

Environmental Events

Digwyddiadau Amgylcheddol



Swansea
2009 Abertawe



Introduction

This 2009 Environmental Events leaflet lists details of over 300 events taking place in and around Swansea from March to December. These include guided walks and cycle rides through some of the most beautiful countryside in the UK, and many talks and workshops/training courses where you can learn about environmental issues and wildlife. There are also lots of children's activities in local parks, on beaches or in other interesting places. Many of these events are FREE or at very low cost so everyone can get involved.

Following the success of Earth from the Air in 2007, Swansea Environmental Forum is bringing another open-air exhibition of amazing and inspiring photographs to Swansea. The Hard Rain exhibition has toured much of the UK and many other countries across the world but this year we will see its first visit to Wales when it comes to Swansea in June. Look out for the programme of linked activities and events taking place throughout the summer.

The number of events and organisations arranging them continues to increase so it isn't possible to include everything in this leaflet. Please note that details of regular local produce markets have been collated on p.5. For further information on local organisations please refer to the contact list at the back of the leaflet and for additional events throughout the year visit the City and County of Swansea and Environment Centre websites (see details opposite).

HARD RAIN Mark Edwards



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Mae'r daflen Digwyddiadau Amgylcheddol 2009 yn nodi manylion dros 300 o ddigwyddiadau a fydd yn cael eu cynnal yn Abertawe a'r cylch o fis Mawrth i fis Rhagfyr. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys teithiau cerdded a beicio tywys trwy rannau o gefn gwlad prydferthaf y DU, a llawer o sgwrsiau a gweithdai/cwrsiau hyfforddi lle gellir dysgu am faterion amgylcheddol a bywyd gwylt. Mae llawer o weithgareddau i blant hefyd mewn parciau lleol, ar draethau ac mewn lleoedd diddorol eraill. Cynigir llawer o'r digwyddiadau hyn AM DDIM neu'n rhad iawn fel y gall pawb gymryd rhan.

Yn dilyn llwyddiant Y Ddaear i'r Awyr yn 2007, mae Fforwm Amgylcheddol Abertawe'n bwriadu cynnal arddangosfa awyr agored arall o ffotograffau rhyfeddol ac ysbrydoledig i Abertawe. Mae arddangosfa Hard Rain wedi teithio i rannau helaeth o'r DU a sawl gwlad ar draws y byd, ond eleni bydd yn ymweld â Chymru am y tro cyntaf pan fydd yn dod i Abertawe ym mis Mehefin. Cadwch lygad allan am raglen o weithgareddau a digwyddiadau cysylltiedig sy'n cael eu cynnal trwy gydol yr haf.

Mae nifer y digwyddiadau a'r sefydliadau sy'n eu trefnu yn parhau i gynyddu, felly nid oes modd cynnwys popeth yn y daflen hon. Sylwer bod manylion marchnadoedd cynnyrch lleol rheolaidd wedi'u rhestru ar dudalen 5. Am fwy o wybodaeth am sefydliadau lleol, cyfeiriwch at y rhestr o gysylltiadau yng nghefn y daflen, ac am fanylion digwyddiadau

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If you have any queries about this leaflet or would like to publicise an environmental event in next year's edition, contact either the City and County of Swansea or the Environment Centre:

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ychwanegol trwy gydol y flwyddyn, ewch i wefannau Dinas a Sir Abertawe a Chanolfan yr Amgylchedd (gweler y manylion isod).

Mae Fforwm Addysg Amgylcheddol Abertawe (FfAAA) wedi llunio'r daflen hon gyda chymorth Tim Cadwraeth Natur Adran yr Amgylchedd Dinas a Sir Abertawe ac arian gan Gyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru.

Mae FfAAA yn bartneriaeth o sefydliadau sy'n darparu addysg amgylcheddol yn Abertawe. I gael mwy o wybodaeth, ffoniwch Cydlynnydd FfAAA ar 01792 469817.

Os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau ynghylch y daflen hon neu os hoffech roi cyhoeddusrwydd i ddigwyddiad amgylcheddol yn rhifyn blwyddyn nesaf, yna cysylltwch naill ai â Dinas a Sir Abertawe neu Ganolfan yr Amgylchedd yn y cyfeiriadau a ganlyn:

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Everyone Welcome

Anyone is welcome to join in most of the events listed. Please always be considerate to others and the environment – remember the countryside code and use sustainable travel where possible.

Please note that information on events run by others organisations is published in good faith by the City & County of Swansea and SEEF, which cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies.

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 leaflet can be accessed using public transport or cycling. For a copy of the Swansea Bay Alternative Travel Map with lots of ideas about different ways to travel, pop into the Environment Centre or call the Swansea Bay Alternative Travel Forum on 01792 481143. For bus routes and timetables please contact: Traveline Cymru on 0871 200 22 33 or at www.traveline-cymru.org.uk.

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 cōd cefn gwlad a defnyddiwch gludiant cynaliadwy lle bo modd.

Sylwer bod Dinas a Sir Abertawe a FFAAA yn cyhoeddi gwybodaeth am ddigwyddiadau sy'n cael eu cynnal gan sefydliadau eraill gyda phob ewyllys da, ac ni fyddant yn gyfrifol am unrhyw anghywirdeb.

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.

Anabledd: 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 copi o Fap Teithio Amgen Bae Abertawe gyda llawer o syniadau am wahanol ffyrdd o deithio, galwch heibio Canolfan yr Amgylchedd neu ffoniwch Fforwm Teithio Amgen Bae Abertawe ar (01792) 481143. I gael llwybrau ac amserlenni bysus, ffoniwch Traveline Cymru ar 0871 200 22 33 neu ewch i www.traveline-cymru.org.uk.

Local Produce Markets

Below are the basic details of regular local produce markets in Swansea. There are brief entries at relevant dates each month, with details of any special events.

Grovesend Local Produce Market

Fourth Saturday of month, 10.00am–1.00pm
Community Hall, Grovesend Miners Club, Plas Road, Grovesend
Offering a wide range of local foods and bringing local producers and communities closer together.
For further information contact Julie Griffiths, 01792 899861

Llangennith Local Produce Market

Last Saturday of month, April to September, 9.30am–1.00pm
Parish Hall, Llangennith, Gower
Market with vegetables, meat, produce and crafts for sale.
For further information contact Catherine Evans, 01792 386262

Loughor Local Produce Market

Last Friday of month, 9.30am–12.30pm
Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, Loughor
Local produce and crafts.
For further information contact Tony Davies, 01792 428460

Mumbles Local Produce Market

Second Saturday of month, 9.00am–1.00pm
The Dairy Car Park, Oystermouth Square, Mumbles. Local produce market and a celebration of Welsh food. For further information contact Robin Bonham, 01792 361012

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

Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

First Saturday of month, 9.30am–1.00pm
Village Hall, Pontarddulais Road, Penllergaer
Gower salt marsh lamb, fruit and veg, cakes, artisan breads, chutneys and preserves, and handicrafts.
For further information contact Sian Day, 01792 893266

Pennard Produce Market

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 Mark Smith, 01792 232093

Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Second Wednesday of month, 9.30am–1.30pm
Institute, St Teilo's Street, Pontarddulais
Local fresh produce and crafts and small cafe.
For further information contact Julie Rees, 01792 885137

Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

First Saturday of month, 9.30am–12.30pm,
St Paul's Parish Hall, De la Beche Road, Sketty
Fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, meats, and crafts for sale.
For further information contact Dave Williams, 01792 850162



March/Mawrth

Mon 23rd February to Sun 8th March Fairtrade Fortnight

Swansea Fair Trade Forum has arranged a programme of local events to promote fair trade as part of the annual national campaign. This year it is celebrating the designation of Wales as the world's first Fair Trade Nation and events include talks, quizzes and special stalls. For more details contact Jenny Edwards on 01792 480200.

