

Environmental Events

Digwyddiadau Amgylcheddol
Swansea • Abertawe



February - July 2013
Chwefror - Gorffennaf

Introduction

This is the first of two editions of the 2013 Environmental Events booklet. It provides details of over 200 events taking place in and around Swansea from mid-February to the end of July. These events include guided walks and cycle rides, a wide range of talks, workshops and training courses about wildlife and environmental issues, and lots of children's activities in wonderful natural settings. Most of the events are FREE or at low cost so everyone can get involved.

June is a particularly busy month with the Wales Biodiversity Week, UK Bike Week and the popular Gower Walking Festival. Look out also for Fairtrade Fortnight in February and the Wise Up to Waste Week at the end of May.



This booklet is compiled by the City and County of Swansea's Nature Conservation Team (contact details below) with funding from the Countryside Council for Wales. Please note that information on events run by other organisations is published in good faith and the City and County of Swansea cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies. For further information on local organisations, please refer to the contact list at the back of the booklet. Additional events may also be listed on their websites. If you have relevant events that you wish to be included in the next edition, please get in touch.



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Cyflwyniad

Dyma'r cyntaf o ddau argraffiad o'r llyfryn Digwyddiadau Amgylcheddol 2013. Mae'n darparu manylion am dros 200 o ddigwyddiadau a gynhelir o fewn ac o amgylch Abertawe o ganol mis Chwefror hyd at ddiwedd mis Gorffennaf. Mae'r digwyddiadau hyn yn cynnwys teithiau cerdded dan arweiniad a theithiau beicio, amrywiaeth eang o sgysiau, gweithdai a chysiau hyfforddi am fywyd gwylt a materion amgylcheddol, a llawer o weithgareddau i blant mewn lleoliadau naturiol hyfryd. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o'r digwyddiadau AM DDIM neu'n rhad fel y gall pawb gymryd rhan.

Mae mis Mehefin yn fis arbennig o brysur gydag Wythnos Bioamrywiaeth Cymru, Wythnos feicio'r DU a Gŵyl Gerdded boblogaidd Gŵyr. Cadwch lygad am Bythefnos Masnach Deg ym mis Chwefror ac Wythnos Craff am Wastraff ar ddiwedd mis Mai.

Lluniwyd y llyfryn hwn gan Dîm Cadwraeth Natur Dinas a Sir Abertawe (manylion cyswllt isod) gydag arian gan Gyngor Cefn

Gwlad Cymru . Sylwer bod gwybodaeth am ddigwyddiadau a gynhelir gan sefydliadau eraill yn cael ei chyhoeddi'n ddiwyll ac ni fydd Dinas a Sir Abertawe'n derbyn cyfrifoldeb am unrhyw wallau. Am fwy o wybodaeth am sefydliadau lleol, gweler y rhestr o gysylltiadau yng nghefn y llyfryn. Mae'n bosib y rhestrir digwyddiadau ychwanegol ar eu gwefannau. Os oes gennych unrhyw ddigwyddiadau perthnasol yr hoffech i ni eu cynnwys yn yr argraffiad nesaf, cysylltwch â ni.



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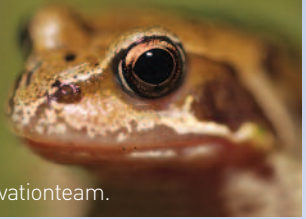
Biodiversity in Swansea

People who live in Swansea or visit the area can enjoy a natural environment of outstanding quality and beauty.

There is a great diversity of landscapes and habitats including upland moorland, coastal cliffs, sandy beaches, heathland, woodland, wetlands, river valleys, grasslands, sand dunes and estuaries. These habitats, together with the many historic parks and gardens, pockets of urban green space and large areas of farmland, support a huge diversity of plant and animal species and make Swansea one of the most attractive and ecologically diverse counties in the UK.

There are, however, many threats to Swansea's wonderful biodiversity such as lack of awareness, inappropriate management, recreational pressure, invasive species, pollution, climate change and development.

To find out more about biodiversity in Swansea and what you can do to help preserve and enhance it, visit www.biodiversitywales.org.uk or www.swansea.gov.uk/natureconservationteam.

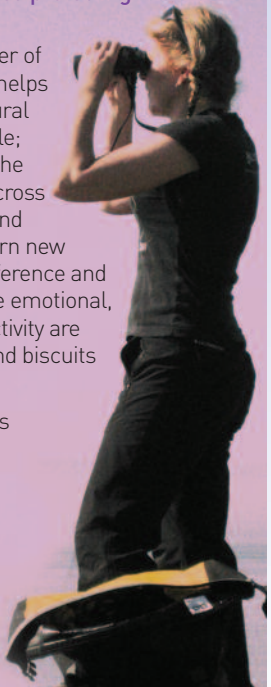


Can You Give Wildlife a Helping Hand?

Our many and diverse wildlife sites need protecting and looking after.

We are fortunate that there are a number of organisations in Swansea whose work helps to safeguard and enhance urban and rural sites for the benefit of wildlife and people; but it's a big job and help is needed on the ground. Volunteer opportunities exist across Swansea working on a variety of sites and locations and offering the chance to learn new skills, meet new people, make a big difference and spend time in beautiful landscapes. The emotional, mental and physical benefits of such activity are well documented. Tools, training, tea and biscuits are always provided!

Swansea's Nature Conservation Team is currently running two major initiatives, Countryside Connections and Swansea Nature Network, which both provide a range of opportunities for volunteering across the County. To find out more contact Helen Grey on 01792 636893, helen.grey@swansea.gov.uk or Sean Hathaway on 01792 635749, sean.hathaway@swansea.gov.uk



Bioamrywiaeth yn Abertawe

Gall pobl sy'n byw yn Abertawe neu sy'n ymweld â'r ardal fwynhau amgylchedd naturiol o safon a harddwch eithriadol.

Ceir amrywiaeth mawr o dirweddau a chynefinoedd gan gynnwys gweundir uchel, clogwyni arfordirol, traethau tywod, rhostir, coetir, gwlyptiroedd, dyffrynnoedd afonydd, glaswelltir, twyni tywod ac aberoedd. Mae'r cynefinoedd hyn, ynghyd â'r llu o barciau a gerddi hanesyddol, mannau gwyrdd trefol ac ardaloedd helaeth o ffermdir, yn cynnal amrywiaeth aruthrol o rywogaethau planhigion ac anifeiliaid ac yn gwneud Abertawe'n un o siroedd mwyaf deniadol ac ecolegol amrywiol y DU.

Fodd bynnag, mae llawer o fygythiadau i fioamrywiaeth ryfeddol Abertawe megis diffyg ymwybyddiaeth, rheolaeth amhriodol, pwysau hamdden, rhywogaethau ymledol, llygredd, newid yn yr hinsawdd a datblygiadau.

Am fwy o wybodaeth am fioamrywiaeth yn Abertawe a'r hyn y gallwch ei wneud i helpu i'w diogelu a'i gwella, ewch i www.abertawe.gov.uk/natureconservationteam neu www.biodiversitywales.org.uk



Allwch Chi Roi Help Llaw i Fywyd Gwylt?

Mae angen diogelu a gofalu am ein safleoedd bywyd gwylt helaeth ac amrywiol.

Rydym yn ffodus bod nifer o sefydliadau yn Abertawe sy'n gweithio i ddiogelu a gwella safleoedd trefol a gwledig er budd bywyd gwylt a phobl; ond mae'n fawr ac mae angen llawer o help. Mae cyfleoedd ar gael, ar draws Abertawe, i wirfoddolwyr weithio ar amrywiaeth o safleoedd a lleoliadau sy'n cynnig cyfle i ddysgu sgiliau newydd, cwrdd â phobl newydd, gwneud gwahaniaeth a threulio amser mewn tirluniau hyfryd. Mae manteision emosiynol, meddyliol a chorfforol gweithgaredd fel hyn yn hysbys. Darperir offer, hyfforddiant, te a bisgedi bob tro!

Mae Tîm Cadwraeth Natur Abertawe yn gweithredu dwy brif fenter ar hyn o bryd, Cysylltiadau Cefn Gwlad a Rhwydwaith Natur Abertawe, ac mae'r ddwy yn darparu amrywiaeth o gyfleoedd gwirfoddoli ar draws y Sir. I gael mwy o wybodaeth, ffoniwch Helen Grey ar 01792 636893, helen.grey@swansea.gov.uk neu Sean Hathaway ar 01792 635749, sean.hathaway@swansea.gov.uk

Everyone Welcome

Most events listed in this booklet are open to anyone. Please always be considerate to others and the environment – remember the countryside code and use sustainable travel where possible.

Cancellations: The event leader will usually be at the start of an event even if it has been cancelled due to poor weather or other circumstances. To avoid unnecessary journeys, you may wish to call in advance.

Disability: If you have a visual, hearing or mobility disability and need further details in order to join in some of these events, please contact the organiser for more information.

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed at many events, especially countryside walks. Please call event leader to check.

Car Parking: Not all walks or other events start from recognised car parks. Please be considerate when parking and take care not to obstruct gates, other vehicles, etc.

Sustainable Travel: Many of the events in this booklet can be accessed using public transport or cycling. For bus routes and timetables please contact Traveline Cymru on 0871 200 2233 or at www.traveline-cymru.info or visit the BayTrans website www.baytrans.org.uk

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Croeso i Bawb

Mae croeso i unrhyw un gymryd rhan yn y rhan fwyaf o'r digwyddiadau a restrir yma. Cofiwch fod yn ystyriol o bobl eraill a'r amgylchedd bob tro - cofiwch y cŵd cefn gwlad a defnyddiwch gludiant cynaliadwy lle bo modd.

Canslo: Fel arfer bydd arweinydd y digwyddiad yn bresennol ar ddechrau digwyddiad, hyd yn oed os yw wedi cael ei ganslo oherwydd tywydd gwael neu amgylchiadau eraill. I osgoi teithiau diangen, mae'n syniad i chi ffonio ymlaen llaw.

Enabledd: Os oes gennych nam ar eich golwg neu'ch clyw neu anabledd symudedd ac mae angen mwy o fanylion arnoch er mwyn cymryd rhan yn rhai o'r digwyddiadau hyn, cysylltwch â'r trefnydd am fwy o wybodaeth.

Cŵn: Ni chaniateir cŵn mewn llawer o ddigwyddiadau, yn arbennig ar deithiau cerdded yng nghefn gwlad. Cysylltwch ag arweinydd y digwyddiad i gadarnhau hyn.

Meysydd Parcio: Nid yw pob taith gerdded neu ddigwyddiadau eraill yn dechrau o faes parcio cydnabyddedig. Byddwch yn ystyriol wrth barcio a sicrhewch nad ydych yn rhwystro gatiau, cerbydau eraill etc.

Cludiant Cynaliadwy: Gellir mynd i lawer o'r digwyddiadau sydd yn y daflen hon trwy ddefnyddio cludiant cyhoeddus neu feicio. I gael llwybrau ac amserlenni bysus, cysylltwch â Traveline Cymru trwy fynd i www.traveline-cymru.info neu ffoniwch 0871 200 2233 neu ewch i wefan BayTrans www.baytrans.org.uk



Local Produce Markets

Here are the basic details of seven regular local produce markets in Swansea. There are brief entries at relevant dates each month and details of any special events.

