the Sea

This is your best opportunity to see the creatures of the deep without having to don a diving suit! Come and see the:

- MARINE MEGA TANKS
- WILDLIFE SHOP
- ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - ART PROJECT

**When:** Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 July 10am - 4pm

**Where:** Port Erin

**Cost:** Adult - £2, Child - £1, Family - £5



## Members Only: Biodiversity at Ballachrink

An opportunity for members to enjoy a guided walk around this woodland reserve with Reserves Officer, Tricia Sayle and Education Officer, Dawn Colley. Participants will have the chance to learn about the work that has been done over the last nine years and look for evidence of mammals

**When:** Sunday 17 July at 9:30am

**Where:** Ballachrink Nature Reserve. Meet on the West Baldwin road. What3Words – sending.recliner.collectively

## Adult Education: Magnificent Meadows - Workshop 3

Importance of meadows for invertebrates – 1

Flies with Steve Crellin

**When:** Wednesday 20 July at 2pm

**Where:** Close e Quayle Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 6 workshops - total cost £60 for members, £90 for non-members

## Marine Week

Check online for our marine week events

**When:** Saturday 23 July

## Wildlife Watch Summer Season:

These events are for our junior WATCH members only, please wear wellies and old clothes to each event as getting messy is a must! Please check our Facebook page prior to setting out in case bad weather stops play!

Check our website [www.mwt.im](http://www.mwt.im) for maps which locate our reserves. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult:

### Bees and Heather

There is plenty of heather on our mountain reserve of Dalby and it is full of bees nectaring in the summer. We will have a go at identifying the bumblebees which visit the heather and have a close look at them with a magnifying glass.

**When:** Tuesday 26 July at 2pm

**Where:** Dalby Mountain Nature Reserve, meet in the car park

**Booking essential**

## Wildlife Watch Summer Season:

### Bug Hunting

Bug hunting is ever popular and we never know

what we will find, will it be a red ladybird or a striking yellow and black alder moth caterpillar or maybe the flash of blue of a butterfly? Let's get exploring with our bug pots!

**When:** Friday 29 July at 2pm

**Where:** Cooldarry Nature Reserve, meet at the top car park of Glen Wyllin Camp site

**Booking essential**

## Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Peat Bog Monitoring

Taking depth of peat bog

Looking and ID of sphagnum moss

**When:** Saturday 30 July at 1:30pm

**Where:** Dalby Mountain Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members



## August

## Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Bird Identification

**When:** TBC

**Where:** TBC

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

## Wildlife Watch Summer Season:

### Bee Keeping or Stream Dip - TBC

**When:** Tuesday 2 August

## Wildlife Watch Summer Season:

### Fossil hunting

We have fossils which are over 330million years old! And an extinct volcano! Come along and explore the limestone at Scarlett and maybe even find a fossil to take home

**When:** Thursday 4 August at 10:30am

**Where:** Scarlett Nature Discovery Centre

**Booking essential**

## Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Tidal Zonation

Identifying seaweeds, tidal zonations and common rockpool fauna

**When:** Saturday 6 August at 1:30pm

**Where:** Port Mooar

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

## Wildlife Watch Summer Season:

### Rockpooling Recce

We always find lots of fish and hermit crabs here, what better way to spend a sunny afternoon than peering into the depths of a rock pool?

**When:** Monday 8 August at 2pm

**Where:** Douglas beach, meet at the slipway to the beach opposite Summerhill Road

**Booking essential**

## Adult Education: Magnificent Meadows - Workshop 4

Importance of meadows for invertebrates – 2

Moths with Ian Scott

**When:** Wednesday 10 August at 9am

**Where:** Close Umpson or Goshen Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 5 workshops - total cost £50 for members, £75 for non-members.

## Invertebrate Group

Bush Cricket hunting at Baldrine

**When:** Wednesday 10 August at 6:30pm

**Where:** Exact location TBC

## Adult Education: Wildlife Gardening Course - A Wildlife Garden!

Student groups present group project designs.

Course Summary & what next plus a practical activity.

**When:** Wednesday 10 August at 7pm

**Where:** Knockaloe Beg, Patrick

**Cost:** Part of a course of 10 workshops for £270 for members and £300 for non members

## Royal Manx Agricultural Show

Come and see us in Lloyds Bank International's marquee with our farmland bird exhibition

**When:** Friday 12 & Saturday 13 August at 9am

**Where:** Knockaloe Beg, Patrick



## Messing About in a River

A walk to and around this valley reserve looking at wildflowers and an opportunity to learn about the history and management of the site with Reserves Officer, Tricia Sayle. Education Officer, Dawn Colley will be supervising kick sampling for invertebrates in the river

**When:** Saturday 13 August at 10am

**Where:** Glen Dhoo Nature Reserve. Meet in the Ballaugh Plantation car park

## Wildlife Watch Summer Season:

### Bee Keeping or Stream Dip - TBC

**When:** Tuesday 16 August Continued over



## Wildlife Watch *Summer Season:*

### Searching along the Sandy shores

Everyone thinks there is very little living on a sandy shore but come with us and find sea potatoes and worms which live in the sand

**When:** Friday 19 August at 10:30am

**Where:** Meet at the slipway opposite the RNLI station South shore, Ramsey

**Booking essential**

### Invertebrate Group

On the hunt for dragon and damselflies

**When:** Saturday 20 August at 1pm

**Where:** Stoney Mountain plantation or Tromode dam Douglas - TBC



## Wildlife Watch *Summer Season:*

### Things that wobble on the seashore

There are lots of soft bodied creatures that live along our seashores, Port Erin has plenty of sea anemones and jelly fish, we might even find some sponges and sea squirts!

