

Half Term, Nov and Dec 2025 events in Boston Manor Park (BMP)

Evaluation of the HLF project

The independent evaluators submitted their 60-page report to the Heritage Lottery Fund in early October. It was extremely positive about all aspects of the restoration project, especially the activity and volunteering programmes. Thank you to everyone who completed surveys and spoke with our evaluators. Over three years, we have run over 1200 events attended by 25,000 people, educated 6500 pupils, and maintained the park with over 9500 hours of volunteering. We'll share an Executive Summary soon!

New Stakeholder group and support for Boston Manor Park: could you be part of it?

The three-year National Heritage Lottery funded activity programme came to an end this August. We are working closely with our stakeholders, including the London Borough of Hounslow, The Arts Centre, Boston Manor House and Parks team to collaborate on the future of BMP and we are now **looking for local residents to join a new Stakeholder group** to help shape and support the future of the park. If you think that might be you, please get in touch, email bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk with 'Stakeholder' in the subject line. **Please also support us by attending our park events** (while we are still here to run them!) and telling friends, schools, teachers, parents, corporate and scout groups about what we can offer. 😊

Know a teacher? BMP School Outdoor Workshop Programme 2025/26 and SEND Work Experience and Workshop 2025/26 programme [here](#) and new joint BMP/BMH workshop [here](#). Boston Manor House also offer a workshop programme [here](#). **All** educational workshops can be found on the website www.bostonmanorhouse.org New ECO workshop launching in Jan 2026!

Know a Scout, Beaver or Cub group? Night walks, bat detecting and evening exploration/orienteering sessions with Tash available (£3 per child). Sessions can be run in Polish, French or English, from 6yrs up.

Special events!

1. **Half Term Holiday Club (6-12 year olds) with Tash, Tues 28 & Wed 29 Oct, 10-2pm:** see below for more details. Book via [Eventbrite](#).

2. **'Surprisingly Spooky' Bat Walk with detectors Wed 29 Oct, 4.30pm**, meet by picnic tables outside Boston Manor House. Perfect opportunity to get in the mood (more walk info below) before going off to see **Dracula by The Arts Centre in Boston Manor House, 15 Oct - 2 Nov!** Book tickets for all Arts Centre shows [here](#).
3. **[Great Outdoor Escape Family challenge in Boston Manor Park](#), Sat 29 Nov**: Bring your family (up to 5 people for £25) on a magical, outdoor escape game. Discover Boston Manor Park like never before as you lift the curse & solve puzzles! See below for more info, book via [Eventbrite](#)
4. **[Christmas Crafting event](#) with Boston Manor House, Sat 6 Dec, 1.30-3pm, near Service Yard and Workshop by Walled Garden**: an afternoon filled with two fun crafting activities for the whole family (5yrs up)- wrapping paper printing with Boston Manor House (£4 per person for printing activity, mince pie/festive snack and drink included!) and natural Christmas crafting activities with Boston Manor Park team (donations welcome).
5. **Hounslow School teachers**-Boston Manor Park is hosting a **FREE LBH Schools Sustainability Summit** on 12 Nov, to help teachers and pupils across the borough embed sustainable practices into schools. We are also launching a new ECO workshop from Jan 2026. Email Chloe.Knowler@hounslow.gov.uk for more information and to attend the event on 12 Nov.

Nature, Creativity and Wellbeing

Monthly Bird Walk and Survey, Sat 1 Nov and 6 Dec, 08.30-10am, meet on the lake platform. Take a leisurely walk around the park to record numbers and species of birds in the park. No experience necessary, but bring binoculars if you have them. FREE.

Chess group meet-up, every Saturday, 12-4pm, meet in The Manor Kitchen Café within Boston Manor House: a drop-in event for anyone who wants to learn or play. All ages and levels welcome. Organised by Alex Smythe who runs a welcoming local social chess group that plays regularly in BMP. FREE. Contact Alex for any info alexander.brentford@gmail.com

Adult Cycle Training (for adults who live, work or study in Hounslow), every Thursday 9.30am (beginners) and 10.30am (improvers), register [here](#): meet by the green cycle hub container near lake. Helmets and bikes provided. FREE.

Fitness Fun with Jenny, Tuesdays, 11-11.45am, meet near Hub (final 2025 class, 16 Dec): low impact outdoors exercise class for adults of all ages and fitness levels. The class is generally in the walled garden/park, with an indoor option available if necessary/possible. £3 per participant in cash to Jenny.

National Childbirth Trust (NCT) Hounslow Infant Feeding Support Walk and Talk, every Weds, 10.30am: meet by Potting Shed café for an easy, buggy friendly walk around Boston Manor Park. No need to be an NCT member - all new and expectant parents are welcome! If

the weather is bad we'll hunker down in the House café – check our [Facebook](#) page on the day for the plan. FREE.

