







# SEEN




Somerset Environmental  
and Ecological News







## Community Events Calendar



Image (linked)	Event name	Description	Time and Date	Location
	<p>Make Do Can Do</p>	<p>Exciting stands, workshops and presentations.</p> <p>The focus is on how we can all improve our carbon footprint, help the environment and save money in these challenging times by being creative, making do, and enjoying life in Wells.</p> <p>Schools climate poster competition: chosen through a people's Vote for the best three.</p>	<p>Saturday 1 July  10.30am - 2.30pm</p>	<p>Wells Portway Annexe</p>

	<p>Wivey Grows Midsummer Walk</p>	<p>Wivey Grows community based growing project invites you to a free guided tour of their beautiful 11 acre site, meet the teams, see what's growing and the methods they use.</p>	<p>Saturday 8 July 11am-1pm</p>	<p>Langley House, Wilveliscombe, TA4 2UF</p>
		<p>Join the Yeovil Rivers Community Trusts on their volunteer morning for a range of activities from habitat management to wildlife surveys and more! Email: <a href="mailto:info@yrct.org.uk">info@yrct.org.uk</a> for more information and location.</p>	<p>Saturday 8 July  10am – 2pm</p>	<p>Lawrence Way grassland, opposite Brook Close, Yeovil, BA21 3JP</p>
	<p>Sea Watch Training</p>	<p>Led by Vanessa Lloyd of the Sea Watch Foundation, this session will start with an introduction in the Creator Space at East Quay, Watchet (9.30am - 11.00am). To include an illustrated talk on the general biology and classification of cetacean species, species identification, conservation issues and recommended survey methodology. This will be followed by a sea watch at Watchet Harbour from 11.30am – 1.30pm to put our skills into practice.</p>	<p>Sunday 9 July  9.30am – 1.30pm</p>	<p>Creator Space, East Key, Watchet</p>
	<p>The Somerset Food Trail Festival</p>	<p>Celebrating the best of locally produced, delicious and sustainable food. A countywide event focused specifically on our more nature-friendly farmers and artisan producers – the local food heroes who are leading the transition to a new agroecological era of</p>	<p>Friday 14 – Sunday 30 July</p>	<p>Check out the <a href="#">Somerset Food Trail Festival</a> website to find out where</p>

		food and farming – to cut emissions, restore wildlife and produce better, more nutritious and delicious food.		events are happening.
	Sutton Bingham Reservoir	Join Yeovil Rivers Community Trust on their seasonal wildlife walks at Sutton Bingham Reservoir, in collaboration with Wessex Water as part of our Yeovil Wellbeing, Wildlife and Water Community Programme. Saturday 15th July at 10.30am - 12:00pm Enquiries to: <a href="mailto:karis.hockey@yrct.org.uk">karis.hockey@yrct.org.uk</a>	Saturday 15 July 10.30am – 12 noon	Sutton Bingham Reservoir Picnic Site BA22 9QP
	Somerset Wildlife Trust Big Butterfly Count Family Afternoon	Join the Somerset Wildlife Trust for a family event getting to know beautiful butterflies! Using ID sheets and the Big Butterfly App we will learn how to identify local butterflies. Walking from the churchyard to the local nature reserve we'll look out for butterflies that make these habitats their home, and learn how to survey them. Suitable for ages 6+. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.	Sunday 16 July 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Brent Knoll Somerset Exact location TBC. Please check the <a href="http://www.somersetwildlifetrust.org.uk">Somerset Wildlife Trust</a> website
	Wells and District Wildlife Group Glow Worm walk	Stroll through the back lanes of Westbury Sub-Mendip after dark with expert Peter Bright. £5 per person (under 16's free) payable on booking	Thursday 20 July 9.15pm	The exact location is given on booking.