Fri 27th February to Sun 8th March Swansea Universities and Colleges Environment Week

The universities and colleges in Swansea are working together with a week of events on environmental sustainability. Events include trips to wildlife sites, and lectures and workshops on a variety of topics. While some events are aimed at students and staff, others are open to all. For further details, contact Elizabeth May, Swansea Metropolitan University, on 01792 481143.

Sat 28th February and Sunday 1st March – St David's Day Dragon Festival Weekend

MEET: See below

CONTACT: Cindy Hayward, Mumbles Development Trust,
01792 361012

DETAILS: Live music, food, street entertainment, storytelling, activities for children and more. On Saturday, try a 'Taste of Mumbles' at the Ostreme Centre, celebrating local food with local restaurants and producers with tasters and demos. On Sunday visit the local produce market, 10.00am–2.00pm, Dairy Car Park, Oystermouth Square; and Dragon Parade 2.00pm.



Sun 1st March – Birdwatching Morning

MEET: 10.00am–1.00pm, Blackpill Wildlife Centre, Blackpill, Swansea

CONTACT: Daphne Jones, RSPB, 01269 822876

DETAILS: Join members of RSPB West Glamorgan group birdwatching across Swansea Bay SSSI. Open to members and public.



Sun 1st March – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, 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.

Fri 6th March – Introduction to Straw Bale Building

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: One-day course by Amazonails from Yorkshire who are delivering the most substantial straw bale building course in Wales. Please contact for further details, fees and to book. Some free places available.

Sat 7th March – Wildlife Weekend

MEET: See below

CONTACT: Elizabeth May, Swansea Metropolitan University, 01792 481143

DETAILS: Trip to National Botanic Garden with Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales. Reduced entry price of £4 if entering as part of a group. Leave Swansea Metropolitan University (Mount Pleasant Campus) at 10.30am (please book minibus seat), or meet at Garden entrance at 11.15am. Return about 4.00pm.

Sat 7th March – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 7th March – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 8th March – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 8th March – Breeding Birds

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Spot the variety of breeding birds at Bishop's Wood.

Tue 10th March – Working with Reclaimed Wood

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Help build the Farm's woodwork workshop using reclaimed wood and learn some new woodwork skills at the same time. Suitable for adults and young people over 16 years old. Fee £2. Booking essential. Continues on 17th and 24th March.

Tue 10th March – Wildlife of the Azores

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Talk by Elizabeth May, Swansea Metropolitan University. Discover life in the tropics in collaboration with the University of the Azores. Donations welcome at the door.

Wed 11th March – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Wed 11th March – Soil Improvement

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jayne Vickrage, Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098

DETAILS: Talk by Ivor Mace from Pencoed College.

Sat 14th March – Mumbles Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.



Sat 14th March – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

MEET: 9.30am–5.00pm, contact for full details

CONTACT: Dryad Bushcraft, 01792 547213

DETAILS: One-day course introducing a range of basic bushcraft tools, techniques and skills. Suitable for anyone over the age of 8 yrs. Course fee £90 adults, £60 concessions.



Sat 14th March – Organic Living

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Gateway activity for families who want to try their hand at activities based around organic lifestyles. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 14th March – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Tŷ'r Blodau, Singleton Botanical Gardens

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Walk around the park and tree identification games.

Sun 15th March – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Thu 19th March – The Big Issues: Halting Biodiversity Loss

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jenny Edwards, Swansea Environmental Forum, 01792 480200

DETAILS: An opportunity to find out more about the work of Swansea Biodiversity Partnership and improving biodiversity in Swansea. Everyone welcome.

Fri 20th March – RSPB Social Evening and Quiz Night

MEET: 7.30–9.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea.

CONTACT: Daphne Jones, RSPB, 01269 822876

DETAILS: Entry £2.00 (includes cheese and wine).

Sat 21st March – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 21st March – Family Farm Workday

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: For families who want to take part in the roles and responsibilities of a small working farm. Suitable for adults and children of all ages. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Tue 24th March – Environment Centre Charity Auction

MEET: 7.00pm, The Lord Mayor's Reception Room, The Guildhall, Swansea

CONTACT: The Environment Centre, 01792 480200

DETAILS: A great night out in aid of the Environment Centre. Get your bids in on a wide range of items. Tickets £10 to include a buffet and drinks. Booking essential.

Fri 27th March – Birdsong in France

MEET: 7.15pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Barry Stewart, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 539447

DETAILS: Talk by Derek Moore.

Fri 27th March – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 28th March – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 28th March – The Art of Bird Photography

MEET: 10.00am–4.30pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: One-day photography course with Tim Collier suitable for all abilities and looking at techniques and composition in bird photography. Starts with short presentation and question and answer session then rest of day spent in the grounds. £38 fee includes admission, refreshments, lunch and professional tuition. Booking essential.

Sat 28th March – Explore your Heathland

MEET: 2.00–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Come and learn about the wildlife, flora and fauna of Cadle Heath nature reserve – one of the best examples of urban heathland in Wales. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sun 29th March – The Art of Bird Photography

Repeat event. See entry for Sat 28th March

Sun 29th March – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Fri 3rd April – Ethical Eco Fashion Show

MEET: 6.00–9.30pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea

CONTACT: Environment Centre, 01792 480200

DETAILS: Organised by Fashioning an Ethical Industry and the Environment Centre, this fundraising event will showcase the work of several UK designers who promote ethics, sustainability and ecology. Plus craft and fair trade stalls. Tickets are £4.50 adults and £3 concessions.

Sat 4th April – Birdsong Walk

MEET: 9.30am, Cwm Ivy car park, Llanmadoc, Gower

CONTACT: Bob Tallack, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 204031

DETAILS: Guided walk to listen to birdsong. Trip subject to weather conditions.



Sat 4th April – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 4th April – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 4th April – Mosaic Taster Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Have a go at designing and making your own mosaic picture in a day. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential. Continues on 2nd May and 6th June.

Sat 4th to Sun 19th April – Easter Explorers

MEET: 9.30am–5.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Dip into our ponds and see who's there. Spring walks, arts and crafts, family activities and your first chance in 2009 to have a go on our canoe safari and bike trail.

Sun 5th April – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 5th April – Dawn Song

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

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Wake up with Bishop's Wood bird song. Campfire breakfast provided, £2.00 adults, £1 children. Please book in advance.

Sun 5th April – Wilderness Gourmet Course

MEET: Contact for details

CONTACT: Dryad Bushcraft, 01792 547213

DETAILS: One-day course for all the family. Prepare a meal outdoors, making use of seasonably available wild foods and cooked over wood fires. An experienced chef will be on hand to give advice. Course fee £90 adults, £60 concessions.



Mon 6th to Thu 23rd April – Sustainable Swansea Photographic Exhibition

MEET: Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea (please contact for opening times)

CONTACT: The Environment Centre, 01792 480200

DETAILS: A record of Sustainable Swansea's popular Trailblazers scheme for 8–14 year olds and the work of adults from Penlan and Castle Wards, who have taken part in the project's Green Mapping and digital media courses.

Tue 7th April – Why a Green Economy is Necessary

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Peter Jones, Swansea Green Party, 01792 529425

DETAILS: Open public meeting.

Wed 8th April – Organic Farming and Conservation

MEET: 7.00pm, National Botanic Garden of Wales, Llanarthne

CONTACT: Jayne Vickrage, Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098

DETAILS: Talk by Tim Bevan.

Wed 8th April – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Thu 9th April – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Parc Llewellyn

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Environmental fun and games. Booking essential.

Sat 11th April – Mumbles Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 12th April – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 12th April – Slugs, Snails and Easter Trails

MEET: 11.00am–3.00pm, NT Shop and Visitor Centre, Rhossili

CONTACT: National Trust office, 01792 390636

DETAILS: Join in the family fun Easter trail around Rhossili village. Learn all about the creepy crawlies on Gower and win a chocolate egg. Entry £1.50 per person.