Gorseinon Food and Craft Fayre

Second Saturday of month, 9am–1pm

Canolfan Gorseinon Centre, Millers Drive, Gorseinon

Locally produced food, arts and crafts. For further information contact Canolfan Gorseinon Centre, 01792 897657.

Llangennith Local Produce Market

Last Saturday of month, April to September, 9.30am–1pm

Llangennith Hall, Llangennith, Gower

Market with vegetables, meat, produce and crafts for sale. For further information contact Catherine Evans, 01792 386262.

Mumbles Local Produce Market

Second Saturday of month, 9am–1pm

The Dairy Car Park, Oystermouth Square, Mumbles

Local produce market and a celebration of Welsh food. For further information contact Robin Bonham, 01792 405169.

Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Third Saturday of month, 9.30am–12.30pm

Penclawdd Community Centre, Penclawdd

Local produce market including fresh Gower vegetables, fresh fish and meat, dairy products, crafts, etc. For further information contact Dave Williams, 01792 850162.

Pennard Produce Market

Usually second Sunday of month, 9.30am–12.30pm

Pennard Community Centre, Pennard

Local vegetable produce, fresh fish and meat, and dairy products. For further information contact Lyn Williams, 01792 230007.

Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Second Wednesday of month, 9.30am–12.30pm

The Institute, St Teilo's Street, Pontarddulais

Local fresh produce and crafts and small cafe. For further information contact Gail John, 01792 885890.

Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

First Saturday of month, 9.30am–12.30pm

Bishop Gore School canteen, De la Beche Road, Sketty

Fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, meats, and crafts for sale. For further information contact Dave Williams, 01792 850162.

February / Chwefror

THU 21ST FEBRUARY GOING, GOING...BUT NOT QUITE GONE!

- MEET** 6.30pm,
Knelston
Primary
School, Gower
- CONTACT** Countryside
Connections,
01792 636893
- DETAILS** A short
evening talk
and fun
activities for
all the family
to find out
about the
plight of our
tree sparrows
and what we
can do to help
the local
population. The event will run until approx. 7.30pm.



FRI 22ND FEBRUARY THE SCENERY AND WILDLIFE OF NEW ZEALAND

- MEET** 7.15pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
- CONTACT** Peter Douglas-Jones, Gower Ornithological Society,
01792 360287
- DETAILS** A talk by David Rich on his recent visit to New Zealand.

SAT 23RD AND SUN 24TH FEBRUARY HAVE A GO AT HEDGELAYING

- MEET** 10am–3pm, National Trust, South Pilton Green Farm,
Pilton Green, Rhossili, Gower
- CONTACT** Countryside Connections, 01792 636893
- DETAILS** A 2-day practical outdoor workshop providing a chance
to have a go at this traditional form of countryside
management and help improve the habitat for wildlife.
Places must be booked in advance and there is a small
charge of £5 per person per day (to be donated to
National Trust). Call for further details.

SAT 23RD FEBRUARY CONSERVATION DAY AT THE FARM

- MEET** 10am–3pm, Swansea
Community Farm, Fforestfach
- CONTACT** Alyson Williams, 01792 578384
- DETAILS** Take part in seasonal
conservation tasks at the
Farm and neighbouring
woodland and heathland sites:
path clearance, fence repair,
coppicing, species
identification, fruit picking,
bramble bashing, litter picks
and much more. For ages 8–16
years, fee £1.50 per person.





SAT 23RD FEBRUARY SWANSEA BEACH SAFARI

MEET 10am, 360 Beach & Watersports, Mumbles Road, Swansea
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
DETAILS Join marine biologist Judith Oakley to discover the hidden wildlife of Swansea Beach. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear as it will be muddy. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3+ only. This 2hr event is free but booking is essential and parking charges may apply.

SUN 24TH FEBRUARY ECO-TRIBE

MEET 3–5pm, call for details
CONTACT Sarah Leedham, St.Madoc Centre, 01792 386291
DETAILS Outdoor environmental activities for children and parents/carers. Please book in advance.

MON 25TH FEBRUARY TO SUN 10TH MARCH FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Swansea Fair Trade Forum has arranged a varied programme of local activities to mark the annual national campaign. For a full programme and booking details contact Jenny Edwards on 01792 480200 or visit www.fairtradeswansea.org.uk.

MON 25TH FEBRUARY FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

MEET 10am–12.30pm, Oxfam shop, Union Street, Swansea
CONTACT Clare Bennett, Oxfam, 01792 654287
DETAILS Kick off Fairtrade Fortnight with a visit to the Oxfam shop on Union Street for a cup of Fairtrade coffee or tea.

TUE 26TH FEBRUARY TRANSITION FILM EVENING

MEET 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Martin Willson, Transition Swansea, 01792 463994
DETAILS Watch and discuss some short films about the Transition movement.

WED 27TH FEBRUARY PUB QUIZ FOR FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

MEET 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Hannah Mitchell, Environment Centre, 01792 480200
DETAILS Bring a team or join one on the night for some fundraising fun. Questions will cover a mix of fair trade facts, environmental trivia and general knowledge. £3 entry per person. Refreshments available for a donation or bring your own.

March / Mawrth

FRI 1ST MARCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE PRODUCER AT TAPESTRI

- MEET** 7pm, Tapestri Café Bar, Orchard Street, Swansea
- CONTACT** Deb Wozencraft, Co-operative Membership Officer, 07702 505665 or 01938 553904
- DETAILS** Enjoy a delicious fair trade supper at Tapestri and meet a Fairtrade coffee producer from Guatemala. Booking essential. £5 per person to include buffet and glass of Fairtrade wine. A Fairtrade Fortnight event supported by Co-operative Membership.
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SAT 2ND MARCH SKETTY LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 2ND MARCH ST DAVID'S DAY AT THE FARM

- MEET** 10am–3pm,
Swansea
Communa Farm,
Fforestfach
- CONTACT** Kate Gibbs, 01792 578384
- DETAILS** A free fun-filled open day celebrating 'Dydd Gwyl Dewi' and all things Welsh. Activities will include cooking demonstrations and a chance to try traditional arts and crafts. There will be a fancy dress parade at 1pm with a prize for the best-dressed children.



SUN 3RD MARCH ROSEHILL QUARRY TASK DAY

- MEET** 10am–12noon, Rosehill Quarry, Terrace Road, Mount Pleasant, Swansea
- CONTACT** Jannie Cherry, Rosehill Quarry Group, 01792 477863
- DETAILS** Help maintain this beautiful open space and wildlife area with spectacular views over Swansea Bay.
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SUN 3RD MARCH BIRDWATCHING AT WILDLIFE CENTRE

- MEET** 10am–1pm, Blackpill Wildlife Centre, Blackpill, Swansea
- CONTACT** Maggie Cornelius, RSPB, 01792 229244
- DETAILS** Join members of RSPB West Glamorgan group birdwatching across Swansea Bay SSSI. Open to members and public.
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WED 6TH MARCH SWANSEA BAY FAIR TRADE WAY

- MEET** 11am, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
- CONTACT** Jenny Edwards, Environment Centre, 01792 480200
- DETAILS** A walk from the Environment Centre along the seafront to The Red Cafe in Mumbles for a Fairtrade lunch. Please bring cash to purchase Fairtrade refreshments along the way and to pay for a bus ride back to Swansea, if required.

WED 6TH MARCH BIODIVERSITY OF THE BAY

- MEET** 6pm, 360 Beach & Watersports, Mumbles Road, Swansea
- CONTACT** Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
- DETAILS** An illustrated talk with marine biologist Judith Oakley introducing the wealth of wildlife to be found living along Swansea Beach and out in Swansea Bay. Free 1½hr event but booking essential and parking charges may apply.
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WED 6TH MARCH CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT CAN A COUNTRY THE SIZE OF WALES DO?

- MEET** 6.30–7.30pm, Wallace Lecture Theatre, Wallace Building, Swansea University
- CONTACT** Cynthia Froyd, C3W, 01792 602375
- DETAILS** A lecture by Peter Davies, Chair of the Climate Change Commission for Wales. Part of the Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W) public lecture series – Our Changing Climate: Science, Impacts and Policy. Pre-lecture reception from 6pm.
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THU 7TH MARCH RESTORING A HISTORIC GARDEN AT HIGH GLANAU

- MEET** 2pm, St. Paul's Parish Centre, De La Beche Road, Sketty
- CONTACT** Ann Gardner, Welsh Historic Gardens Trust, 01792 290014
- DETAILS** A talk by Helena Gerrish. Admission £3 to include light refreshments.
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SAT 9TH MARCH SWANSEA BEACH SAFARI

- MEET** 9.30am, 360 Beach and Watersports, Mumbles Road, Swansea
- CONTACT** Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
- DETAILS** Join marine biologist Judith Oakley to discover the hidden wildlife of Swansea Beach. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear as it will be muddy. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3+ only. This 2hr event is free but booking is essential and parking charges may apply.
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SAT 9TH MARCH KITES AND DIPPERS: BUILD A BUG HOUSE

- MEET** 10am, Welfare Hall, Craig Cefn Parc
- CONTACT** Vicky Rees, 01792 846443
- DETAILS** Learn all about the life of bugs, build a bug house and go on a bug hunt. RSPB group for children aged 8–18 years. Non-members welcome but please call first.



SAT 9TH MARCH MUMBLES LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 9TH MARCH GORSEINON FOOD AND CRAFT FAYRE

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 9TH MARCH MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

MEET 11am–4pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea

CONTACT Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600

DETAILS Celebrate fair trade fortnight and learn how to make a difference. Fairtrade stalls to browse, print your own bookmark with a fair trade message, contribute to our fair trade art installation. In partnership with Oxfam Cymru and Swansea Fair Trade Forum.

SUN 10TH MARCH PENNARD PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SUN 10TH MARCH WALK IN GLAIS

MEET 9.30am, Glais Rugby Football Club car park, Glais

CONTACT Marlay John, RSPB, 01792 816250

DETAILS Beginners and new members welcome. Warm weatherproof clothing and boots may be necessary. Please leave dogs at home. Walks are undertaken at your own risk.

SUN 10TH MARCH SPRING IS IN THE AIR

MEET 10am–12noon, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT Tim Orrell, 01792 635749

DETAILS As the cold months of winter give way to spring, discover the exciting changes taking place in the woods.



SUN 10TH MARCH ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see Sun 24th February.

TUE 12TH MARCH BTO: FROM FACTS TO ACTION

MEET 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust Local Group, 01792 635784

DETAILS Learn more about BTO's surveys and research about our wild birds, how the evidence helps inform practical conservation and how you can get involved, with Kelvin Jones, British Trust for Ornithology.

WED 13TH MARCH PONTARDDULAIS LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

WED 13TH MARCH NATURE'S VALUE TO SOCIETY

- MEET** 7pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Jayne Vickrage, Swansea Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098
DETAILS A talk by Jo Mullett of Swansea Council on how gardeners can help biodiversity. Everyone welcome.