‘Surprisingly Spooky’ Bat walk, Wed 29 Oct, 4.30pm: It’s nearly Halloween – a perfect opportunity to get slightly spooked out and look for bats using our detectors! You’ll discover some fascinating bat facts, see a real dead bat and maybe spot some BMP ghouls along the way 😊 Meet by the picnic tables by the lake. Suggested donation of £2 per person, cash please on the night. See [Facebook](#).

Crepe Paper Mistletoe Workshop with Kristen Campbell, Sat 22 Nov, 10.15-12.45pm, workshop by Service Yard: you will learn to cut, shape, assemble beautiful crepe paper sprigs of Mistletoe, with pearly berries for a creation that you can bring out year after year. Kristen is a local paper flower artist- see her website to [book](#) and [Facebook](#) (www.campbellworkshop.co.uk)

Forest Bathing Sessions with Elizabeth: Reconnect with nature and unwind in the surroundings of BMP woodland; **Sat 25 Oct, Wed 5 Nov, Sat 8 Nov, Sat 22 Nov, Sat 6 Dec, Wed 10 Dec and Sat 20 Dec.** Time: 11:00 – 13:30. £25 per person. Special Offer: Two-for-one tickets available for limited time. Elizabeth is a certified Forest Bathing practitioner who gently guides these 2.5-hour sessions to help you slow down, connect with nature, and restore your wellbeing. Booking or further info via elahoward@hotmail.co.uk

Children and families

Half Term Holiday Club (6-12 year olds) with Tash, Tues 28 & Wed 29 Oct, 10-2pm:

Children can expect fun, outdoor and indoor physical, forest school, nature-based and crafty activities. One hour of SUPA basketball coaching also included. All park facilities will be available. Food not included. £30 per child per day. [Facebook](#) has details. Booking via [Eventbrite](#). Places limited.

Basketball drop-in sessions with SUPA, Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 Oct, 10.30-11.30am:

6-12 yr olds, meet on courts under M4, guided by coach Mario and friends for an hour. Drop in, £3 cash per participant per day.

Great Outdoor Escape (room/game) Family challenge, Sat 29 Nov: This one-hour interactive escape adventure takes family teams (up to 5 people per team for £25) across the park’s diverse habitats from woodland paths to secret indoor spaces, blending storytelling, teamwork, puzzle-solving and exploration into one unforgettable experience. Created in collaboration with and thanks to support of local Escape Game experts at paperadventures.co.uk, this event is perfect for families and groups looking for something a little different. A fun mix of mystery, nature, and laughter is guaranteed. Book time slots (available all day) via [Eventbrite](#)- very limited spaces.



Weekly Winter Toddler Woodland Adventure Club, Thursdays 27 Nov, 4, 11 and 18 Dec, 1-

2.30pm: Bring your pre-schooler to explore the Park habitats and wildlife with Tash.

Sheltered/indoor spaces available and activities will take place both inside and outside.

Meet by Hub. £8 per child over 2yrs (accompanying younger siblings are free) per session.

Booking via [Eventbrite](#). Limited places. Info also on [Facebook](#).

Guided festive nature and sensory trail for neurodivergent children with the Wildheart Foundation and Tash, Mon 22 Dec, 2pm-3.30pm, meet by Service Yard/Walled Garden:

open to all families with children 5-14 who identify as neurodivergent. A relaxed trail with engaging sensory activities loosely themed around winter and Christmas throughout.

Indoor/sheltered spaces available. Email rosalind@thewildways.org.uk to book your free place and see www.thewildways.org.uk

National Childbirth Trust (NCT) Parents and Babies Christmas Party 3 December 10.30-

12pm, Hub. Festive activities for the little ones (up to 3 yrs max) and tea and biscuits for the adults! FREE and open to all new and expectant parents.

Christmas Crafting event with Boston Manor House, Sat 6 Dec, 1.30-3pm, near Service

Yard and Workshop by Walled Garden: an afternoon filled with two fun crafting activities for the whole family (5yrs up)- wrapping paper printing with Boston Manor House (£4 per person for printing activity, mince pie/festive snack and drink included!) and natural Christmas crafting activities with Boston Manor Park team (donations welcome). [Facebook](#) has details.

Gardening and Conservation activities

Weekly Gardening and Conservation Sessions:

Every Tuesday, 10-12.30pm: meet outside the Service yard/ walled garden. Join Vanessa and carry out a variety of gardening and conservation tasks all around the park. These sessions are physically more active than our Thurs sessions.

Every Thursday, 1.30-3.30pm: meet outside the Service yard/ walled garden. Join Vanessa for relaxed, general gardening and growing vegetables. These sessions take place in the walled garden, yard and nearby formal beds and are less physical than Tues sessions.