Tue 14th April – Tir Gofal on Gower

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Talk by David Ashcroft, Welsh Assembly Government. Find out how the Tir Gofal agri-environmental scheme benefits farmland species on Gower. Donations welcome at the door.

Wed 15th April – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Coed Gwilliam

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Bug hunts and games. Booking essential.

Thu 16th April – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Discovery Centre, Brynmill Park

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Pond life and rafts. Have a go at pond dipping to see what lies beneath and then try making a raft from natural materials. Booking essential.

Sat 18th April – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Discovery Centre, Brynmill Park

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Treasure hunts and environmental games. Focus on Spring. Booking essential.

Sat 18th April – Janet Bligh Painting Day

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Painting the Seasons – each one has its own colour combinations and atmosphere. Any medium. £25 includes admission, refreshments, lunch and professional tuition. Booking essential and a £10 deposit is required to secure your place.

Sat 18th April – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 18th April – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 18th April – Family Farm Workday and the Garlic Cook-off

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Take part in the Farm's annual Ready Steady Garlic Cook-off to celebrate National Garlic Day. Garlic is good for the heart and keeps those vampires away! Suitable for adults and children of all ages. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sun 19th April – Beach Clean and Survey at Swansea Bay

MEET: 10.30am–12.30pm, Observatory, Swansea Bay (near Marina)

CONTACT: Jill Ireland, Swansea Green Party, 01792 206223

DETAILS: Beach clean and survey as part of Adopt-a-Beach on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society. Litter pickers and gloves provided.

Mon 20th to Tue 28th April

Start of Environment Courses

Department of Adult Continuing Education, Swansea University

This term there is a choice of four environmental courses:

Life Through Time: National Botanic Garden of Wales, ten evening sessions starting Mon 20th. Covers topics such as the history of life, how plants evolved, geological evidence and how evolution works. Includes practical work and a field visit.

Environmental Art: The Environment Centre, Swansea, ten evening sessions starting Thu 23rd. Introduces both art in the environment and art inspired by the environment with opportunities to explore visual elements in any environmental setting and site visits to local projects.

Marine Field Studies: a series of three non-residential weekends, starting Sat 25th. Focusing on the sea shores of Gower, this course will include site visits to various local sea shores identifying the animals and plants living there plus lab work on specimens collected and project work supported by the tutor. Pre-enrolment for this course by 20th April is essential.

Our Natural Inheritance: Drop-in Centre, Blaenymaes, ten morning sessions starting Tue 28th. This course provides a gentle introduction to exploring the wonders of the natural environment in Wales and beyond. It covers topics such as conservation, tourism and agriculture, and includes local site visits.

Each course is accredited. Fees vary from £102.50 to £157 (waged), and £35 to £52.50 (concessionary). Fee waiver for those on certain benefits or through the Financial Contingency Fund. For further details phone 01792 295786.

Thu 23rd April – Aber Tawe and Canoe Adventure

MEET: 5.30pm, car park at roundabout on A4217 at the junction between Foxhole Road and Link Road (at river bridge), Pentrechwyth

CONTACT: Neil Thomas, Mumbles Development Trust, 01792 402681

DETAILS: An exciting walk and amazing canoe trip with an experienced leader. Explore the many fascinating clues that show why Swansea was Copperopolis and investigate this growing vibrant riverside. Approx. 2 1/2 hours duration.

Fri 24th April – Birdsong Walk

MEET: 6.30pm, Pant y Sais Fen car park, Jersey Marine

CONTACT: Bob Tallack, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 204031

DETAILS: Guided walk to listen to birdsong. Subject to weather conditions.

Fri 24th April – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 25th April – Nature Trail Sculpture Workshop

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Have a go at sculpting nature-inspired objects to help create a great adventure trail. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family Booking essential.

Sat 25th April – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 25th April – Llangennith Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 25th April – Photography Folio Day Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.30pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Photography course with Tim Collier. Bring your own prints or digital images of landscapes or wildlife for help and advice. All digital images must be on CD or external pen or hard drive, in jpg format. Each participant can bring up to ten images for discussion in the group. £38 includes admission, refreshments, lunch and professional tuition. Booking essential.

Sat 25th and Sun 26th April – Introduction to Green Woodwork

MEET: Locations around Gower to be arranged nearer the time

CONTACT: Scott Blytt Jordens, Dragonfly Creations, 07725 894591

DETAILS: Enjoy being in a natural environment learning the basics of working wood with classic hand tools. A variety of products can be made, such as kitchen utensils, stools, small tables etc. Fee charged. Booking essential.

Sun 26th April – Photography Folio Day Course

Repeat event. See entry on Sat 25th April.

Sun 26th April – Birdwatching Morning Walk in Cwm Clydach Reserve

MEET: 9.00am, Reserve car park, Craig-cefn-parc, Clydach, Swansea

CONTACT: Marlay John, RSPB, 01792 816250

DETAILS: Beginners/new members welcome. Warm weatherproofs and boots may be needed. No dogs.

Tue 28th to Thu 30th April – Round Pole Timber Framing Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: Three-day course. Please contact for further details, fees and to book. Some free places available.

Throughout May – Clyne Gardens

Clyne Gardens are at their best throughout May when the rhododendrons and azaleas are in full bloom and the Asiatic primulas in the Bog Gardens are starting to colour.

Every Sun, 3.00–5.00pm – free band concerts and children's activities.

Every Wed, 10.00am–12.00noon – Bird and Wildlife walk. Meet at the gate just past the Woodman pub. £1.50 per person.

Every Wed, 2.00–4.00pm – Garden tour. Meet at the gate just past the Woodman pub. £1.50 per person. For further details contact Specialist Parks Development on 01792 205327.



Fri 1st May – Parent and Toddler Farm Introduction

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Introductory session for parents and toddlers to try holistic play, nature therapy or simply share a cup of tea and company. £1 each.

Sat 2nd May – Dawn Chorus

MEET: 6.00am, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Guided walk to listen to the bird world wake up as dawn breaks over the Burry Inlet. Followed by a full cooked breakfast in the Estuary Café. £10 per person, booking essential.

Sat 2nd May – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 2nd May – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 3rd May – Dawn Chorus

MEET: 4.30am, Gelli Hir Nature Reserve, Gower

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Join us in this annual celebration of nature's daily spring miracle. Wear suitable clothing and footwear for the season, weather and terrain. Share lifts if possible.

Sun 3rd May – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Mon 4th May – Riverside Fun Day

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Riverside Building (off Glanrhyd Roundabout), Pontardawe

CONTACT: Meryl Hunt, Swansea Canal Society, 01792 865565

DETAILS: Community Fun Day with dog show, stalls and entertainment.

Tue 5th to Wed 27th May – Blue Ocean Blues Exhibition

MEET: Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: The Environment Centre, 01792 480200

DETAILS: Popular school's education programme and exhibition. Please check in advance for public viewing times. Schools must book early as there are limited spaces.

Sat 9th May – Mumbles Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 9th May – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Clyne Gardens

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Environmental games. Learn about nature in a fun way. Booking essential.

Sat 9th May – Introduction to Organic Gardening Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: One-day course. Please contact for further details, fees and to book. Some free places available.

Sat 9th May – Introducing Penllergare

MEET: 2.15pm, Swansea Council Offices car park, Penllergaer

CONTACT: Jennie Evers, The Penllergare Trust, 01558 650416

DETAILS: A guided walk and talk around the 19th century parkland and gardens that once belonged to John Dillwyn Llewelyn, the renowned Swansea horticulturalist and pioneer photographer. Strong footwear recommended.

Sun 10th May – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see entry page 5.

Sun 10th May – Low Tide Mud Safari

MEET: 10.45am, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Join us on a journey to the edge of the marsh and beyond. Bring your own wellies for a rare treat – the famous Mud Safari! Approx 2 hours walk.



Sun 10th May – Basket Making Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Learn to make a simple willow basket in a day. Only places for ten people, so book early. Not suitable for young children.