WED 13TH MARCH SWANSEA CIVIC SOCIETY AGM

- MEET** 7pm, Civic Centre, Swansea
CONTACT John Steevens, Swansea Civic Society, 01792 643791
DETAILS Join the Civic Society for their AGM which will include a talk from Prof. David Warner, Senior Provost, Swansea Metropolitan, University of Wales & Trinity St. David.

FRI 15TH MARCH RSPB LOCAL GROUP QUIZ AND SOCIAL EVENING

- MEET** 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Russell Evans, RSPB, 07977 258158
DETAILS Entry £1.50. Tea, coffee and biscuits available for 60p. Visitors welcome.

SAT 16TH MARCH PENCLAWDD LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 16TH MARCH FAMILY WORK DAY AT THE FARM

- MEET** 10am–3pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Kate Gibbs, 01792 578384
DETAILS Take part in the running of a small working farm. Activities include animal care, organic gardening, healthy cooking, basic construction, farm maintenance and much more. Children under 8yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Wear suitable clothing. Fee £1.50 per person. Book in advance.

SAT 16TH MARCH PROPAGATION TASK DAY

- MEET** 11am, Coeden Fach Tree Nursery, Bishopston, Swansea
CONTACT Kate Davies, 07831 923244
DETAILS Give a hand to sow locally collected tree seed.

SAT 16TH MARCH WALK AROUND PENLLERGARE WOODS

- MEET** 2pm, Penllergare Valley Woods (A48 entrance near Lezzet Cafe)
CONTACT Dawn Thomas, Gower Society Youth, 01792 392919
DETAILS A 4½km walk around the old estate of John Dillwyn Llewelyn, looking at the landscaped gardens of this extensive estate. All children and their parents welcome.

SUN 17TH MARCH BIRDWATCHING AT WILDLIFE CENTRE

Repeat event. See details for Sun 3rd March.

SUN 17TH MARCH OPEN DAY AT BLACKPILL

- MEET** 11am–2pm, Blackpill Wildlife Centre, Blackpill, Swansea
CONTACT Jannie Cherry, Rosehill Quarry Group, 01792 477863
DETAILS Free family event where you can discover your local environment with a range of activities and information. A collaborative event hosted by local voluntary groups such as RSPB and Rosehill Quarry.

TUE 19TH MARCH BIRD WALK

- MEET** 10am–12noon, Cwmdonkin Park, Uplands, Swansea
CONTACT Steve Hopkins or Jess Gatley, 01792 205327
DETAILS Look out for birds around the park with experts. Binoculars are available or bring your own if you have them.
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TUE 19TH MARCH BEEKEEPING COURSE

- MEET** 7–9pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Chris Jones, 01792 578384
DETAILS A 10-week course teaching everything you need to know about bees. Course costs £50 per person and includes practical sessions in the Farm's apiary and harvesting your own honey at the end of the course. Booking essential.
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TUE 19TH MARCH TIDAL ENERGY AND TRANSITION

- MEET** 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Martin Willson, Transition Swansea, 01792 463994
DETAILS A talk on the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon energy project, followed by the Transition Swansea AGM.
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THU 21ST MARCH SWISHING

- MEET** 6.30–8pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Hannah, Environment Centre, 01792 480200
DETAILS Ladies, are your wardrobes bulging with clothes that you don't wear and want to see go to a good home? Why not bring them to this clothes swapping event. Looking good doesn't have to cost the earth. Swap Don't Shop! £4 entry, free refreshments.
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THU 21ST AND FRI 22ND MARCH BAT WALKS

- MEET** 6.30pm, National Wetland Centre Wales, Llanelli
CONTACT WWT, National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087
DETAILS An evening walk around the wetland reserve searching for bats, using bat detectors. £2 per person, includes admission.



FRI 22ND MARCH DIGISCOPING VIDEO

- MEET** 7.15pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Jeremy Douglas-Jones, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 551331
DETAILS A talk by Mark Hipkin on the equipment and techniques of digital video photography with examples from the world of ornithology.
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SAT 23RD MARCH CONSERVATION DAY AT THE FARM

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd February.

SAT 23RD MARCH INTRODUCTION TO BUSHCRAFT COURSE

- MEET** 9.30am–5pm, contact for location
CONTACT Dryad Bushcraft, 01792 547213
DETAILS One-day course introducing a range of basic bushcraft tools, techniques and skills. Suitable for anyone over 8 years. Course fee £90 adults, £60 concessions.
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SAT 23RD MARCH ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COURSE

- MEET** 10am–12.30pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Alyson Williams, 01792 578384
DETAILS Learn about a different animal each month and gain hands-on practical experience on how to handle and care for the animals. Suitable for 8–16 year olds. Course can be joined at any time and will require handling of the animals and some written work. Fee £1.50 per person per session.
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SAT 23RD MARCH EARTH HOUR AT THE FARM

- MEET** 10am–3pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Alyson Williams, 01792 578384
DETAILS Earth Hour is a worldwide day for saving energy. Come along to the Farm and get hints and tips on saving energy and exploring alternative ways of using energy, such as cooking on an open fire and making candles. Fee £1.50 per person.
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SAT 23RD MARCH SIGNS OF SPRING DAY

- MEET** 11am–5pm, National Wetland Centre Wales, Llanelli
CONTACT WWT, National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087
DETAILS All-day family fun celebrating the beginning of spring. Including trails, craft activities and our first pond-dipping session of 2013. Usual entrance fees apply.
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SUN 24TH MARCH AT GOWER'S END

- MEET** 9.30am, by slip bridge, Swansea or 10.15am, car park, Rhossili
CONTACT Swansea Outdoor Group, 07926 165768
DETAILS A 7 mile walk from Rhossili to Llangennith. Dogs on leads welcome.

SUN 24TH MARCH LANGLAND BEACH CLEAN AND LITTER SURVEY

MEET 10am, car park by tennis courts, Langland, Gower

CONTACT Rebecca O'Dowd, Marine Conservation Society, 07772 218655

DETAILS Help clean the beach, produce an easy but informative litter survey and have some fun. Children must be accompanied by adults. All equipment will be provided.

SUN 24TH MARCH ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see Sun 24th February.

FRI 29TH MARCH TO SUN 14TH APRIL EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

MEET 11am–5pm, National Wetland Centre Wales, Llanelli

CONTACT WWT, National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS All-day family fun including Easter egg hunting, den building, breeding and baby birds walks, pond dipping and craft activities. Usual entrance fees apply.

SAT 30TH MARCH EASTER TRAIL AT SOUTHGATE

MEET 12noon–4pm, National Trust car park, Southgate, Gower

CONTACT National Trust, 01792 390636

DETAILS Hunt for clues along the cliffs to win an Easter egg. Booking not essential. £1.50 per child.



SAT 30TH MARCH KILVEY EASTER WALK AND TREASURE HUNT

MEET 2–4pm, Llanerch Road, Bonymaen, Swansea

CONTACT Marian, Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers, 07988 721613

DETAILS All welcome on this family walk in the Kilvey Hill woodland. Please bring own refreshments, dress for the weather and wear strong footwear. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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TUE 2ND AND WED 3RD APRIL EASTER PLAYScheme AT THE FARM

MEET 10am–2.30pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Alyson Williams, 01792 578384

DETAILS A wide range of activities including adventure play, sports games, woodwork, junk arts and crafts, and much more. Children need to be registered with the Farm before they can take part in the playscheme (please ask for a registration form in advance or fill one in for your child on their first day). Ages 8–16 years. Under 8's welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable clothing is advisable. Fee £1 per child.

WED 3RD APRIL PARKMILL EVENING WALK

MEET 7.30pm, Gower Inn car park, Parkmill, Gower
CONTACT Swansea Outdoor Group, 07951 496942

DETAILS A 3 mile walk through Parkmill, Ilston and Lunnon. Dogs on leads welcome.

SAT 6TH APRIL SKETTY LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 6TH APRIL SWANSEA COMMUNITY FARM CAFE LAUNCH

MEET 10am–3.30pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Kate Gibbs, 01792 578384

DETAILS A fun open day for all the family. Celebrate with our volunteers the opening of our new community cafe. Learn about our animals and how the cafe was built, follow a Farm treasure trail and try your hand at making some tasty treats. Look out for the Easter Bunny.

SAT 6TH APRIL NORTH GOWER EASTER EGGCASE HUNT

MEET 10am, Cwm Ivy car park, Llanmadoc
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817

DETAILS Booking essential. Join marine biologist Judith Oakley in a hunt for shark and ray eggcases along the strandline at Whiteford Point. Please



wear appropriate clothing and footwear. 20min walk from car park to beach. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event.

SAT 6TH AND SUN 7TH APRIL PLANTS AND FLOWER POWER

- MEET** 12noon–2.30pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
- CONTACT** Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600
- DETAILS** Take a look at some amazing wild food and medicinal plant specimens on show from the National Museum Wales Herbarium collections. Join botany curators to find out why seaweed is so special and how willow bark has been saving lives for years. Suitable for age 7–12 yrs.

SUN 7TH APRIL REPTILES WALK

- MEET** Gower location and time to be agreed
- CONTACT** Mark Barber, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, 07810 770569
- DETAILS** Discover the secretive world of our native lizard and snake species in their natural habitat. A free event open to all ages but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sorry, no dogs. Please contact Mark if you are interested in attending – weather dependent, date may change.



SUN 7TH APRIL ROSEHILL QUARRY TASK DAY

Regular event. See details for Sun 3rd March.

SUN 7TH APRIL SOW AND GROW SUNDAY

- MEET** 11.30am–4pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
- CONTACT** Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600
- DETAILS** Get your green fingers into gear for the spring with advice and info from the National Botanic Gardens, seed swapping, a hand-picked selection of pre-loved gardening books, refurbished garden tools and kids' activities.

SUN 7TH APRIL AN AFTERNOON WITH JAMES WONG

- MEET** 2.30pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
- CONTACT** Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600
- DETAILS** Join Kew-trained botanist, BBC science TV presenter and obsessive foodie grower James Wong for a fascinating talk about all things botanical and his campaign to get us growing more exciting things on our veg patches in his book Homegrown Revolution! Book signing from 3.30pm.

MON 8TH AND TUE 9TH APRIL EASTER PLAYScheme AT THE FARM

Repeat event. See details for Tue 2nd April.

TUE 9TH APRIL INSECTS DID IT FIRST

MEET 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust Local Group, 01792 635784
DETAILS Humans always think that their achievements are unique, but a look at the insect world might teach us a thing or two. Talk by Steve Bolchover.

WED 10TH APRIL PONTARDDULAI LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

WED 10TH APRIL SUSTAINABLE BIOCHAR

MEET 7pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Jayne Vickrage, Swansea Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098
DETAILS A talk by Alayne Street-Perrott, Research Professor of Physical Geography in Swansea University on the latest research into making biochar from invasive and infective plant material for use in compost and garden soil. Everyone welcome.

