

Stroud Valleys Project EVENTS' CALENDAR May - October 2018



Along with the one-off events listed in this programme, we run on-going conservation work on various sites around Stroud district.

If you would like to get involved on a regular basis, you can either visit our eco shop at 8 Threadneedle Street in Stroud, ring 01453 753358, or visit www.stroudvalleysproject.org



Nightingale Walk

Saturday 5 May

8am - 11am

Cotswold Water Park

**Cost: £5/adult & £2/child
(Age 9+ only)**

Come and join us on a 2½ mile walk to hear the wonderful voice of the secretive nightingale.

Along the way we will also look out for many kinds of warblers and water birds, and hopefully hear the sound of the cuckoo welcoming in the spring.

Booking essential



Marking Day Event

Rodborough Common

Sunday 13 May

10am - 3pm

Free event

Marking Day is the traditional day for the cows to go out onto Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons for a summer of grazing.

To celebrate the important role they play in helping to maintain this wildflower-rich grassland, there will be a day of activities.



Photo : © Deb Roberts

Bat Walk

Part of Museums at Night Festival

Stratford Park

Friday 18 May

8.30pm to 10.30pm

Cost: £5/adult & £2/child

Booking essential

Encounter Stroud's many incredible types of bats with a local expert. We will listen for bats using bat detectors and hope to spot some flying.

Bring warm clothes and a torch.

Museum open until 11pm.



Kingswood Newt Survey

Fri evening 18 May

7.30pm 9.30pm : setting bottle traps plus torch survey, weather dependant.

Sat morning 19 May

7.30am - 9am : count and release.

FREE event - booking essential

On the evening of the 18th a number of bottle traps will be set in the two ponds on-site; old dew and the main breeding pond. If the weather is favourable a torch lamp survey will also be done of both ponds.

On the morning of the 19th bottle traps will be emptied and a survey count will be taken before releasing any newts or pond life found. The above photograph was taken at the 2016 Great Crested Newts survey, an event well attended by all ages.



SVP EVENTS' CALENDAR continued

Seedling Swap and Plant Sale

SVP Eco Shop

8 Threadneedle Street,
Stroud

Saturday 2 June

10.30am - 1pm

FREE event

Donations welcomed

Do you have any spare or unwanted seedlings? Give them a good home through our seedling swap/sale.

Bring along any seedlings that you have spare and exchange them for others. Both vegetable and flower varieties welcome.

Even if you don't have any seedlings to swap, you can still take some for a donation. It's a great way to meet other gardeners and to share advice and knowledge.



Cotswold Way in a Day

Sunday 3 June 2018

8.30am for pre-walk
breakfast;
Otherwise 9.30am

**Entry fee (adults and
children): £10 each**

Food is an extra cost

Do you enjoy walking? Have you always wanted to walk the Cotswold Way but never had the chance?

Stroud Valleys Project is setting up a team to walk a short section of the **Cotswold Way in a Day** event to raise money for our charity.

Call us to find out more.

Booking and paying in advance is essential



Annual Orchid Walk

Edge / Rudge Hill Common

Saturday 9 June

6pm - 8pm

**Cost : £5/adult & £2/child
SVP Friends : £4/adult &
£2/child**

The walk will start with a short introduction from local grazier and SVP Friend, Paul Griffiths, about the history of the common, what wildlife, wildflowers and orchids may be seen as well as a brief introduction to the grazing and management of the common for the rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly.

Booking and paying in advance is essential



Scything Course

Kingswood

Saturday 16 June

10am - 2pm

**Minimum donation £10 per
person**

Come along, enjoy and learn the art of scything, the traditional way of making hay, with Fred Miller, Stroud Valleys Project Officer.

The course designed for the beginner will give people an introduction to the use of the Austrian style scythe, its use, sharpening and maintenance.

Booking in advance is essential



Photo : Deb Roberts

SVP EVENTS' CALENDAR continued

Glow-worm Walk & Talk Stroud

Friday 22 June (National
Insect Week)

Friday 13 July

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost : £5/adult & £2/child
SVP Friends : £4/adult &
£2/child

Please note : This event is
unfortunately not suitable for

Denise Gibbons will be giving an
illustrated talk about Glow-worms and
Fireflies, followed by a walk at nightfall to
see our glowing female insects in their
local natural habitat.

Refreshments will be served after the talk.

The walk is in the dark on paths so please
bring a torch and wear warm clothing.

Booking and paying in advance is essential



Stroud Festival of Nature

Stratford Park

Sunday 8 July

11am - 4pm

FREE event

We'll have a shadow theatre with templates
for children to make shadow puppets of
moths, bats, owls, glow-worms, badgers and
foxes. We'll also have blank card for them to
do their own thing!

We're planning on having a 5 minute
performance every hour on the theme of 'As I
walked out one summer's night...'



Pond Dipping / Survey

Kingswood

Saturday 14 July

10am - 1pm

Cost : £5/adult & £2/child
SVP Friends :
£4/adult & £2/child

Come along, enjoy and learn about
what pond life and mini-beasts live
in the main breeding pond at
Kingswood's own wildlife oasis.

This annual pond survey now in its
fourth year will be lead by Denise
Gibbons and Barbara Wood, both
experts in pond wildlife.