Tue 12th May – Bat Walk

MEET: 7.30pm, Underhill car park, Mumbles

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Guided walk in Peel Wood and Underhill Park with Steve Lucas, Bat Conservation Trust. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Share lifts or use public transport where possible. Bring torches as it will get dark!

Wed 13th May – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Wed 13th May – Seedlings Swap

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jayne Vickrage, Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098

DETAILS: Bring your seedlings to exchange.

Sat 16th May – Birdsong Walk

MEET: 9.30am, Lower Lliw Reservoir car park, Felindre, Swansea

CONTACT: Bob Tallack, Gower Ornithological Society, 01792 204031

DETAILS: Guided walk to listen to birdsong. Subject to weather conditions.

Sat 16th May – Family Farm Workday

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 21st March.

Sat 16th May – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 17th May – Green Treasure Hunt

MEET: 10.30am, Coed Gwilym Recreational Ground, Clydach

CONTACT: Meryl Hunt, Swansea Canal Society 01792 865565

DETAILS: A chance to get active and have some fun by following a trail of clues on foot along the canal and surrounding area.

Fri 22nd May – International Day for Biological Diversity

Follow this year's theme, Invasive Alien Species, at one or more of these local events:

Climate Change Indicators Survey

Help search for marine non-native species and indicators of climate change on the shore at Mumbles, led by marine biologist Judith Oakley. Meet at 11.00am, Mumbles Pier entrance, Mumbles (parking fees apply). Event lasts approx 2 1/2 hours.

Environmental Art Workshop

A fun event led by artist Sara Holden on the beach to help create sculptures from natural, sustainable or found materials. Anytime 10.00am–4.00pm, Bracelet Bay beach, Mumbles (parking fees apply).

Mumbles Hill Local Nature Reserve Walk

A pleasant stroll up to Mumbles Hill to see the effects of various non-native species on the limestone grasslands and cliffs overlooking Mumbles and Swansea Bay. Meet at 2.00pm on steps to road in Bracelet Bay car park, Mumbles (parking fees apply).

For all events please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book and for further details contact Sean Hathaway, Nature Conservation Team, City and County of Swansea, 01792 635749.



Sat 23rd May – Compost Conundrums

MEET: 10.00am–2.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Find out everything you need to know about composting at home. Specifically for adults and young people age 16 and over. £5 per person. Booking essential.

Sat 23rd May – So You Want to Be a Smallholder?

MEET: 2.00–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Come and visit our compact yet abundant 3.5 acre site and pick up some smallholder's hints and tips on what to do (and not to do) from those who have already done it. Specifically for adults and young people age 16 and over. £5 per person. Booking essential.

Sat 23rd May – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 23rd May – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.



Wed 27th May – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Clyne

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Bird and wildlife tour and treasure hunt. Booking essential. Please arrive promptly.

Thu 28th May – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Tŷ'r Blodau, Singleton Botanical Gardens

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Please come along and help us plant up the JPR beds for this year's vegetables. Booking essential.

Fri 29th May – Pastel Workshop with Carol Kibble

MEET: 10.00am–3.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Wildlife in Pastels workshop. Learn the techniques for painting in pastel. £25 per person includes admission, refreshments, lunch and professional tuition. Booking essential and a £10 deposit is required to secure your place.

Fri 29th May – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 30th May – Llangennith Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 30th May – Wildlife Investigations

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Celebrate National Wildlife Week by exploring the wildlife all around you. Talk to the experts and discover things about the quiet creatures on your doorstep (magnifying glasses useful). Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

June to September – Hard Rain Exhibition and Events

The internationally renowned photographer, Mark Edwards, combines his work with the lyrics of the legendary Bob Dylan to present an astounding and inspirational exhibition that explores the state of our world. Illustrating the combined problems of climate change, poverty and wildlife extinction, the exhibition challenges us all to act now to secure a future for our children.

On its first visit to Wales, this unique exhibition will be part of a wide programme of events and activities in central Swansea and local communities. For further details contact Sustainable Swansea on 01792 480200 or visit www.sustainableswansea.net.



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Mon 1st to Tue 30th June – Rockpool Revelations Exhibition

MEET: Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea (please contact for opening times)

CONTACT: The Environment Centre, 01792 480200

DETAILS: Stunning photographic exhibition by a local photographer and naturalist that will inspire you to discover the coast for yourself and look more closely at rockpools.

Wed 3rd June – Earth Oven Construction Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: One-day course. Please contact for further details, fees and to book. Some free places available.



Sat 6th to Sun 21st June – Gower Walking Festival

A programme of 47 guided walks, ranging from 1 to 30 miles in distance, and special activity events which include coasteering, canoeing, horse riding and bushcraft. Each event must be booked in advance through Mumbles Tourist Information Centre on 01792 361302 or at www.mumblestic.co.uk (a small booking fee is charged).

Sat 6th June – Janet Bligh Painting Day

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Experimenting with colour. £25 – admission, refreshments, lunch and professional tuition included. Booking essential and a £10 deposit is required to secure your place.

Sat 6th June – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 6th June – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 6th June – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 6th and Sun 7th June – Invertebrate Training Day

MEET: 10.00am–3.00pm, Wildlife Trust Nature Centre, Tondy, Bridgend

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Classroom and field-based training at the Nature Centre, Tondy. Cost £12 per person, including handbook and refreshments. Please book. Bring a packed lunch. Share lifts or use public transport where possible.

Sat 6th to Sun 14th June – Wales Biodiversity Week

A variety of local events have been organised as part of this national celebration of wildlife and habitats. For more details contact Jo Mullett on 01792 635784 or visit www.biodiversitywales.org.uk.



Sun 7th June – Amazing Moths

MEET: 9.00pm, Pennard Cliffs, use NT car park at Southgate, Pennard

CONTACT: National Trust office, 01792 390636

DETAILS: Join in this family event on National Moth Night to see which moths are attracted to Pennard cliffs at night. Wear suitable clothing and bring a torch. Donations welcome towards work of National Trust on Gower. Booking essential.

Sun 7th June – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 7th June – Canal Environmental Clean up

MEET: 10.30am, Castle Hotel car park, Pontardawe

CONTACT: Clive Reed, Swansea Canal Society, 01792 830782

DETAILS: Help clean up the canal environs – litter pick sticks provided. Wear suitable clothing. Approx 2 hours duration.

Tue 9th June – What Goes 'Bump' in the Night?

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Talk by Rory Wilson, Swansea University, on using the latest technology to access wildlife's secrets. Donations welcome at the door.

Wed 10th June – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Wed 10th June – The Big Issues: Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jenny Edwards, Swansea Environmental Forum, 01792 480200

DETAILS: An opportunity to find out more about carbon management and reducing Swansea's contribution to climate change. Everyone welcome.



Sat 13th to Sun 21st June – National Bike Week

This national celebration of cycling is supported with a local programme of rides and events. There will also be a promotional bike ride organised by CCS and Wheelrights on 13th September. For further details go to www.swansea.gov.uk/cycling or phone Rob Wachowski on 01792 636353.

Fri 12th June – Crymlyn Bog Guided Walk

MEET: 10.30am, Crymlyn Reserve Centre, Dinam Rd, Port Tennant
CONTACT: Jamie Bevan, Countryside Council for Wales, 01792 634960
DETAILS: Enjoy a gentle stroll around the Nature Reserve in Wales Biodiversity Week to learn about the wildlife and history. Plus an optional trek part way up Kilvey Hill to take in the panoramic views. Bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Light refreshments available.

Sat 13th June – Gower Gallop Challenge for Walkers and Orienteers

MEET: 7.00am (30 miles), 8.00am (20 miles), 9.30am (12.5 miles and orienteering), Pennard Sports Pavilion, Southgate, Gower
CONTACT: Sue Alston, Swansea Outdoor Group, 01792 296219
DETAILS: A test of stamina and navigation skills around hills and coast of Gower. Choose from 12.5, 20 or 30 mile walks, finding your own way from checkpoint to checkpoint. Or try a 'long O' orienteering route over 20 km to provide extra challenge. Entry £5 in advance, £6 on the day, £3.50 concessions. Registration 30 mins before each start time.