THU 11TH APRIL DAWN CHORUS

MEET 6–8am, Cwmdonkin Park, Uplands, Swansea
CONTACT Steve Hopkins or Jess Gatley, 01792 205327
DETAILS Join experts for early morning bird spotting in the park. Binoculars are available or bring your own if you have them.

SAT 13TH APRIL MUMBLES LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 13TH APRIL GORSEINON FOOD AND CRAFT FAYRE

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 13TH APRIL BIRDSONG RECOGNITION IN CLYNE WOODS

MEET 9.30am, cycle track car park, Dunvant
CONTACT Bob Tallack, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 204031
DETAILS A walk through Clyne Woods to learn more about woodland birdsong. Weather dependent so phone if in doubt.

SAT 13TH APRIL KITES AND DIPPERS: EXPLORE THE RESERVE

MEET 10am, Cwm Clydach Reserve car park, Craig Cefn Parc
CONTACT Vicky Rees, 01792 846443
DETAILS Explore the reserve looking for signs of spring. RSPB group for children aged 8–18 years. Non-members welcome but please call first.

SAT 13TH APRIL GREEN WOODWORK TRAINING DAY

MEET 11am, Coeden Fach Tree Nursery, Bishopston, Swansea
CONTACT Kate Davies, 07831 923244 or Scott Blytt-Jordens, 07725 894591
DETAILS A practical day working with unseasoned wood using simple and accessible technology, learning to understand the tools and material. Cost £30. Led by Scott of Dragonfly Creations.

SUN 14TH APRIL UP WITH THE LARK: DAWN CHORUS DAY

MEET 4.30–7.30am,
Bishop's Wood
Countryside
Centre, Caswell

CONTACT Tim Orrell,
01792 635749

DETAILS The dawn chorus
of birdsong in a
British woodland
in spring is one
of the world's
amazing wildlife
experiences. Be
there to hear it,
and enjoy



breakfast cooked on an open fire in the woods.
£2 adults, £1 children. Please book in advance.

SUN 14TH APRIL PENNARD PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SUN 14TH APRIL WALK AT CRAIG-Y-NOS COUNTRY PARK

MEET 10am, Craig-y-Nos car park, Pen-y-Cae, Swansea Valley

CONTACT Marlay John, RSPB, 01792 816250

DETAILS Beginners and new members welcome. Warm
weatherproof clothing and boots may be necessary.
Please leave dogs at home. Car parking fee payable.
Walks are undertaken at your own risk.

SUN 14TH APRIL ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see Sun 24th February.

WED 17TH APRIL CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE STEEL INDUSTRY

MEET 6.30–7.30pm, Wallace Lecture Theatre, Wallace
Building, Swansea University

CONTACT Cynthia Froyd, C3W, 01792 602375

DETAILS A lecture by Dr Paul Brooks, European Director for
Environment and Climate Change, Tata Steel. Part of
the Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W) public
lecture series – Our Changing Climate: Science,
Impacts and Policy. Pre-lecture reception from 6pm.

SAT 20TH APRIL PENCLAWDD LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 20TH TO SUN 21ST APRIL PRACTICAL WOODSMAN COURSE

MEET contact for time and location

CONTACT Dryad Bushcraft, 01792 547213

DETAILS A two-day course designed for those with little or no
previous Bushcraft experience, starting with an
introduction to the safe use of the knife, saw and axe,
and progressing through a range of skills based on
wilderness survival. Course fee £190 adults, £160
concessions.

SAT 20TH APRIL CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL GARLIC DAY

- MEET** 10am–3pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
- CONTACT** Kate Gibbs, 01792 578384
- DETAILS** Find out all about the wonders of garlic, from the health benefits to how to use it in cooking. The day will conclude with a garlic 'cook off' with prizes for the tastiest garlic-based dish. Suitable for the whole family but children under 8yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Places must be booked in advance. Fee £1.50 per person.
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SAT 20TH AND SUN 21ST APRIL BOOK SWAP

- MEET** 11am–4pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
- CONTACT** Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600
- DETAILS** Offload unwanted books and find a different collection in exchange. All books should be in good, readable condition and a book-for-a-book token system will be in place. CDs and vinyl can also be swapped. In partnership with Oxfam Cymru.
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SAT 20TH APRIL BISHOPSTON VALLEY OF ADVENTURE

- MEET** 1pm, outside Joiners Arms, Bishopston
- CONTACT** Dawn Thomas, Gower Society Youth, 01792 392919
- DETAILS** Wander down the valley looking at the geology, the power of the water and the amazing trees. Wear wellies or good walking boots. All children and their parents welcome.
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SUN 21ST APRIL KILVEY HILL TASK DAY

- MEET** 11am–1pm, by the 40 steps, Port Tennant
- CONTACT** Marian, Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers, 07988 721613
- DETAILS** Lend a hand clearing a quarry on Kilvey Hill. Please bring own refreshments, dress for the weather and wear strong footwear. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



MON 22ND APRIL COMMUNITY GREEN SPACES

- MEET** 7pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
- CONTACT** Jenny Edwards, SEF, 01792 480200
- DETAILS** Everyone is welcome to this open meeting with Swansea Environmental Forum. Interesting speakers followed by discussion on this topical issue.
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WED 24TH APRIL KITTLE CIRCULAR WALK

MEET 7.30pm, Beaufort Arms Car Park, Kittle, Gower
CONTACT Swansea Outdoor Group, 07951 496942
DETAILS A 3 mile evening walk with Swansea Outdoor Group. Dogs on leads welcome.

FRI 26TH APRIL BIRDSONG RECOGNITION IN PANT-Y-SAIS FEN

MEET 6.30am, reserve car park, Jersey Marine to Llandarcy road
CONTACT Bob Tallack, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 204031
DETAILS An evening walk through Pant-y-Sais Fen to learn more about birdsong. Weather dependent so phone if in doubt.



SAT 27TH APRIL DAWN CHORUS WALK AND BREAKFAST

MEET 5.30am, St Madoc Centre, Llanmadoc, Gower
CONTACT Sarah Leedham, 01792 386291
DETAILS Please book in advance. Sorry no dogs.

SAT 27TH APRIL LLANGENNITH LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 27TH APRIL CONSERVATION DAY AT THE FARM

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd February.

SAT 27TH APRIL ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COURSE

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd March.

SUN 28TH APRIL DAWN CHORUS WALK

MEET 4.30am, Whiteford car park, Llanmadoc, Gower
CONTACT National Trust, 01792 390636
DETAILS Listen to the countryside wake up, and identify bird call. Booking essential. £3 adult, £1.50 child.

SUN 28TH APRIL ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see Sun 24th February.

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WED 1ST MAY BIRD & WILDLIFE WALK

- MEET** 10am–12noon, Clyne Gardens (Woodman Pub entrance), Blackpill, Swansea
- CONTACT** Steve Hopkins, 01792 205327
- DETAILS** Enjoy Clyne Gardens in full bloom and look out for wildlife. Bring binoculars if you have them. £1.50 adult, 50p child.



SAT 4TH MAY DAWN CHORUS

- MEET** 6am, National Wetland Centre Wales, Llanelli
- CONTACT** WWT, National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087
- DETAILS** Join our birding expert on an early morning walk and listen to the bird world wake up as dawn breaks over the Burry Inlet. £15 adults, £10 child includes admission and a full cooked breakfast.

SAT 4TH MAY SKETTY LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 4TH MAY MERRY MAY'S VINTAGE AND HANDMADE EMPORIUM

- MEET** 10am–4pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
- CONTACT** Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600
- DETAILS** An extravaganza of nostalgia and on-trend items with fashion and accessories from the 1930s to the 1980s, together with a generous helping of handmade vintage inspired items made by talented local folk. Free entry. In partnership with Smock Vintage.

SUN 5TH MAY REPTILES WALK

- MEET** Gower location and time to be agreed
- CONTACT** Mark Barber, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, 07810 770569
- DETAILS** Discover the secretive world of our native lizard and snake species in their natural habitat. A free event, open to all ages but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sorry, no dogs. Please contact Mark if you are interested in attending—weather dependent, date may change.

SUN 5TH MAY ROSEHILL QUARRY TASK DAY

Regular event. See details for Sun 3rd March.

WED 8TH MAY PONTARDDULAI'S LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

WED 8TH MAY BIRD & WILDLIFE WALK

Repeat event. See details for Wed 1st May.

WED 8TH MAY CLIMATE REFUGEES OR CLIMATE ADAPTERS?

- MEET** 6.30–7.30pm, Wallace Lecture Theatre, Wallace Building, Swansea University
- CONTACT** Cynthia Froyd, C3W, 01792 602375
- DETAILS** A lecture by Prof. Richard Black, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex. Part of the Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W) public lecture series – Our Changing Climate: Science, Impacts and Policy. Pre-lecture reception from 6pm.
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WED 8TH MAY PLANT SWAP

- MEET** 7pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
- CONTACT** Jayne Vickrage, Swansea Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098
- DETAILS** Bring plants for swapping and get advice on pricking out. Everyone welcome.
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SAT 11TH MAY KITES AND DIPPERS: DAWN CHORUS WALK

- MEET** 7am, Cwm Clydach Reserve car park, Craig Cefn Parc
- CONTACT** Vicky Rees, 01792 846443
- DETAILS** A guided walk up Mynydd Gellionen to listen to the dawn chorus. RSPB group for children aged 8–18 years. Non-members welcome but please call first.



SAT 11TH MAY MUMBLES LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 11TH MAY GORSEINON FOOD AND CRAFT FAYRE

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 11TH MAY WILDERNESS GOURMET COURSE

- MEET** contact for time and location
- CONTACT** Dryad Bushcraft, 01792 547213
- DETAILS** A fantastic day out for all the family preparing a meal in the great outdoors using a mixture of seasonably available wild foods with food we bring with us. Food is cooked over wood fires and you will learn how to make the best use of materials and ingredients available. Course fee £90 adults, £60 concessions.
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SAT 11TH MAY BIRDSONG RECOGNITION AT LOWER LLIW RESERVOIR

- MEET** 9.30am, Lower Lliw Reservoir car park, Felindre
- CONTACT** Bob Tallack, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 204031
- DETAILS** Take a walk around the Lower Lliw Reservoir and learn more about birdsong. Weather dependent so phone if in doubt.

SAT 11TH MAY INVERTEBRATE SURVEY

MEET 10am–3pm, Cwmdonkin Park, Uplands, Swansea
CONTACT Steve Hopkins or Jess Gatley, 01792 205327
DETAILS Drop in at the park to help out with a survey of minibeasts in the park.

SAT 11TH AND SUN 12TH MAY BALSAM BASH

MEET 10am, Clydach Heritage Centre, Coed Gwylim Park, Clydach
CONTACT Meryl Hunt, Swansea Canal Society, 0844 209 4548
DETAILS Lend a few hours to help remove invasive Himalayan balsam from along Swansea Canal. All the family can join in but children must be accompanied by a responsible person. Registration forms need to be completed before joining in at identified areas. Gloves and sensible footwear needed, wet-weather clothing advisable.