Booking in advance is essential



Walk to Stroud Brewery

Friday 20 July

5.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost : £10/adult & £5/child
SVP Friends:
£8/adult & £4/child

Join us for a walk to Stroud Brewery
through Capel's Mill and Arundel
Millpond. Then walk with us along
the canal tow path to Stroud Brewery
and enjoy a pint when you get there.
Price includes a pint of beer or a soft
drink.

We are starting earlier this year, so we can arrive before sunset. If
you would like to have homemade wood fired pizza for tea, please
ask us for the menu.

Booking and paying in advance is essential



SVP EVENTS CALENDAR continued

Fossil Walk

Sunday 22 July

10.30am - 12.30pm

Cost: £5/adult & £2/child
SVP Friends:
£4/adult & £2/child

The Gloucestershire Geology Trust will be taking us on a guided walk along the shore of the Severn at Hock Cliff to find fossils embedded in the mud shale. This can be a muddy and slippery walk so good shoes or boots are essential. A family event suitable for children.
Booking essential



Bat Walk

Rackleaze, Cam

Saturday 18 August
 8pm - 10pm

Free event

However donations are really appreciated.

Come along and enjoy a talk & walk about local bat species that we hope to hear and possibly see before dusk in around the Rackleaze Wetland site, a wildlife oasis managed by Stroud Valleys Project. We will be meeting at Cam Parish Council Office at 8pm where we will meet Ms Nadine Symkatz-Kloss, a locally based ecologist and bat expert.



Booking in advance is essential

Capel's Mill Open Day

Sunday 19 August

Free event - donations are much appreciated.

Activities and fun for all the family. Find us by using the pedestrian crossing over Dr Newton's Way below Waitrose.

Phone Stroud Valleys Project on 01453 753358 for more information.



Family Walk

Stroud

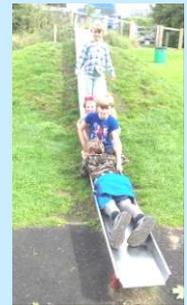
Wednesday 22 August
 10am - around 2pm

Cost £2/child (Adults free)

Spend the morning walking from playground to playground with fun activities along the way.

Unfortunately, this walk is not suitable for pushchairs.

Booking in advance is essential



Bat Walk

Kingswood

Thursday 23 August
 8pm - 9.30pm

Free event

However donations are really appreciated.

Come along and enjoy an early evening stroll around Wild About Kingswood's own Open & green Spaces with Stroud Valleys Project's own bat expert, Ms Nadine Symkatz-Kloss, a locally based ecologist and former colleague of Stroud Valleys Project.



Booking in advance is essential

SVP EVENTS CALENDAR continued

Writers Workshop for Women's Fiction with Katie Fforde, Alison Maynard and Julie Cohen

Stroud

Saturday 15 September

10am - 4pm

This workshop is aimed at both fledgling writers and those who want to break into the business. There will be opportunities for 1:1 sessions with Katie and with these excellent writers throughout. There are only 10 spaces, so book early to avoid disappointment.

£130 per person, to include lunch, teas and coffees and wine.



Wetland Wonderland

Insect survey / Bio-blitz

Rackleaze Wetland, Cam

Saturday 15 September

10am - 1pm approx

Free event

However donations are really appreciated.

Come along, enjoy and learn about what insects and mini-beasts live in and around the Rackleaze Wetland site with our wildlife experts Denise Gibbons and Barbara Wood. The aim of the survey will be to continue collecting data / records of insects and wildlife found on the wetland site on that day. Barbara and Denise have been collecting data at the site for a number of years, building up a picture of the insect and wildlife species found.

Booking in advance is essential



Goshawks in Gloucestershire

Stroud

Friday 5 October

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost: £5/adult & £2/child
SVP Friends:

£4/adult & £2/child

Did you know that the Goshawk, one of our most elusive large raptors after almost dying out last century as a breeding bird, is now thriving in parts of Gloucestershire?

Local expert Steve Watson will tell us all about them using photos and videos. Do not miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about this most fascinating but secretive bird.

Booking and paying in advance is essential



Pumpkins & Apples in the Park

Stratford Park

Sunday 28 October

FREE event

Donations welcomed

APPLE pressing workshops : bring some apples and have a go at making your own juice. Try a variety of apple-related family activities.

Drop off carved **pumpkins** at museum courtyard to be judged then join in with a twilight **Pumpkin Lantern Trail**.

Outdoor Autumn fun for all the family



The child rate applies to those aged 16 or under.
For events stated as priced at £5/adult,
Friends of Stroud Valleys Project only pay £4/adult

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How to raise funds for Stroud Valleys Project



by donating items for recycling

Biscuit wrappers - *clean outer wrappers only*

Mobile phones - *working or not, remove SIMs*

Ink cartridges - *but not laser/toner cartridges*

Unwanted / damaged gold and silver items

Unwanted jewellery - *odd earrings, broken chains, costume jewellery - in all materials: plastic, wood, bronze, gold, silver and metal.*

Watches - *working or not*

Banknotes and coins - *old or current - of any currency from any country.*

Cameras - *any sort, working or not*

Games consoles - *working or not*

Digital games and accessories - *working or not*

Ipods, laptops, tablets - *working or not*

MP3 players - *working or not*

Stamps & Postcards - *loose or collections, albums, presentation packs*

Please note that we cannot accept :

Home phones * Fax machines * Printers * DVD players

Kitchen appliances * Personal grooming items



**Drop off your items at our eco shop
at 8 Threadneedle Street, Stroud, GL5 1AF**