	<p>Frome Wild Bunch</p> <p>Bees and butterflies guided walk</p>	<p>On location in Rodden Meadow, local butterfly and wildflower experts will take us on a guided walk, hoping to spot butterflies and the flowers that feed them.</p>	<p>Thursday 20 July 1.30pm</p>	<p>Rodden Meadow, BA11 1AX</p>
<p><b>Sustainable Street</b></p> <p>Street Somerset Methodist Church Crispin Centre</p> 	<p>Sustainable Street</p>	<p>Eco friendly and ethical stalls plus workshops &amp; talks. Lots to be involved in on the day, plus lots of lovely products from various businesses and interesting talks by conservation organisations.</p>	<p>Saturday 22 July  10am - 4pm</p>	<p>Methodist Church, Crispen Centre, High Street Street  BA16 0HA</p>
	<p>Young Peoples Marine Science Day</p>	<p>Are you 14 to 18+ years old and interested in a career or volunteering opportunities in marine science or just passionate about protecting the ocean? Spend a fun day finding out about marine ecology and coastal environmental science with local volunteers and experts. Join in with our intertidal survey and learn how to identify and record marine species. Have you say about how young people can be better engaged with protecting our ocean and local seas.</p>	<p>Friday 4 August  10.30am – 4.30pm</p>	<p>Dunster Beach  Tickets: FREE</p>
	<p>Crayfish Control Day</p>	<p>Exmoor's rivers are under threat from an aquatic invader - the signal crayfish, recognised as one of the most damaging invasive species in the UK. Join the Exmoor National Park Authority for the morning, where we'll be walking along the riverbed turning stones, and using nets to catch signal crayfish.</p>	<p>Wednesday 16 August  10am – 1pm</p>	<p>Meet at:  Exford car park opposite the Crown Hotel Exford TA24 7PP</p>

 <p>Photo © Gilles San Martin</p>	<p>Bat Walk</p>	<p>An evening around the Bishops Palace Moat in Wells with local bat expert Dave Cottle and members of the Somerset Bat Group.</p> <p>Learn how to use a bat detector and get facts about the different species.</p> <p>Numbers are limited on this walk so booking is essential, and payment £5 per person is required in advance.</p>	<p>Tuesday 22 August</p> <p>8pm-10pm</p>	<p>Bishops Palace Moat, Wells Cathedral,  Wells, Somerset  BA5 2PD</p>
	<p>The Big Bat Count</p>	<p>In partnership with the Somerset Bat Group, the Big Bat Count Bridgwater is your chance to get involved in real-time, night-time monitoring of bat species and use the very latest, cutting edge bat detecting technology to collect data about bat activity in our urban environments. The more data we collect about the county's bats, the better we can conserve the habitats they call home.</p>	<p>Saturday 26 August 7.15pm</p>	<p>Meet at:</p> <p>Bridgwater Town Hall  Bridgwater  Somerset  TA6 3BL</p>
	<p>Somerset Wildlife Trust</p> <p>The European Eel</p>	<p>This is an evening talk in which Mia Bryant from the Westcountry Rivers Trust will talk to us about the life and ecology of these fascinating and mysterious animals.</p> <p>No booking required, for more information: Tel: 01934 732484 or Email: rrrh1@btinternet.com</p> <p>Suggested donation £2.50 SWT members - £3.00 non-members</p>	<p>Tuesday 19 September</p> <p>7pm – 8.30pm</p>	<p>Cheddar Community Pavillion</p> <p>Sharpham Road  BS27 3DR</p> <p>ST 447 533 - Just off the B3151 near the junction with A371 - sign posted Cheddar Valley Rugby Club.</p>

				PLEASE DO NOT USE SAT NAV TO FIND YOUR WAY TO CHEDDAR PAVILION
	Frome Wildbunch Hedgehog Awareness	Laura Batts from Prickles Hedgehog rescue centre will be leading a session on hedgehog awareness, at a time of year when we need to make sure our local hedgehog population are well fed and sheltered, prior to hibernation.	Thursday 21 September  1.30pm – 2.30pm	Frome Town Hall  BA11 1EB
	Somerset and Exmoor Coast Festival	The first ever Somerset and Exmoor Coast Festival is happening for the whole of September, and is a brilliant opportunity to walk the entire coast of Somerset, from Brea to Porlock Weir and celebrate its National Trail status.  If you're interested in joining as a visitor or business you can find out more and register your interest.	Saturday 23 September – Sunday 1 October	To find out more about what is happening and when visit the <a href="#">Somerset &amp; Exmoor Coast Festival</a> website