Sat 13th June – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Clyne Country Park car park, Mumbles Road
CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484
DETAILS: Cycle through Clyne Country Park along the old railway. We will stop and look at the wildlife we pass. Please ensure bikes are all in good working order and that children wear helmets. Booking essential. Please arrive promptly.

Sat 13th June – Boulder Biodiversity Blitz

MEET: 3.45pm, slipway near Oxwich Bay Hotel, Gower (car park fees apply)
CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Nature Conservation Team, CCS, 01792 635784
DETAILS: Help marine biologist Judith Oakley record species living on and under boulders at Oxwich Bay. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Event lasts approx 2½ hours.

Sat 13th June – Organic Living

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 13th June – Mumbles Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 14th June – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 14th June – Biodiversity Week Walk

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell
CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703
DETAILS: A guided walk that will take you to discover the mysteries of Bishop's Wood, to celebrate Wales Biodiversity Week.

Sun 14th June – 43 to C Fun Bike Ride

MEET: 11.00am, Forge Fach Community Centre, Clydach
CONTACT: Rob Wachowski, Cwmtawe Cycle Group and CCS, 01792 845566
DETAILS: Fun ride for all the family going alongside the River Tawe most of the way to the Maritime Quarter in Swansea and a stop for refreshments before returning by the same route.

Wed 17th June – Farm Visit

MEET: 7.00pm, please contact for directions

CONTACT: Jayne Vickrage, Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098

DETAILS: Visit to Lavender Farm at Pennard, plus picnic.

Sat 20th June – Family Farm Workday with Solstice Celebrations

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Take part in the Farm's summer solstice celebrations with Alex Waters. Suitable for adults and children of all ages. £2 per person. Booking essential.

Sat 20th June – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 20th and Sun 21st June – Coracle Fishing Displays

MEET: 11.00am–3.00pm, Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, Gower

CONTACT: Gower Heritage Centre, 01792 371206

DETAILS: See demonstrations of the coracle, a unique Welsh fishing boat, as it was traditionally used, learn about its history, watch fishing displays and have a go yourself in a coracle race.

Sat 20th and Sun 21st June – Introduction to Green Woodwork

Repeat event, see details for Sat 25th and Sun 26th April

Sun 21st June – Happy Valley Fun Bike Ride

MEET: 11.00am, Forge Fach Community Centre, Clydach

CONTACT: Rob Wachowski, Cwmtawe Cycle Group and CCS, 01792 845566

DETAILS: Fun ride for all the family on NCN Route 43 north of Clydach, taking in a picturesque trip between the River Tawe and Swansea Canal and a new section at Pontardawe leading on to Ystalyfera. After refreshments, return by same route.

Sun 21st June – In the Pink Waterways Walk

MEET: 2.00pm, Pontardawe Leisure Centre

CONTACT: Meryl Hunt, Swansea Canal Society, 01792 865565

DETAILS: Sponsored walk along the Swansea Canal in aid of Breast Cancer.

Fri 26th June – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 27th June – Nature Sculpture Workshop

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Celebrate National Insect Week by having a go at sculpting nature-inspired objects to help create a great adventure trail. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 27th June – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 27th June – Llangennith Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

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Sat 4th July – Silky Wave Moth Survey

MEET: 10.00am–3.00pm, Port Eynon car park, Gower

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Help to survey the silky wave moths at Overton Mere with Russell Hobson, Butterfly Conservation. Parking fee applies. Wear suitable clothing and footwear for the season, weather and terrain. Share lifts or use public transport where possible. Please book.

Sat 4th July – Wooden Bowl Workshop

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Have a go at making your own wooden bowl to celebrate the Farm's year of Food and Farming. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 4th July – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 4th July – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 5th July – Hand Carving

MEET: Locations around Gower to be arranged nearer the time

CONTACT: Scott Blytt Jordens, Dragonfly Creations, 07725 894591

DETAILS: Learn how to hand carve your own small bowl or plate. Fee charged. Booking essential.

Sun 5th July – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Wed 8th July – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 11th July – Mumbles Local Produce Market

MEET: 9.00am–1.00pm, Dairy Car Park, Oystermouth Square, Mumbles

CONTACT: Robin Bonham, Mumbles Development Trust, 01792 361012

DETAILS: Local produce market and a celebration of Welsh food. Plus a Healthy Living Festival which includes a guided walk – Castle Woods Adventure.

Sat 11th July – Junior Park Rangers

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Blackpill Lido

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Have a go at creating a beach sculpture.

Sun 12th July – Beach Clean and Survey at Swansea Bay

MEET: 10.30am–12.30pm, Observatory, Swansea Bay (near Marina)

CONTACT: Jill Ireland, Swansea Green Party, 01792 206223

DETAILS: Beach clean and survey as part of Adopt-a-Beach on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society. Litter pickers and gloves provided.

Sun 12th July – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Mon 13th July to Sat 18th July – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Week

A week of events aimed at making us all more waste aware. Contact nearer the time for full details by visiting www.swansea.gov.uk/recycling or www.swanseawasteforum.org or calling the Recycling Team on 01792 635600.



Tue 14th July – Minibeast Safari

MEET: 2.00–4.00pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Creep along with Dai, Karen and other 'bugs' through the undergrowth of Bishop's Wood.

Tue 14th and Wed 15th July – ESDGC and Use of the Outdoors Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: Two-day Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship course for educators, youth workers, teachers and community workers. Please contact for further details, fees and to book. Some free places available.

Sat 18th July – Open Day at Swansea Museum with Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust

MEET: 10.30am–4.00pm, Swansea Museum

CONTACT: Roger Gale, Swansea Museum, 01792 653763, or Sue Hughes, Glamorgan–Gwent Archaeological Trust, 01792 655208

DETAILS: Part of the Festival of British Archaeology 2009. Bring along your finds for identification or enjoy hands-on archaeological activities. Also, a chance to talk to local history groups and meet medieval archers.



Sat 18th July – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 19th July – Driftwood Creations

MEET: Locations around Gower to be arranged nearer the time

CONTACT: Scott Blytt Jordens, Dragonfly Creations, 07725 894591

DETAILS: Use the beauty of driftwood to create a range of items and learn some basic woodworking skills at the same time. Fee charged. Booking essential.

Sun 19th July – Lliw Valley Birdwatching Walk

MEET: 10.00am, lower reservoir car park, Felindre, Swansea

CONTACT: Marlay John, RSPB, 01792 816250

DETAILS: Beginners/new members welcome. Warm weatherproofs and boots may be needed. No dogs.

Sun 19th July – Canal Environmental Clean Up

MEET: 10.30am, on foot at the aqueduct in Clydach alongside Clydach Climbing Club Centre opposite Forge Fach Community Centre

CONTACT: Clive Reed, 01792 830782

DETAILS: Help clean up the canal environs – litter pick sticks provided. Wear suitable clothing. Approx 2 hours duration.

Summer Holidays with JPR at Brynmill Discovery Centre

The Junior Park Rangers is a free club for 4 to 11 years olds. They will be meeting every Wednesday and Thursday, 10.00am to 12.00noon, throughout the summer holidays at the Discovery Centre, Brynmill Park. Come along on any of the days to make crafts, have environmental fun and play games. Please book in advance on 01792 635484 or 205327.



Tue 21st July – Rockpool Watch

MEET: 11.30am–12.30pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Explore the secret world of Caswell Bay's rockpools with Dai and Karen.



Thu 23rd to Mon 27th July – Sculpture by the Sea

Environmental art workshops with a team of professional artists creating a display of temporary sculptures on Swansea's beautiful beaches that inspire, inform and educate. 10.00am–4.00pm, all weathers, all welcome.