SAT 11TH AND SUN 12TH MAY CHEESE AND CIDER WEEKEND

MEET 10am–10pm, Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, Gower
CONTACT Gower Heritage Centre, 01792 371206
DETAILS An opportunity to try a large selection of locally made ciders and cheeses, including the range of traditionally made ciders, pressed on our 120-year-old cider press and fermented in oak casks. Standard entry fees apply.

SAT 11TH MAY INTRODUCING PENLLERGARE

MEET 2.15pm, Swansea council office car park, Penllergaer
CONTACT Faye Maher, The Penllergare Trust, 01792 344224
DETAILS Guided walk around a beautiful historic valley in an urban environment that is currently undergoing restoration as a woodland park and garden. Free but donations appreciated. Sturdy footwear required.

SUN 12TH MAY PENNARD PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SUN 12TH MAY BASKET MAKING DAY

MEET 10am–4pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell
CONTACT Tim Orrell, 01792 635749
DETAILS Learn from an expert the ancient craft of basket weaving, and make your own basket in a day to take away. Limited places so please book in advance for this popular event. There is a charge of £20 for this event.

SUN 12TH MAY ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see 24th February.

TUE 14TH MAY DEADWOOD

MEET 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust Local Group, 01792 635784
DETAILS Find out why deadwood is an essential part of woodland ecology, providing important niches for specialist deadwood species. Talk by Mark Winder.

WED 15TH MAY BIRD & WILDLIFE WALK

Repeat event. See details for Wed 1st May.

SAT 18TH MAY PENCLAWDD LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 18TH MAY BIRDSONG RECOGNITION AROUND UPPER CWM-TWRCH

MEET 9.30am, opposite King George Pub, Upper Cwm-twrch
CONTACT Bob Tallack, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 204031
DETAILS Take a woodland walk along Afon Twrch and learn more about birdsong. Weather dependent so phone if in doubt.

SAT 18TH MAY PLANT-A-SEED FAMILY LEARNING DAY

MEET 10am–3pm,
Swansea
Community
Farm,
Fforestfach
CONTACT Kate Gibbs,
01792 578384
DETAILS An open day
for the whole
family. Try your
hand at taster
activities such
as cooking,
traditional



crafts, gardening, pond dipping and animal husbandry whilst learning about Mayday traditions.

SAT 18TH MAY EXPLORE CLYNE FOREST

MEET 2pm, car park beside Railway Inn, Killay
CONTACT Dawn Thomas, Gower Society Youth, 01792 392919
DETAILS Learn about the structure of a woodland and see the spring flowers. Discover the history hidden in the trees and animals hidden in the river. Please wear wellies. All children and their parents welcome.

SUN 19TH MAY RARE PLANT SALE

MEET 10am–5pm, Clyne Gardens, Blackpill, Swansea
CONTACT Steve Hopkins, 01792 205327
DETAILS An opportunity to pick up some interesting and rare plants during the annual Clyne in Bloom festival.

WED 22ND MAY BIRD & WILDLIFE WALK

Repeat event. See details for Wed 1st May.

SAT 25TH MAY LLANGENNITH LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 25TH MAY TO SUN 2ND JUNE GOWER WOOL WEEK

MEET 10am–5.30pm, Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, Gower
CONTACT Gower Heritage Centre, 01792 371206
DETAILS A week of woolly mayhem with craft activities, craft stalls, guest speakers, animals and demonstrators, felt making, spinning, weaving, dyeing, knitting, crochet and all sorts of woolly fun in our very own woollen mill. Standard entry fees apply.

SAT 25TH MAY POTTING SHED SALE

- MEET** 10am–3pm, Woodland Centre, Penllergare Valley Woods (A48 entrance near Lezzet Cafe)
- CONTACT** Jennie Evers, Friends of Penllergare, 01558 650416
- DETAILS** Everything for your garden and more. Plants, vegetables, crafts, books, tools and an opportunity to buy Penllergare originals.
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SAT 25TH MAY CONSERVATION DAY AT THE FARM

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd February.

SAT 25TH MAY ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COURSE

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd March.

SAT 25TH MAY TO SUN 2ND JUNE DUCKERY TOURS

- MEET** 12noon, 2pm & 3pm, National Wetland Centre Wales, Llanelli
- CONTACT** WWT, National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087
- DETAILS** Exclusive, once-a-year only, behind-the-scenes tours of our duckling nursery to see the incubators and tiny baby chicks. Usual entrance fees apply.
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SUN 26TH MAY LITTER PICK AND PICNIC

- MEET** 11am–1pm, by the 40 steps, Port Tennant
- CONTACT** Marian, Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers, 07988 721613
- DETAILS** Lend a hand on improving Kilvey Hill. Please bring own refreshments, dress for the weather and wear strong footwear. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
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SUN 26TH MAY ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see Sun 24th February.

MON 27TH MAY TO SAT 1ST JUNE WISE UP TO WASTE WEEK

A week of interactive environmental events to raise awareness of the issues surrounding waste and to highlight the importance of the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). Swansea's recycling team will be working in partnership with environmental organisations and community groups across the county to hold a variety of fun and informative activities suitable for all ages.

Please check the website for updates:

www.swansea.gov.uk/recycling or contact the Council Recycling Office on 01792 635600 or recycling@swansea.gov.uk



TUE 28TH AND WED 29TH MAY HALF TERM PLAYScheme AT THE FARM

MEET 10am–2pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT Alyson Williams, 01792 578384

DETAILS A wide range of activities including adventure play, sports games, woodwork, junk arts and crafts, and much more. Children need to be registered with the Farm before they can take part in the playscheme (please ask for a registration form in advance or fill one in for your child on their first day). Ages 8–16 years. Under 8's welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable clothing is advisable. Fee £1 per child.

WED 29TH MAY BIRD & WILDLIFE WALK

Repeat event. See details for Wed 1st May.



WED 29TH MAY VOLUNTEERING DAY AT ST. MADOC CENTRE

MEET 10am–4pm, St Madoc Centre, Llanmadoc, Gower

CONTACT Sarah Leedham, 01792 386291

DETAILS Help with a variety of jobs indoors and outdoors. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Please book in advance.

THU 30TH MAY TO SUN 2ND JUNE SCRAPPY HAPPY ROBOTS

MEET 12noon–3.30pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea

CONTACT Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600

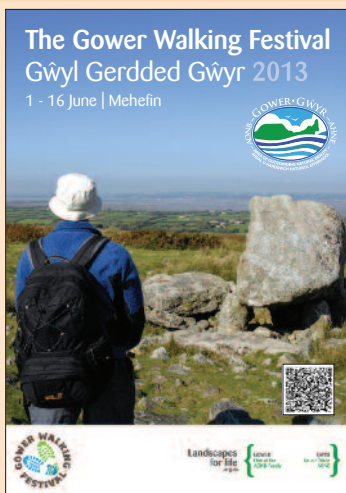
DETAILS Get creative and make a robot from all sorts of bits and bobs from our scrappy happy heap.

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SAT 1ST TO SUN 16TH JUNE

GOWER WALKING FESTIVAL

Over 70 guided walks and events exploring the scenery, wildlife, history and geology of Gower and surrounding areas. From gentle strolls to strenuous walks, and from canoeing to sampling local food, the programme offers something to suit all ages, abilities and interests. Most walks cost £3.50 (£1 for under 14s), though some specialist walks and activities may cost more. Some walks are listed below but for full festival programme and bookings visit www.gowerwalkingfestival.org or call Mumbles Tourist Information Centre on 01792 363392.



SAT 1ST JUNE SKETTY LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 1ST JUNE BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS: WALK TO PWLL DU

MEET 10.30am, Southgate National Trust car park, Gower
CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
DETAILS A 4 mile walk and talk along spectacular coastline and through ancient woodland with a Gower AONB Ranger to discover the landscape and history of the area. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy in Pwll Du Bay, once a haunt for smugglers. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs on short leads. Part of Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

SAT 1ST JUNE THE INAUDIBLE WORLD OF BATS

MEET 9.30pm, Clyne Valley Country Park car park, Blackpill
CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
DETAILS An evening walk up the Clyne Valley cycle path with Rob Colley, Glamorgan Bat Group. Bat detectors will be available for use but please bring a torch. This walk is suitable for the visually impaired. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

SUN 2ND JUNE DAWN CHORUS

MEET 3.30am, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell
CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
DETAILS A 2 mile walk with Alex Pollard, RSPB, listening out for the beautiful song of resident and migrant birds. The early start will guarantee that we get to hear and potentially see a range of species with very little background noise. Bring breakfast. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

SUN 2ND JUNE REPTILES WALK

- MEET** Gower location and time to be agreed
- CONTACT** Mark Barber, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, 07810 770569
- DETAILS** Discover the secretive world of our native lizard and snake species in their natural habitat. A free event, open to all ages but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sorry, no dogs. Please contact Mark if you are interested in attending – weather dependent, date may change.
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SUN 2ND JUNE ROSEHILL QUARRY TASK DAY

Regular event. See details for Sun 3rd March.

SUN 2ND JUNE KILVEY HILL

- MEET** 12noon, Pentrechwyth car park, Bonymaen, Swansea
- CONTACT** Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
- DETAILS** A gradual climb to the 650ft summit to enjoy panoramic views and a short talk about the world's largest copper works. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs on short leads. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.
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MON 3RD JUNE THE MUMBLES WAY

- MEET** 10am, Clyne Valley Country Park car park, Blackpill
- CONTACT** Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
- DETAILS** An 8 mile strenuous walk from Clyne Valley Country Park through Clyne Gardens, along Washinghouse Brook to a Woodland Centre, a castle, a 'secret grotto', the Mumbles 'Halo' and onto Mumbles Hill. Return along the Promenade to the start point. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs on short leads. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.
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MON 3RD JUNE ORCHIDS AT OXWICH

- MEET** 11am, beach car park (by attendant's booth), Oxwich
- CONTACT** Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
- DETAILS** A leisurely walk to appreciate the beauty of the wild flowers at Oxwich. The walk will cover 5 different habitats – sand dune, seashore, salt marsh, woodland and freshwater marsh – and will end with an optional afternoon tea at the Oxwich Bay Hotel. Bring a packed lunch. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.
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TUE 4TH JUNE A WOODLAND WANDER

- MEET** 2.30pm, Forestry Commission car park, Parkmill, Gower
- CONTACT** Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
- DETAILS** A slow wander through the woodland at Green Cwm with Dr Michael Isaac to learn about the plants and animals living there, and their habitat. Some difficult walking surfaces and one steep incline. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

THU 6TH JUNE BEYOND BARLANDS: THE DRANGES

MEET 10.30am, parking area off B4436 between Bishopston and Kittle, Gower

CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392

DETAILS The Dranges is leased by The Wildlife Trust as a nature reserve and is an area of unimproved grasslands, oak and wet woodland, ponds and streams. This 4hr walk will take you into areas not normally open to the public. Can be very muddy (wellies advised) and the paths are unsurfaced, uneven and overgrown. Bring a packed lunch. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.