Public Volunteering (adults), Saturday 18 Oct & 15 Nov (10.30-12.30), meet by Service Yard. This autumn/winter: Help us plant lots of bulbs, mulch the fruit trees, maintain paths and coppice work in the woodland, building dead hedges and creating hedgehog homes.

Youth Volunteering (13 yrs up), Saturdays 18 Oct, 15 Nov (10:30-12.30), 22 Nov (13.30-15:30), 6 Dec, 10.30-12.30: Volunteering specifically for young people (13–18-year-olds) with regular sessions for teenagers looking to meet the D of E award 'Volunteering' requirement and all teenagers wanting to volunteer. Meet promptly by Hub (or Service Yard) – start times can vary, check date and times above. Activities include conservation, gardening and helping run family events/holiday clubs (at other times). Email Tash in advance if you are interested: bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk

Corporate team building and volunteering: we'll host your team!

We offer bespoke opportunities for teams to spend a day (or just a few hours) in the park, volunteering on meaningful conservation and gardening projects and including team-building and fun activities, such as guided sensory/foraging walks, natural arts and crafting, learning basic survival skills in the park. Email Vanessa: bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk

NEW SPACES TO RENT AT BMP: Classroom, Workshop and Woodland

As part of helping the park to become financially sustainable, we are hiring out the Education room, Workshop space (by the Service Yard) and the enclosed Woodland play area (by Boston Manor House) for very modest rates during Mondays-Thursdays 9am-4pm only – outside of these hours, bookings (and fees) are taken by the Potting Shed cafe. These spaces are perfect for exercise classes, holiday clubs, arts and crafts classes, birthday parties, group meet-ups. If you would like more information about costs/ availability or to book any spaces, please email bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk for the information pack putting 'BMP space hire' in the subject line.



Park Hub 'The Potting Shed' Cafe:

Our café The Potting Shed thepottingshed.london is open 7 days a week, 9-4pm. Food 9-3pm. Instagram @pottingshedlondon

The Arts Centre:

After an amazing Summer Walled Garden programme, watch out for spooky productions of [Frankenstein and Dracula](#) and the mesmerising Christmas shows (**A Christmas Carol and The Nutcracker**) in [Boston Manor House](#)! Book via www.theartscentre.co.uk

Boston Manor House events:

A wide range of events are on at the House (theatre, music, crafting, Christmas related!). *My Country is my home (about the Polish community in UK)* on until March 2026. See [What's on - Boston Manor House](#) (www.bostonmanorhouse.org/whats-on)

The Manor kitchen:

The House café is now run by the same team that runs The Potting Shed! Open 10.30-5 daily (except Mondays). Instagram @themanorkitchen

Self-guided BMP Trails:



BMP Audio Trail: download the Echoes app – use this QR code (free download), search for Boston Manor Park on the app (starts near car park) and plug into a mindful walk through the park, listening to poetry, music and the sounds of nature. You might recognise some familiar voices and will finish feeling calm and relaxed in the walled garden. Pick up the walk leaflet outside Hub.

BMP Activity Trails (self guided, all available to download or pick up in paper form (Trails 2&3 only) outside Hub:

- Trail 1 (*Nature and Wellbeing*)
- Trail 2 (*Get to know the park!*)
- Trail 3 (*Wonderful Wildlife*)

Download free copies in English and Polish from and [Volunteering in Hounslow Parks | Let's Talk Hounslow](#) (side bar, scroll down the page) and on <https://www.ealingparks.foundation/nature-trails>

Secret Bird Mosaic Trail

Can you spot our 7 bird mosaics hanging in the woodland (top woodland path, starting near the lake and ending by oak tree by M4 flyover)? You will see a jay, a woodpecker, a sparrow, a magpie, a robin, a starling and a chaffinch. Mosaics were made by the community and Susie John, a local artist. Pick up a leaflet with photos outside Hub to help you spot them!

Go Orienteering Trails

Can you find all the markers ('controls') hidden around the park? Learn how to navigate and then find and follow three different (easy, medium and hard) orienteering routes around

the park. Download the free orienteering maps at
https://www.goorienteering.org.uk/course/boston_manor_park

Strava Running Club

Boston Manor Park's own running club and running routes (co-created with WE RUN EALING, community based running organisation). See
<https://www.strava.com/clubs/1196851> (BMP2023 is Club on Strava).

Join our BMP outdoor events and volunteering mailing list: email bostonmanorpark@hounslow.gov.uk to receive regular updates on all our outdoor events and activities, including family events in school holidays.
Follow and Like our **Facebook page @BMPoutdoorevents**
Find our school workshop programme 2025-26 [here](#)