Thu 23rd – Bracelet Bay

Fri 24th – Caswell Bay

Sat 25th – Blackpill (near Lido)

Sun 26th – Sandfields (near County Hall)

Mon 27th – Marina (by Observatory)

Contact Sara Holden, Managing Artist, 01792 367571 or visit www.sculpturebythesea.co.uk for festival updates.

Sat 25th July – Bees and Honey

MEET: 2.00–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Whether you are fascinated by bees or have a taste for honey, this afternoon is for you. Help us extract the first honey of the season while picking up some interesting facts on honey bees. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 25th July – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 25th July – Llangennith Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 25th July – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sun 26th July – Crymlyn Bog Family Fun Day

MEET: 11.00am–3.00pm, Crymlyn Reserve Centre, Dinam Road, Port Tennant

CONTACT: Jamie Bevan, Countryside Council for Wales
01792 634960 or Environment Centre, 01792 469817

DETAILS: Celebrate International Bog Day at Crymlyn Bog Nature Reserve. Activities include pond dipping, guided walks and environmental art. Bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tue 28th July – Plants with a Purpose

MEET: 2.00–3.00pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Come and discover the wonderful secrets of our beautiful plants at Bishop's Wood.



Wed 29th July – Junior Park Rangers

MEET: 2.00–4.00pm, Oystermouth Castle

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Medieval games.

Fri 31st July – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

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August in the Singleton Botanical Gardens

Come along to see the Gardens in all their glory and take advantage of the comprehensive activities going on there throughout August.

Every Sun, 3.00–5.00pm: Free band concerts and children's activities.

Every Wed, 10.00am–12.00noon: Bird and Wildlife walk. £1.50

Every Wed, 2.00–4.00pm: Garden tour. £1.50 per person.

Every Tue and Thu, 2.00–4.00pm: Garden tour and slide show.

Every Mon and Fri, 1.00–4.00pm: Children's entertainment.

Every Sat, 10.00am–2.00pm: Friends plant sale.

For further details contact Specialist Parks Development on 01792 205327.



Sat 1st August – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 1st August – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 1st August – Introducing Penllergare

MEET: 2.15pm, Swansea Council Offices car park, Penllergaer

CONTACT: Jennie Eyers, The Penllergare Trust, 01558 650416

DETAILS: See 9th May entry for information.

Sun 2nd August – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 2nd August – Birdwatching Morning Walk along Resolven Canal

MEET: 10.00am, Canal car park, Resolven

CONTACT: Marlay John, RSPB, 01792 816250

DETAILS: Beginners/new members welcome. Warm weatherproofs and boots may be needed. No dogs.

Tue 4th August – Rockpool Watch

MEET: 11.30am–12.30pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Explore the secret world of Caswell Bay's rockpools with Dai and Karen.

Wed 5th August – Junior Park Rangers

MEET: 2.00–4.00pm, Cwmdonkin Park

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Games and bug hunting.

Sat 8th August – Organic Living with Fire Festivities

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: For families who want to try their hand at activities based around organic lifestyles. Explore Lamas – the fire festival – through play, art and stories as part of the Farm's Nature Therapy programme with Alex Waters. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 8th August – Junior Park Rangers Club

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Tŷ'r Blodau, Singleton Botanical Gardens

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Taste tests! Come along to help us harvest the JPR beds. Can you tell what the different tastes are? Booking essential.

Sat 8th August – Mumbles Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 9th August – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 9th August – Nocturnal Woodland

MEET: 9.00–11.00pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Explore the night time world of Bishop's Wood. Bring warm clothing.

Mon 10th to Fri 14th August – Straw Bale Building Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: Build a studio in 5 days – a training course by Amazonails from Yorkshire who are delivering the most substantial straw bale building course in Wales. Please contact for details, fees and to book. Some free places available.

Tue 11th August – Rockpool Watch

MEET: 3.30–4.30pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Explore the secret world of Caswell Bay's rockpools with Dai and Karen.

Wed 12th August – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 15th August – Family Farm Workday with Bees & Honey

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: For families who want to take part in the roles and responsibilities of a small working farm. Have a go at extracting honey and ask your questions to our resident bee-keepers. Suitable for adults and children of all ages. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 15th August – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 15th August – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 15th and Sun 16th August – Coracle Fishing Displays

MEET: 11.00am–3.00pm, Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, Gower

CONTACT: Gower Heritage Centre, 01792 371206

DETAILS: See demonstrations of the coracle, a unique Welsh fishing boat, as it was traditionally used and learn about its history. Watch fishing displays and have a go yourself in a coracle race.



Tue 18th August – Rockpool Watch

MEET: 10.30–11.30am, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Explore the secret world of Caswell Bay's rockpools with Dai and Karen.

Thu 20th August – High Tide Watch and BBQ

MEET: 5.30pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Discover the amazing sights and sounds as the advancing tide pushes the birds closer to the hides, followed by a BBQ. £10 charge. Booking essential.

Sat 22nd August – A Day about Dill

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Start a journey to discover the flavour, fragrance and versatility of garden herbs – from cooking herb scones to making your own beauty products. Suitable for adults and children of all ages. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 22nd August – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd August – Keen to be Green Days at Rhossili

MEET: 12.00noon–4.00pm, NT Shop and Visitor Centre, Rhossili

CONTACT: National Trust shop, 01792 390707

DETAILS: Join in the family fun with lots of 'keen to be green' activities.

Tue 25th August – Rockpool Watch

MEET: 4.00–5.00pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Explore the secret world of Caswell Bay's rockpools with Dai and Karen.

Wed 26th August – Junior Park Rangers

MEET: 2.00–4.00pm, Coed Gwilym Park

CONTACT: Arron Ring, 01792 635484

DETAILS: Games, bug hunt and revisit the beetle castle.

Fri 28th August – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 29th August – Another Day about Dill

Repeat event, see details for Sat 22nd August.



Sat 29th August – Llangennith Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 29th and Sun 30th August – Introduction to Green Woodwork

Repeat event, see details for Sat 25th and Sun 26th April.

September/Medi

Fri 4th September – Walk to the Worm

MEET: 10.30am–3.30pm, NT Shop and Visitor Centre, Rhossili

CONTACT: National Trust office, 01792 390636

DETAILS: Discover the wonders of Worms Head on a walk with the wardens to the far end of the tidal island at Rhossili. Spectacular views and an insight into the island's human history and wildlife. The walk is rugged in places so sturdy footwear is a must. Bring food, drink and suitable clothing. £3.00 per person. Booking essential.



Sat 5th September – Victorian Farm Kitchen

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: It's time to pick, pickle and preserve those fresh fruits and vegetables for winter. Learn the traditional tricks of the trade and share recipes. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 5th September – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 5th September – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 5th September – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 5th and Sun 6th September – Introduction to Biodynamic Gardening Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: Two-day course. Please contact for further details, fees and to book. Some free places available.

Sun 6th September – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 6th September – Walk to the Worm

MEET: 11.30am–4.40pm, NT Shop and Visitor Centre, Rhossili

CONTACT: National Trust office, 01792 390636

DETAILS: See entry for Fri 4th Sep.

Wed 9th September – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 12th September – Mumbles Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 12th September – Basic Photography Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: This course with Tim Collier looks at basic camera handling and terminology that you need to know to get started. The morning will be spent in the centre getting to grips with cameras whilst in the afternoon we will put into practice what you have learned around the site. £38 includes admission, refreshments, and lunch. Booking essential.

Sat 12th and Sun 13th September – Hand Carving and Green Woodwork

MEET: Locations around Gower to be arranged nearer the time

CONTACT: Scott Blytt Jordens, Dragonfly Creations, 07725 894591

DETAILS: Hand carving your own bowl or platter and an introduction to green woodwork. Fee charged. Booking essential.