**When:** Monday 22 August at 2pm

**Where:** Meet at Cosy Nook café on Port Erin beach

**Booking essential**

### Bees and Heather

A walk around this upland reserve looking at bees with Reserves Officer, Tricia Sayle and Education Officer, Dawn Colley

**When:** Saturday 27 August at 2pm

**Where:** Dalby Mountain Nature Reserve. Meet in the car park for the reserve – junction of the Dalby Road and the road to Eary Cushlin. What3Words – mere.chops.providers

### Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Mammal Monitoring

Mammal trapping techniques and footprints and scat identification

**When:** Saturday 27 August at 1:30pm

**Where:** Cooldarry Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

## Wildlife Watch *Summer Season:*

### Marvellous Mud

This one is going to get very messy! Lots of playing with mud, painting with mud and yes we will be making mud pies! Wear old clothes and wellies!

**When:** Tuesday 30 August at 2pm

**Where:** Meet at the Ramsey Hairpin

## September

### Wildlife Watch *Summer Season:*

#### Dabbling with Ducks

Let's find all things about ducks, how can you tell between male and female, how do they keep waterproof? What do they eat? We will make up our own duck food mix and see whose food they prefer!

**When:** Friday 2 September at 2pm

**Where:** Car park entrance to St John's Arboretum

**Booking essential**

### Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Sampling Techniques for Invertebrates

Use of pitfall traps, malaise traps and sweep netting

**When:** Saturday 3 September at 1:30pm

**Where:** Goshen Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

### Autumn Talks

#### (Northern Supporter Group)

Keep a look out on our website and in the autumn magazine for details of these popular talks as places fill up quickly although we aim to provide internet access in addition.

**When:** Thursday 8 September, 13 October and 10 November

**Where:** Ramsey Town Hall, first floor, using entrance at the rear of the building

### Adult Education: Magnificent Meadows - Workshop 5

Importance of meadows for Invertebrates - 3 Spiders with Kate Hawkins

**When:** Wednesday 7 September at 2pm

**Where:** Close e Quayle Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 6 workshops - total cost £60 for members, £90 for non-members

### Invertebrate Group

Compost scabble

**When:** Saturday 17 September at 1pm

**Where:** Close Sartfield Nature Reserve

### Wildlife Watch: Fungus Foray - TBC

**When:** Saturday 24 September, time TBC

**Cost:** Free for members, £5 for non-members

## October

### Adult Education: Wildlife Observer Course - Fungus Survey Course Summary

Identification of fungus, realise significance of substrate they are found on

**When:** Saturday 1 October at 1:30pm

**Where:** Cooldarry Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 9 workshops for £160 for members and £200 for non-members

### Wellbeing: Walk in Nature

A slow sensory walk in nature for timeout to connect with your natural surroundings on a deeper level. To include option of guided meditation and barefoot walking

**When:** Sunday 16 October at 10am

**Where:** TBC - with an inclement weather back up

**Cost:** TBC

### Adult Education: Magnificent Meadows - Workshop 6

Importance of meadows - Fungi

**When:** Wednesday 19 October at 2pm

**Where:** Close Sartfield Nature Reserve

**Cost:** Part of a course of 6 workshops - total cost £60 for members, £90 for non-members

### Invertebrate Group

Ladybird talk with Kate Hawkins and others

**When:** Saturday 22 October at 1pm

**Where:** Kirk Braddan Church Hall

### Wildlife Watch: Skeletons

With Halloween coming up there will be plenty of skeletons around, but does everything have a skeleton? Can you identify a bone you might find on a walk? Find out some fascinating facts in this workshop and take home artwork skeletons!

**When:** Saturday 29 October at 2pm

**Where:** Kirk Braddan Church Hall

**Cost:** Free for members, £5 for non-members

### Fungi Foray in Cooldarry

A walk through this woodland reserve looking for fungi

**When:** TBC - October/November at 10am

**Where:** Cooldarry Nature Reserve. Meet at junction of the A4 with the turn to Glen Wyllin campsite

## November

### Wildlife Watch: Seeds

We will start by looking at the incredible different seed shapes and how they are a complete package to start a new plant. Then we will go for a wander around the church grounds to see if we can find any seeds which we can plant up. We will also have acorns and sweet chestnut seeds available

**When:** Saturday 19 November at 2pm

**Where:** Kirk Braddan Church Hall

**Cost:** Free for members, £5 for non-members

### Invertebrate Group

Ian Scott moth talk

**When:** Saturday 26 November at 1pm

**Where:** Kirk Braddan Church Hall

Remember to keep an eye out on [www.mwt.im/events](http://www.mwt.im/events) and our social media for updates