THU 6TH JUNE WHITEFORD WALK

MEET 1.45pm, Cwm Ivy car park, Llanmadoc

CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392

DETAILS A walk in Whiteford Nature Reserve, focusing on human influence, grazing, the habitats and wildlife such as rare beetles, butterflies and birds. Receive an insight into the current management and future objectives for the reserve. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

FRI 7TH JUNE WALK TO THE WORM

MEET 9.45am, National Trust shop, Rhossili

CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392

DETAILS Enjoy spectacular views and discover the tidal island's human history and wildlife. It will not be possible to go to the very end due to seasonal bird nesting. Sticks are not suitable for the scramble over the causeway but gardening gloves can be a help on the rough bits. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs on short leads. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

SAT 8TH JUNE MUMBLES LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 8TH JUNE GORSEINON FOOD AND CRAFT FAYRE

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 8TH TO SUN 16TH JUNE WALES BIODIVERSITY WEEK

Various local events have been organised as part of a Wales-wide celebration of nature with wildlife-inspired activities to enthuse and engage people in protecting and conserving the natural environment on their doorstep. For more details contact Jo Mullett on 01792 635784 or visit www.biodiversitywales.org.uk

SAT 8TH JUNE KITES AND DIPPERS: BATTY ABOUT BATS

MEET 10am, Welfare Hall, Craig Cefn Parc
CONTACT Vicky Rees, 01792 846443
DETAILS Learn all about the life of bats. RSPB group for children aged 8–18 years. Non-members welcome but please call first. Part of Wales Biodiversity Week.



SAT 8TH JUNE WORLD OCEANS DAY SEASHORE SAFARI

MEET 11.30am, National Trust shop, Rhossili
CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
DETAILS Join marine biologist Judith Oakley on a fascinating walk to peer into rockpools and search for marine life on the Worm's Head Causeway. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Ages 3+ only. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear – the ground is uneven and feet will get wet. No nets please. Lasts approx. 3hrs so bring a packed lunch. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival and Wales Biodiversity Week. Booking essential. Supported by Countryside Connections.

SAT 8TH JUNE COEDEN FACH OPEN DAY

MEET 12noon, Coeden Fach Tree Nursery, Bishopston, Swansea
CONTACT Kate Davies, 07831 923244
DETAILS Tours of community tree nursery, tree and fruit bush sales, children's activities, a raffle, information on organic growing, permaculture, and peat-free compost. Plus a flying demonstration by Caspian, The Harris' hawk. Please park at the top of Brandy Cove Road and walk 200m down to site. Disabled parking at site. Free entry. Part of Wales Biodiversity Week.

SAT 8TH JUNE ROSEHILL QUARRY AND URBAN GREEN SPACES

- MEET** 2pm, gatehouse entrance, Singleton Park, Mumbles Road, Swansea
- CONTACT** Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
- DETAILS** Walk through three parks to the Hillside Wildlife Corridor with spectacular views of Swansea Bay, including a talk by a local historian and refreshments at Rosehill Quarry. Return via two other parks. Some steps and steep gradients. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival and Wales Biodiversity Week. Booking essential.
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SUN 9TH JUNE PENNARD PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SUN 9TH JUNE WALK AT MIDDLETON, RHOSILI

- MEET** 10am, Rhossili Village Hall, Middleton, Gower
- CONTACT** Marlay John, RSPB, 01792 816250
- DETAILS** Beginners and new members welcome. Warm weatherproof clothing and boots may be necessary. Please leave dogs at home. Walks are undertaken at your own risk.
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SUN 9TH JUNE LANGLAND BEACH CLEAN AND LITTER SURVEY

- MEET** 11am, car park by tennis courts, Langland, Gower
- CONTACT** Rebecca O'Dowd, Marine Conservation Society, 07772 218655
- DETAILS** Help clean the beach, produce an easy but informative litter survey and have some fun. Children must be accompanied by adults. All equipment will be provided.
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SUN 9TH JUNE NORTH GOWER STRANDLINE SAFARI

- MEET** 12noon, Cwm Ivy car park, Llanmadoc, Gower
- CONTACT** Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
- DETAILS** Booking essential. Join marine biologist Judith Oakley for a strandline safari searching for shark eggcases and beetles at Whiteford Point. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. 20min walk from car park to beach. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event. Part of Wales Biodiversity Week.
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SUN 9TH JUNE ECO-TRIBE

- MEET** 3–5pm, call for details
- CONTACT** Sarah Leedham, St.Madoc Centre, 01792 386291
- DETAILS** Outdoor environmental activities for children and parents/carers. Please book in advance.
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MON 10TH JUNE UNEXPECTED CASWELL

- MEET** 10.30am, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell
- CONTACT** Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
- DETAILS** A short guided walk and talk around the Bishop's Wood Nature Reserve with Huw Lloyd, AONB Ranger, highlighting the management of the various habitats in the reserve and the fascinating social history of the area. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs on short leads. Part of the Gower Walking Festival and Wales Biodiversity Week. Booking essential.

MON 10TH JUNE GEOLOGY AND LANDSCAPE OF CWM CLYDACH

MEET 2pm, Cwm Clydach RSPB reserve car park, Craig Cefn Parc
CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
DETAILS This 5 mile walk will begin in a wooded nature reserve, formerly a coal mining area, and then climb towards Capel Gellionnen. Dr Geraint Owen, Swansea University, will explain how the landscape has developed, the underlying geology, the effects of repeated glaciations, and more recent landslides. Dogs on short leads. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

TUE 11TH JUNE THE GEOLOGICAL EVOLUTION OF SOUTH WALES

MEET 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea
CONTACT Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust Local Group, 01792 635784
DETAILS Environmental change as shown in the geological record of South Wales with Geraint Owen, Swansea University.

WED 12TH JUNE PONTARDDULAIS LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.



WED 12TH JUNE VOLUNTEER ACTION DAY AT SWANSEA VALE

MEET 10am, gate opposite Lon Las Primary School, Walters Road, Llansamlet, Swansea
CONTACT Lea Halborg, Nature Conservation Team, 01792 635749
DETAILS Help us carry out the essential task of pulling up Himalayan balsam. Also a guided walk and talk about the biodiversity of the site. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. All tools and materials provided. Ideal for families and accompanied children are welcome. A Swansea Nature Network event and part of Wales Biodiversity Week.

THU 13TH JUNE FLORA, FAUNA AND FORTS OF MUMBLES HILL

MEET 2pm, coach parking, Bracelet Bay car park, Mumbles
CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
DETAILS With views over Swansea Bay and Mumbles, this talking walk highlights the ongoing restoration of threatened limestone grassland, reveals WW2 defences and informs on the recently discovered Oyster Midden. Dogs on short leads. Part of the Gower Walking Festival and Wales Biodiversity Week. Booking essential.

FRI 14TH JUNE LLIW RESERVOIRS

MEET 10am, Lower Lliw Reservoir cafe car park, Felindre
CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 363392
DETAILS A relaxing 4hr stroll to the Upper Lliw Reservoir and Mynydd y Gwair Common and on to the peaceful village of Felindre, then back up to the Lower Lliw Reservoir. Can be wet and muddy on the uplands. Bring a packed lunch. No dogs. Part of the Gower Walking Festival. Booking essential.

SAT 15TH TO SUN 23RD JUNE BIKE WEEK

The UK's celebration of cycling is supported locally with a varied programme of activities to encourage everyone to participate. For further details phone the Council's Transportation Group on 01792 636377, go to www.swansea.gov.uk/cycling or visit www.wheelrights.org.uk/events

SAT 15TH JUNE PENCLAWDD LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 15TH JUNE ADULT BEGINNERS CYCLING CLASS

MEET 9.30am, Swansea Civic Centre east car park
CONTACT Rhian Evans, 01792 510470 / Allyson Evans, 01792 475521
DETAILS A two hour class for adult beginners to learn to ride a bike. Cycles provided. £5 charge. Part of Bike Week.

SAT 15TH JUNE INTRODUCTION TO BUSHCRAFT COURSE

Repeat event. See details for Sat 23rd March.

SAT 15TH JUNE WILD ABOUT WOOL AND FAMILY WORK DAY

MEET 10am–3pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Chris Jones, 01792 578384
DETAILS Help with Farm maintenance tasks, learn how we shear our rare breed Llanwenog sheep, pick up smallholder tips and try your hand at wool-related crafts such as felting, carding, knitting and crocheting. Fee £1.50 per person.

SAT 15TH JUNE SWANSEA VALE WETLANDS WALK AND POND DIP

MEET 10.30am, gate opposite Lon Las Primary School, Walters Road, Llansamlet, Swansea
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
DETAILS A 2 hour circular walk for families led by Judith Oakley to discover the wildlife of Swansea Vale Nature Reserve, followed by a pond dip searching for freshwater mini-beasts. Equipment provided. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Not suitable for dogs. Free event. Part of Wales Biodiversity Week.

SAT 15TH JUNE BIKEABILITY WALES CYCLING FUN DAY

- MEET** 11am–3pm, Dunvant Rugby Club, Killay, Swansea
- CONTACT** Mike Cherry, BikeAbility Wales, 07968 109145
- DETAILS** A cycling fun day for people of all abilities and ages. Try an amazing range of specialist and unusual cycles, such as tandems, recumbents and kick bikes. Part of Bike Week.
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SAT 15TH AND SUN 16TH JUNE BIOBLITZ

- MEET** 11am–5pm, National Wetland Centre Wales, Llanelli
- CONTACT** WWT, National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087
- DETAILS** A fantastic opportunity to find and identify wildlife alongside expert naturalists, including the small mammals you never normally see, and an exclusive guided walk out on to the salt marsh. Usual entrance fees apply. Part of Wales Biodiversity Week.
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SAT 15TH AND SUN 16TH JUNE MAKE A TOOL BOX WITH DAD

- MEET** 12noon & 2.30pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
- CONTACT** Miranda Berry, National Waterfront Museum, 02920 573600
- DETAILS** Free Father's Day special event. Join local woodworker Gerald King to assemble a simple tool carrier to take home using a wooden kit and basic hand tools, hammers and nails. Children must be age 8+. Booking required.
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SAT 15TH JUNE MASS CYCLE RIDE

- MEET** 12.15pm, start of Clyne Valley cycle path, Blackpill, Swansea
- CONTACT** David Naylor, 01792 233755
- DETAILS** Celebrate cycling with a three-mile ride to Castle Square, where celebratory events are planned. Part of Bike Week.
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SUN 16TH JUNE CYCLE RIDE TO ABERAVON

- MEET** 10am, coastal bike path outside Swansea Library
- CONTACT** Don Ashman, CTC 07816 472571
- DETAILS** An easy cycle ride with local members of the Cyclist Touring Club to Aberavon beach with coffee en route. Part of Bike Week.

SUN 16TH JUNE BUGS, BEETLES AND BUTTERFLIES

MEET 10am–12noon, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT Tim Orrell, 01792 635749

DETAILS The hills are alive with the sound of insects. Summer sunshine brings out an amazing variety of invertebrates. Come and investigate their fascinating lifestyles. Part of Wales Biodiversity Week.