Sat 12th and Sun 13th September – Tŷ Agored Abertawe Open House

MEET: Various venues – for times and locations see Open House brochure or website

CONTACT: Gordon Gibson, Sylfaen Cynefin, 01792 646467

DETAILS: A once-a-year chance to see behind the scenes of a variety of Swansea's buildings. Part of the European Heritage Days initiative and sponsored by Sylfaen Cynefin, the community design service.



Sun 13th September – Basic Photography Course

Repeat event. See entry for Sat 12th September.

Sun 13th September – Annual Canal Cycle Ride

MEET: 10.30am, Bus Bay car park alongside Cwmtawe School, Pontardawe

CONTACT: Grant Duncan, Swansea Canal Society, 01792 864990

DETAILS: Gentle cycle ride along parts of Route 43 to Swansea Marina to have a bite to eat (or bring your own) then cycle back. Approx. 22 flat miles.

Sun 13th September – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 13th September – Arts and Crafts Day

MEET: 11.00am–4.00pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Create something beautiful and magical at Bishop's Wood. There will be a chance to try your hand at woodland crafts and woodland art.

Tue 15th September – Living Landscapes and Living Seas

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Talk by Madeleine Havard about how the Trust is linking habitat, wildlife and people to ensure living landscapes and seas for the future. Includes local group's AGM. Donations welcome at the door.

Fri 18th September – High Tide Watch and BBQ

MEET: 5.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: See entry on Thu 20th August.

Sat 19th September – Beach Clean at Blackpill

MEET: 10.00am, beach near Lido, Blackpill

CONTACT: Robin Bonham, 361012

DETAILS: Annual event supporting the Marine Conservation Society Beachwatch. Everyone welcome, equipment provided.

Sat 19th September – Family Farm Workday

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 21st March.

Sat 19th September – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 19th September – National Beach Watch at Rhossili Bay

MEET: 1.00–4.00pm, Hillend Camping and Caravan Site, Llangennith

CONTACT: National Trust office, 01792 390636

DETAILS: Help NT staff and volunteers take part in National Beach Watch, in partnership with the Marine Conservation Society, surveying and cleaning up litter from the beautiful sands of Rhossili beach to help protect wildlife. Gloves and bags provided. Wear suitable clothing. Families welcome, all under-18s must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.

Sun 20th September – Beach Clean and Survey at Swansea Bay

MEET: 10.30am–12.30pm, Observatory, Swansea Bay (near Marina)

CONTACT: Jill Ireland, Swansea Green Party, 01792 206223

DETAILS: Beach clean and survey as part of Adopt-a-Beach on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society. Litter pickers and gloves provided.

Sun 20th September – Beach Watch at Three Cliffs Bay

MEET: 11.00am, Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, Gower

CONTACT: Gower Heritage Centre, 01792 371206

DETAILS: Help with a litter clean up and survey at Three Cliffs as part of the Marine Conservation Society's Beach Watch and Adopt-a-Beach project.

Mon 21st to Sun 27th September – Tidy Wales Week at Mumbles

MEET: Various times and locations

CONTACT: Cindy Hayward, Mumbles Development Trust, 01792 361012

DETAILS: Join the Mumbles Green Action Team, local primary schools and Keep Wales Tidy at events throughout the week in and around Mumbles. Contact for up-to-date information.



Fri 25th September – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 26th September – Woodland Wonders

MEET: 12.00noon–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: It's seed gathering time! Join us in celebrating the woodlands with a number of activities suitable for all the family. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 26th September – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 26th September – Llangennith Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 26th and Sun 27th September – Hand Carving and Green Woodwork

Repeat event, see details for Sat 12th and Sun 13th September.

October/Hydref

Sat 3rd October – Compost Conundrums

For details see entry on Saturday 23rd May.

Sat 3rd October – So You Want to be a Smallholder?

For details see entry on Saturday 23rd May.

Sat 3rd October – Penllergaer Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 3rd October – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 4th October – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Mon 5th October – Environment Centre AGM

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: The Environment Centre, 01792 480200

DETAILS: Annual members' meeting followed by a guest speaker and then cheese and wine buffet.

Sat 10th October – Mumbles Local Produce Market

MEET: 9.00am–1.00pm, Dairy Car Park, Oystermouth Square

CONTACT: Robin Bonham, Mumbles Development Trust, 01792 361012

DETAILS: Local produce market and a celebration of Welsh food. This month is a Harvest Festival Market.

Sat 10th October – Organic Living

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 10th October – Intermediate Photography Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Explore the relationship between aperture, shutter speed and ISO with Tim Collier, and gain total creative control of your camera. The morning will be devoted to demonstrations while the afternoon will give an opportunity to try out a few things for yourself. £38 fee includes admission, refreshments and lunch. Booking essential.



Sun 11th October – Intermediate Photography Course

Repeat event. See entry for Sat 10th October.

Sun 11th October – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 11th October – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 11th October – Fungus Foray

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Searching for and identifying the fungi of Bishop's Wood. Please bring your own collecting baskets.

Mon 12th October – The Big Issues: Improving Swansea Bay

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jenny Edwards, Swansea Environmental Forum, 01792 480200

DETAILS: An opportunity to find out more about local coastal and marine issues and what is being done to improve sea water quality in Swansea Bay. Includes Swansea Environmental Forum's AGM. Everyone welcome.

Tue 13th October – Land Reinstatement and Earthworms

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Talk by Michael Sharratt on the land reinstatement process: is it for decoration or conservation? Donations welcome at the door.

Tue 13th and Wed 14th October – ESDGC and Use of the Outdoors

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Down to Earth Project site, Murton, Gower

CONTACT: Mark McKenna, Down to Earth Project, 01792 369736

DETAILS: See Tue 14th and Wed 15th July entry.

Wed 14th October – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Wed 14th October – Harvest Supper

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jayne Vickrage, Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098

DETAILS: Harvest supper and AGM.

Fri 16th October – Woodland Birds

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Russell Evans, RSPB, 07800 740399 after 5.00pm

DETAILS: Talk by Dave Anning. Entry £1.00, refreshments 50p.

Sat 17th October – Family Farm Workday

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 21st March.

Sat 17th October – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 17th October – Introducing Penllergare

MEET: 2.15pm, Swansea Council Offices car park, Penllergaer

CONTACT: Jennie Eyers, The Penllergare Trust, 01558 650416

DETAILS: See 9th May entry for information.

Sat 17th and Sun 18th October – Gower Cider Making and Local Produce Weekend

MEET: 11.00am–4.00pm, Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, Gower

CONTACT: Gower Heritage Centre, 01792 371206

DETAILS: See how cider was traditionally made on a 150-year-old mobile press formerly used on Gower farms. There will also be a variety of local produce stalls selling crafts and local produce.



Sun 18th October – Birdwatching Walk in Afan Forest Park

MEET: 10.00am, car park at Afan Forest Park, Cynonville

CONTACT: Marlay John, 01792 816250

DETAILS: Beginners/new members welcome. Warm weatherproofs and boots may be needed. No dogs.

Sat 24th October – Willow Lantern Making

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: Learn how to make willow lanterns ready for our Green Halloween celebrations where we will light them along with the pumpkins. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Family booking essential.

Sat 24th October – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 25th October – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 25th October – Wilderness Gourmet Course

For details see entry on Sun 5th April.

Fri 30th October – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

November/Tachwedd

Sun 1st November – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sat 7th November – Penllergaer Local Produce & Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 7th November – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 7th November – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 7th November – Advanced Photography Course

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: A course with Tim Collier to look at advanced techniques of bird photography. A morning focussed on techniques and an afternoon in the field. £38 fee includes admission, refreshments and lunch. Booking essential.



Sun 8th November – Advanced Photography Course

Repeat event. See entry for Sat 7th November.

Sun 8th November – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 8th November – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 8th November – Lantern Making Workshop

MEET: 3.00–6.00pm, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Create your own lantern followed by, weather permitting, a lantern procession and story telling in the woods. £2 adults, £1 children. Please book in advance.

Tue 10th November – Timber, People and Wildlife Too!