SUN 16TH JUNE PENLLERGARE VALLEY WOODS

MEET 2pm, Swansea council office car park, Penllergaer

CONTACT Mumbles TIC, 01792 361302

DETAILS A 3hr exploration of a beautiful hidden valley in an urban environment, once owned by John Dillwyn Llewelyn, the renowned 19th century Swansea horticulturalist, philanthropist and pioneering photographer. Currently undergoing restoration as a woodland park and garden. Dogs on short leads. Part of the Gower Walking Festival and Wales Biodiversity Week. Booking essential.



THU 20TH JUNE CYCLE RIDE TO PEMBREY

MEET 10am, Railway Inn, Killay

CONTACT Don Ashman, CTC 07816 472571

DETAILS An easy cycle ride with local members of the Cyclist Touring Club to Pembrey park with coffee en route. Part of Bike Week.

FRI 21ST JUNE SWANSEA BAY BIKE TOUR AND NATURE TALK

MEET 10am–12noon, outside The Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT Lea Halborg, Nature Conservation Team, 01792 635749

DETAILS Get on your bike and join us for ride along the cycle path, stopping to talk about some of the wonderful wildlife, history and stories of Swansea Bay. Please ring and book as places are limited. A Swansea Nature Network event to mark National Bike Week.

FRI 21ST JUNE NORTH GOWER CYCLE RIDE

MEET 6.30pm, Railway Inn, Killay

CONTACT David Naylor, 01792 233755

DETAILS The classic 18 mile North Gower circuit on the longest day of the year. Bring lights in case we dally in a pub. Part of Bike Week.

SAT 22ND JUNE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COURSE

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd March.

SAT 22ND JUNE CONSERVATION DAY AT THE FARM

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd February.

SAT 22ND AND SUN 23RD JUNE CORACLE WEEKEND

MEET 11am–3pm, Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, Gower
CONTACT Gower Heritage Centre, 01792 371206
DETAILS Learn about the traditional Welsh fishing boat that has been used for nearly 3,000 years. Discover how coracles are made and even test your luck and have a go! With coracle displays and traditional fishing demonstrations. Normal entry charges apply.

SAT 22ND JUNE SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION TREASURE HUNT

MEET 2pm, Clyne Gardens (Woodman Pub entrance), Blackpill, Swansea
CONTACT Dawn Thomas, Gower Society Youth, 01792 392919
DETAILS Find clues and listen to stories with this magical treasure hunt. Bring a picnic. All children and their parents welcome.

SUN 23RD JUNE ANNUAL 100 MILER RIDE

MEET 8am, Penllergaer roundabout, A48/A4240 junction
CONTACT John Cardy, CTC, 07711 175337
DETAILS A moderate ride with local members of the Cyclist Touring Club. Allow 12 hours for this long ride. Part of Bike Week.

SUN 23RD JUNE CYCLE RIDE TO ABERDULAIS

MEET 10am, coastal bike path outside Swansea Library
CONTACT Don Ashman, CTC 07816 472571
DETAILS An easy cycle ride with local members of the Cyclist Touring Club to Aberdulais and the canal basin. Part of Bike Week.

SUN 23RD JUNE ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see Sun 9th June.

SUN 23RD JUNE FAIRIES AND GOBLINS WALK

MEET 4–6pm, White Rock Arch, Pentrechwyth Road, Swansea
CONTACT Marian, Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers, 07988 721613
DETAILS Family walk in the woods with storytelling. Dressing up encouraged but optional. Please bring own refreshments, dress for the weather and wear strong footwear. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

MON 24TH TO TUE 25TH JUNE INTRODUCTION TO FOREST SCHOOL COURSE

MEET Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell
CONTACT Jamie Corteen, Forest School SNPT, 01792 367118
DETAILS A three-day OCN Level 1 course, including a later visit to a Forest School session. Suitable for anyone who wants to learn more about or volunteer with Forest School but may be of particular interest to teachers, parents, community workers, carers and workers from environmental organisations. Course cost £200 (funding available for volunteers).

SAT 29TH AND SUN 30TH JUNE INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE COURSE

- MEET** time to be agreed, Coeden Fach Tree Nursery, Bishopston, Swansea
- CONTACT** Witchhazel Wildwood 0778 591091
- DETAILS** Learn the permaculture principles and practical techniques used to create a permaculture design which can be applied to garden design, forest gardens, sustainable energy systems, community design and even life plans. Led by Witchhazel. £50 fee. Booking essential.
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SAT 29TH JUNE LLANGENNITH LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 29TH JUNE FAMILY WOODLAND FUN DAY

- MEET** 11am–4pm, Cwm Ivy Lodge Bunkhouse, Whiteford, Gower
- CONTACT** National Trust, 01792 390636
- DETAILS** Go wild with woodland crafts and Gower wildlife. A day of activities for all the family. BBQ and refreshments available. Nominal charge for activities, food and refreshments. Car parking available in Whiteford car park, charges apply.
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SAT 29TH JUNE SWANSEA BEACH SEASHORE SAFARI

- MEET** 4pm, outside 360 Beach & Watersports Centre, Mumbles Road, Swansea
- CONTACT** Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
- DETAILS** Join marine biologist Judith Oakley to discover the amazing hidden shore life of Swansea. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear as you will get wet feet. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (3+ only). Booking essential. Lasts approx. 2hrs. Free event. Car parking fees may apply.
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SAT 29TH OR SUN 30TH JUNE SILKY WAVE SURVEY

- MEET** Port Eynon car park, all-day event but call for times
- CONTACT** Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust Local Group, 07967 127364
- DETAILS** Help with this annual moth survey at Overton Mere. Parking fees apply. Please note the survey is weather dependent and booking essential.

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SAT 6TH JULY SKETTY LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 6TH JULY ART ON THE HILL

MEET 10am, Bracelet Bay car park, Mumbles
CONTACT Lea Halborg, Nature Conservation Team, 01792 635749
DETAILS Join in the fun getting creative, making environmental arts and crafts on Mumbles Hill. Ideal for families and accompanied children are welcome. Please wear warm clothing. This is a moderate walk with slopes. Organisers will be easily identifiable with reflective jackets. Pay and display car parking. A Swansea Nature Network event to mark Children's Art Day.

SAT 6TH JULY MUMBLES PIER SEASHORE SAFARI

MEET 10.45am, entrance to Mumbles Pier, Mumbles
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
DETAILS Join marine biologist Judith Oakley to discover the amazing hidden shore life of Gower. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear as you will get wet feet and the ground is uneven. No nets please. Children must be accompanied by an adult (3+ only). Booking essential. Lasts approx. 2½hrs. Free event.

SUN 7TH JULY ROSEHILL QUARRY TASK DAY

Regular event. See details for Sun 3rd March.

SUN 7TH JULY OPEN DAY AT LLYS NINI

MEET 11am–3.30pm, Llys Nini Animal Centre, Penllergaer
CONTACT RSPCA Llys Nini, 01792 229435
DETAILS A fun-filled day at the local RSPCA animal centre including a fun dog show, stalls and exhibitions, and trails around the extensive site. Entrance donation £3.



WED 10TH JULY PONTARDDULAI'S LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 13TH JULY MUMBLES LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 13TH JULY ARCHAEOLOGY FOR ALL

MEET 10.30am–4pm, Swansea Museum, Victoria Road, Swansea
CONTACT Glamorgan–Gwent Archaeological Trust, 01792 655227 or Swansea Museum, 01792 653763
DETAILS A host of free activities organised by Glamorgan–Gwent Archaeological Trust and Swansea Museum including a heritage fair, talks, children's activities, living history and medieval re-enactment.

SAT 13TH JULY GORSEINON FOOD AND CRAFT FAYRE

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 13TH JULY OXWICH BAY SEASHORE SAFARI

MEET 2.45pm, beach slipway, near Oxwich Bay Hotel
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
DETAILS See details section for similar event on Sat 6th July.

SUN 14TH JULY PENNARD PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SUN 14TH JULY WALK AT CRYMLYN BOG NATURE RESERVE

MEET 9.30am, reserve car park, Dinam Road, Port Tennant
CONTACT Marlay John, RSPB, 01792 816250
DETAILS Beginners and new members welcome. Warm weatherproof clothing and boots may be necessary. Please leave dogs at home. Walks are undertaken at your own risk.

SUN 14TH JULY ECO-TRIBE

Regular event. For details see 9th June.

SAT 20TH JULY WORM'S HEAD CAUSEWAY SEASHORE SAFARI

MEET 9.30am, National Trust Shop, Rhossili
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
DETAILS See details section for similar event on Sat 8th June.

SAT 20TH JULY PENCLAWDD LOCAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.



SAT 20TH JULY FAMILY WORK DAY AT THE FARM

MEET 10am–3pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Kate Gibbs, 01792 578384
DETAILS Get the whole family in their wellies and take part in the running of a small working farm. Activities include animal care, organic gardening, healthy cooking, basic construction, farm maintenance and much more. Children under 8yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please wear suitable clothing. Fee £1.50 per person. Book in advance.

SAT 20TH JULY SUMMER BUG BALL

MEET 2pm, beach car park (by attendant's booth), Oxwich
CONTACT Dawn Thomas, Gower Society Youth, 01792 392919
DETAILS Go on a bug hunt, learn to fly like a bee and play lots of animal games. All children and their parents welcome.

SUN 21ST JULY PLANTS WITH A PURPOSE

MEET 10am–12noon, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell
CONTACT Tim Orrell, 01792 635749
DETAILS Discover the fascinating secrets of plants and their many uses on this summer walk around Bishop's Wood Local Nature Reserve.

SUN 21ST JULY PORT EYNON SEASHORE SAFARI

MEET 10.30am, outside shops, Port Eynon, Gower
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
DETAILS See details section for similar event on Sat 6th July.

SUN 21ST JULY KILVEY HILL TASK DAY

MEET 11am–1pm, contact for further details
CONTACT Marian, Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers, 07988 721613
DETAILS Lend a hand with practical work in the Kilvey Hill Community Woodland. Please bring own refreshments, dress for the weather and wear strong footwear. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

WED 24TH JULY SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

MEET 10am–4pm,
beach by Lido,
Blackpill,
Swansea
CONTACT Sara Holden,
Managing Artist,
01792 367571
DETAILS A free, drop-in
environmental
art workshop for
all ages and
cultures. Join a
team of
professional
artists to create
a display of
temporary
beach sculptures
that inspire, inform and educate. Please bring buckets
and spades, hats and sunscreen.



SAT 27TH JULY LLANGENNITH LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Regular event. For details see page 7.

SAT 27TH JULY ANIMAL HUSBANDRY COURSE

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd March.

SAT 27TH JULY CONSERVATION DAY AT THE FARM

Regular event. See details for Sat 23rd February.

SAT 27TH TO SUN 28TH JULY PRACTICAL WOODSMAN COURSE

Repeat event. See details for Sat 20th April.

SAT 27TH JULY HONEY HARMONY

MEET 1.30–3pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Chris Jones, 01792 578384
DETAILS Help extract the first honey of the season whilst picking up some interesting facts about bees. Bring your pocket money and buy the freshest honey in town. Fee £1.50 per person (honey not included).

SUN 28TH JULY NATIONAL WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCH PORPOISE PICNIC

MEET 9.30am, Three Cliffs Coffee Shop, Southgate, Gower
CONTACT Judith Oakley, Oakley Intertidal, 07879 837817
DETAILS Join marine biologist Judith Oakley to look for harbour porpoise and seabirds from Southgate cliffs. Learn about whale and dolphin identification and conservation. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3+ only. Please bring a picnic and binoculars. Event lasts approx. 2½hrs and is free but booking essential.

MON 29TH AND TUE 30TH JULY SUMMER PLAYScheme AT THE FARM

MEET 10am–2.30pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach
CONTACT Alyson Williams, 01792 578384
DETAILS A wide range of activities including adventure play, sports games, woodwork, junk arts and crafts, and much more. Children need to be registered with the Farm before they can take part in the playscheme (please ask for a registration form in advance or fill one in for your child on their first day). Ages 8–16 years. Under 8's welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable clothing is advisable. Fee £1 per child.

TUE 30TH JULY MINIBEAST MAGIC

MEET 1.30–3.30pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell
CONTACT Tim Orrell, 01792 635749
DETAILS Come and explore the amazing variety of insects and other creepy-crawlies which inhabit the woods and meadows of Bishop's Wood Local Nature Reserve.

WED 31ST JULY LLIW VALLEY NATURE DETECTIVES

MEET 6.30pm, community hall car park, Felindre
CONTACT Countryside Connections, 01792 636893
DETAILS A family walk to explore the landscape and wildlife of the Lliw Valley on a summer evening.



Further Information

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

Nature Conservation Team

Deb Hill, 01792 635777 www.swansea.gov.uk/natureconservationteam
Protecting and enhancing areas of ecological and landscape importance in Swansea for the benefit of people and wildlife.



- **Bishop's Wood Local Nature Reserve and Countryside Centre**
Tim Orrell or Karen Jones, 01792 361703 / 635749
www.swansea.gov.uk/bishopswood
Popular Local Nature Reserve and countryside centre in Caswell.
- **Swansea Nature Network Project**
Lea Halborg, 01792 635749
Connecting people with nature in urban Swansea.
- **Countryside Connections Project**
Helen Grey, 01792 636893
Connecting people with nature in rural Swansea.

Community Parks Officers

Adam Mason, 01792 635124 or Jess Gatley, 01792 635484 www.swansea.gov.uk/jpr
Promoting the use of parks in Swansea and organising Junior Park Rangers.

Cycling Officer

Rob Wachowski, 01792 636353 www.swansea.gov.uk/cycling
Promoting cycling in the Swansea area.

Gower AONB Team

Chris Lindley, 01792 635094 www.swansea.gov.uk/aonb
Supporting the conservation and enhancement of the Gower AONB.

Recycling Team

Trish Flint, 01792 635600 www.swansea.gov.uk/recycling
Planning and implementing practical recycling schemes and raising awareness of waste minimisation and recycling.

Specialist Parks Development

Steve Hopkins, 01792 205327 www.swansea.gov.uk/parks
Education work for both public and schools, working out of Ty'r Blodau in Singleton Park, the Discovery Centre at Brynmill and within Cwmdonkin Park.



Sustainable Development Unit

Tanya Nash, 01792 635198 www.swansea.gov.uk/sustainabledevelopment
Promoting sustainable development in the Council's activities and strategies.



OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

Amphibian and Reptile Conservation

Mark Barber, 07810 770569 www.welshdragons.org

Committed to conserving amphibians and reptiles and saving the disappearing habitats on which they depend.

BikeAbility Wales

Mike Cherry, 07968 109145 www.bikeabilitywales.org.uk

Enabling people of all abilities to enjoy the pleasures and health benefits of cycling.

Blackpill Wildlife Centre

Maggie Cornelius, 01792 229244 www.rspb.org.uk/groups/westglamorgan

Based in the lifeguard hut at Blackpill Lido on two Sundays each month from October to Easter.



Coeden Fach Community Tree Nursery

Kate Davies, 07831 923244 / 01792 446103 www.coedenfach.wetpaint.com

A project based in Bishopston offering training and practical experience of sustainable land management and providing native trees.

Countryside Council for Wales

Jamie Bevan, 01792 326450 www.ccw.gov.uk

CCW champions the environment and landscapes of Wales and its coastal waters, for economic and social activity, leisure and learning.



Cwm Clydach Kites and Dippers RSPB Group

Vicky Rees 01792 846443 www.kitesanddippers.org.uk

A local group for children aged 8 to 18 years enthusiastic about wildlife.

Cyclist Touring Club

Martin Brain, 01792 536371 www.swanseacycling.co.uk

The local CTC group organises rides every week as well as social events and holidays.

Down to Earth

Mark McKenna, 01792 232439 www.downtoearthproject.org.uk

Inspiring change through sustainability.



Environment Centre

Jenny Edwards, 01792 480200 www.environmentcentre.org.uk

A focus for environmental information, education and activity in south-west Wales.



Forest School Swansea Neath Port Talbot

Jamie Corteen, 01792 367118 www.forestschoolsnpt.org.uk

Raising awareness and appreciation of local woodlands and green spaces through recreational, educational and training activities.

Glamorgan–Gwent Archaeological Trust

Dr Edith Evans or Paul Huckfield, 01792 655208 www.ggat.org.uk

Working to protect, record and interpret our archaeological and historical inheritance.

Gower Heritage Centre

Roy Church, 01792 371206 www.gowerheritagecentre.co.uk

Visitor attraction with historic exhibits, craft workshops and a programme of events.



Gower Ornithological Society

Jeremy Douglas-Jones, 01792 551331 www.glamorganbirds.org.uk

A society with a programme of talks and field trips for those interested in birds.

Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers

Marian Francis, 07988 721613

An active group that organises a variety of activities to help manage the local woodlands and encourages families to enjoy and look after them.

Llys Nini Animal Centre

Sally Hyman, 01792 229435 www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk

A local charity working for animals, people and the environment.



Mumbles Development Trust

Robin Bonham, 01792 405169 www.mumblesdevelopmenttrust.org
Working for the regeneration of Mumbles and supporting community self-help projects.



National Trust

Kim Boland, 01792 390636 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gower
Keeping Gower Special, for ever for everyone.



Nature Days

Dawn Thomas, 01792 392919
www.naturedays.co.uk
Educational field trips and outdoor activity days including Gower Society Youth events.

Oakley Intertidal

Judith Oakley, 07879 837817
www.oakleyintertidal.co.uk
Dedicated to raising awareness of our amazing marine and coastal environment through unique outdoor educational activities.

Penllergare Trust

Faye Maher, 01792 344224 www.penllergare.org
Working to restore the historic Penllergare estate as a recreational green space.



Rosehill Quarry Group

Jannie Cherry, 01792 477863
Volunteer group maintaining a wildlife area and recreational space for those living in and around Mount Pleasant and Townhill.



Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

Maggie Cornelius, 01792 229244 www.rspb.org.uk/groups/westglamorgan
The local RSPB Members Group holds walks and talks open to all members of the public.

Sculpture by the Sea

Sara Holden, 01792 367571 www.sculpturebythesea.co.uk
An environmental arts group based in Swansea which enables children and adults to engage with nature in a creative way.

St. Madoc Centre

Alison Holland, 01792 386291 www.stmadoc.co.uk
Residential centre for groups in a stunning location offering outdoor activities and wildlife events.

Sustainable Swansea

Delyth Higgins or Dai Power, 01792 480200 www.sustainableswansea.net
Helping Swansea become a more sustainable place to live, work and visit.

Sustrans

Fraser Arnott, 07786 984063 www.sustrans.org.uk
Sustrans makes smarter travel choices possible, desirable and inevitable.



Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group

Jane Vickrage, 01792 869098
The group has regular meetings to promote and support organic gardening.

Swansea Canal Society

0844 209 4548 (answerphone) www.swanseacanalsociety.com
Promoting the regeneration, renewal and restoration of Swansea Canal through recreation, education, culture and weekly clean-ups.

Swansea Civic Society

John Stevens, 01792 643791 www.swanseacivicsociety.org.uk
Encouraging a quality and sustainable built environment for Swansea.

Swansea Community Farm

Phil Budd, 01792 578384 www.swanseacommunityfarm.org.uk
A small working farm for the benefit of the local community with opportunities for volunteers and activities for young people.



Swansea Environmental Education Forum (SEEF)

Anita Houten, 01792 469817 www.seeforum.org.uk

A network of organisations and individuals providing education for sustainable development and global citizenship to all sectors in Swansea.

Swansea Environmental Forum

Jenny Edwards, 01792 480200 www.swanseaenvironmentalforum.net

An association of organisations and individuals working together to promote and facilitate environmental sustainability in Swansea.

Swansea Fair Trade Forum

Jenny Edwards, 01792 480200 www.fairtradeswansea.org.uk

A partnership of local organisations seeking to promote fair trade in Swansea.

Swansea Outdoor Group

Wyn Williams, 01792 470886 or Peris Cale, 01792 809061

www.swanseaoutdoorgroup.org.uk

Organises walking, cycling and other outdoor activities, affiliated to YHA.

Swansea Ramblers

John France, 01792 547439 www.swansearamblers.org.uk

Local Ramblers group with a programme of regular walks throughout the year.

Swansea Waste Forum

Trish Flint, 01792 635600 www.swanseawasteforum.org

Partnership that promotes and supports sustainable waste management in Swansea.

Tawe Trekkers

Emyr Morris, 07846 879210 www.tawetrekking.org.uk

Local 25–50s Ramblers group with a programme of walks throughout the year.

Transition Swansea

Martin Willson, 01792 463994 www.transitiontownswansea.ning.com

A grassroots initiative aiming to help Swansea build resilience for climate change and peak oil.

Welsh Historic Gardens Trust (West Glamorgan Branch)

Ann Gardner, 01792 290014 www.whgt.org.uk

A conservation and heritage organisation set up to protect and conserve historic garden and park landscapes of Wales.

Wheelrights

David Naylor, 01792 233755 www.wheelrights.org.uk

Swansea Bay cycle campaign group helping to get people on bikes.

Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales: West Glamorgan Group

Jo Mullett, 01792 635784 www.welshwildlife.org

Local group of the Wildlife Trust, the largest UK voluntary organisation dedicated to conserving the full range of the UK's habitats and species.

WWT National Wetland Centre Wales

Eleanor Keatley, 01554 741087 www.wwt.org.uk/visit-us/llanelli

Spectacular birdlife and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities all year round.



On the Trail of a Greener, Brighter Future!

Swansea Sustainability Trail consists of 28 inspiring places in and around Swansea that offer practical examples of sustainability in action. Some of these projects are in the contact list above, marked with the Sustainable Swansea logo.

For more information about the Swansea Sustainability Trail and other Sustainable Swansea initiatives, visit the website at www.sustainableswansea.net or contact Delyth Higgins or Dai Power on 01792 480200.





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A PDF of the English and Welsh language versions will be available from: www.swansea.gov.uk/environmentalevents