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of SW Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Talk by Chris Tucker, Forestry Commission on how the woodlands and forests of Wales can provide timber, jobs and biodiversity. Donations welcome at the door.

Wed 11th November – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Wed 11th November – Attracting Birds to the Garden

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jayne Vickrage, Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098

DETAILS: Talk by Martin Humphreys.

Sat 14th November – Janet Bligh Painting Day

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, Llwynhendy, Llanelli

CONTACT: WWT National Wetland Centre Wales, 01554 741087

DETAILS: Mixed media art. £25 includes admission, refreshments, lunch and professional tuition. Booking essential and a £10 deposit is required to secure your place.

Sat 14th November – Organic Living

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sat 14th November – Mumbles Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Fri 20th November – RSPB AGM

MEET: 7.30–9.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Russell Evans, RSPB, 07800 740399

DETAILS: AGM of RSPB West Glamorgan group, followed by a talk or film.

Sat 21st November – Family Workday with Compost Conundrums

MEET: 10.00am–4.00pm, Swansea Community Farm, Fforestfach

CONTACT: Kari, Swansea Community Farm, 01792 578384

DETAILS: For families who want to get involved in a small working farm. Focusing on composting – the single most important thing that a family can do to help save the planet. Suitable for families, children and young people. £2 per person. Booking essential.



Sat 21st November – Penclawdd Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 22nd November – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Wed 25th November – The Big Issues: Improving Air Quality

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jenny Edwards, Swansea Environmental Forum, 01792 480200

DETAILS: An opportunity to find out more about air quality in Swansea and what can be done to improve it. Everyone welcome.

Fri 27th November – Loughor Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 28th November – Explore Your Heathland

For details see entry on Sat 28th March.



Sat 28th November – Grovesend Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 29th November – Mince Pies and Hot Punch

MEET: 11.00am–3.00pm, NT Shop and Visitor Centre, Rhossili

CONTACT: National Trust Shop, 01792 390707

DETAILS: Mince pies and hot punch served in the shop, with an opportunity to browse for Christmas gifts and chat to the National Trust staff.

Beyond TV International Video Festival

In its 10th year, this annual event celebrates the use of film to promote environmental messages and record social action. Environmental films, music and discussion forums focused on taking action to improve the planet.

For dates, times and venues contact Undercurrents on 01792 455900 or visit www.beyondtvfestival.org.

December/Rhagfyr

Sat 5th December – Penllergaer Local Produce & Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 5th December – Sketty Local Produce and Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sat 5th December – Introduction to Bushcraft Course

Regular event. For details see entry on Sat 14th March.

Sun 6th December – Green Fayre

10.00am–4.00pm, National Waterfront Museum, Swansea

The biggest gathering of environmentally friendly gifts and products, information, local groups and services in Swansea, all under one roof. Don't miss this opportunity to find the perfect Christmas gift that won't cost the earth. For more details contact Hannah Adkins, Environment Centre, 01792 480200

Sun 6th December – Rosehill Quarry Task Day

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Sun 6th December – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Wed 9th December – Pontarddulais Local Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Wed 9th December – Christmas Pot Luck Supper

MEET: 7.00pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jayne Vickrage, Swansea and District Organic Gardening Group, 01792 869098

DETAILS: Share a seasonal supper with the Gardening Group.

Sat 12th December – Mumbles Local Produce Christmas Market

MEET: 9.00am–1.00pm, Dairy Car Park, Oystermouth Square

CONTACT: Robin Bonham, Mumbles Development Trust, 01792 361012

DETAILS: Local produce market and a celebration of Welsh food.

Sun 13th December – Pennard Produce Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 13th December – Christmas Decorations

MEET: 10.00am–12.00noon, Bishop's Wood Countryside Centre, Caswell

CONTACT: Karen Jones or Dai Morris, 01792 361703

DETAILS: Create your own Christmas decorations out of natural materials. Refreshments available. £2 adults, £1 children. Please book in advance.

Tue 15th December – Wild Quiz

MEET: 7.30pm, Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea

CONTACT: Jo Mullett, Wildlife Trust of SW Wales, 01792 635784

DETAILS: Annual quiz with Quiz Mistress Elizabeth May. Minced pies and mulled wine. Donations welcome at the door.

Sat 19th December – Penclawdd Local Produce & Craft Market

Regular event. For details see page 5.

Sun 20th December – Birdwatching Morning

Regular event. For details see entry on Sun 1st March.

Further Information

Black Environment Network

Amina Ali

Tel: 01792 468271

Promoting ethnic participation in environmental activities including the Re-Cycle Project.

Blackpill Wildlife Centre

Daphne and Colin Jones

Tel: 01269 822876

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

British Trust for Conservation

Volunteers Cymru

Ryan Keenan, Tel: 01792 456224

Volunteering opportunities and training.

City and County of Swansea

Environment Department

Bishops Wood Nature Reserve

and Countryside Centre

Dai Morris or Karen Jones,

Tel: 01792 361703

Countryside Centre at local nature reserve.

Cycling and Walking Officer

Rob Wachowski, Tel: 01792 636353

Promoting more sustainable transportation.

Nature Conservation Team

Deb Hill, Tel: 01792 635749

Protecting and enhancing areas of ecological and landscape importance in Swansea for the benefit of people and wildlife.

Recycling Team

Trish Flint Tel: 01792 635600

Planning and implementing practical recycling schemes and raising awareness of waste minimisation and recycling.

Regeneration Department

Community Parks Officers

Arron Ring, Tel: 01792 635484

Promoting the use of parks in Swansea.

Specialist Parks Development

Steve Hopkins, Tel: 01792 205327

Managing Swansea's premiere horticultural sites including Singleton Botanical Gardens.

Sustainable Development Unit

Tanya Nash, Tel: 01792 635198

Seeking to promote sustainable development in the council's activities and strategies.

Countryside Council for Wales

Emma Trainor, Tel: 01792 634975

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

Cwm Tawe Cycling and Walking Group

Richie Saunders, Tel: 07507 965492

Organising a variety of activities, based at the Forge Fach Community Centre, Clydach.

Cyclist Touring Club

Martin Brain, Tel: 01792 207800

CTC is the biggest cycling club in the UK.

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

Down to Earth

Mark McKenna, Tel: 01792 369736

Centre for practical sustainability and natural building.

Environment Centre

Gareth Evans, Tel: 01792 480200

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

Glamorgan–Gwent Archaeological Trust

Sue Hughes, Tel: 01792 655208

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

Gower Commons Initiative

Siôn Brackenbury,

Tel: 01792 391670

A partnership of local and national organisations working together to conserve Gower's heathland heritage.

Gower Heritage Centre

Roy Church, Tel: 01792 371206

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

Gower Ornithological Society

Barry Stewart, Tel: 01792 539447

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

Mumbles Development Trust

Cindy Hayward, Tel: 01792 361012

Working for the regeneration of Mumbles and supporting community self-help projects.

National Trust
Kim Boland or Veronica Shenston,
Tel: 01792 390636
*Inspiring understanding and enjoyment of
the historic and natural environment.*

Penllergare Trust
Jennie Eyers, Tel: 01558 650416
*A local group working to restore the old
Penllergare Estate and create a public park.*

Ramblers Association
Roger Jones, Tel: 01792 205051
*The West Glamorgan Ramblers group
organise a programme of regular walks
throughout the year.*

Rosehill Quarry Group
Jannie Cherry, Tel: 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, Tel: 01792
229244
*The local RSPB Members Group holds walks
and talks open to all members of the public.*

Sustainable Swansea
Kathy Tate, Tel: 01792 480200
*Aims to help Swansea become a more
sustainable place to live, work and visit.*

Sustrans
Helen Davies, Tel: 01792 454492
*Aiming to reduce dependence on the car
and encourage more walking and cycling.*

**Swansea and District Organic
Gardening Group**
Jane Vickrage, Tel: 01792 869098
*The group has regular meetings to promote
and support organic gardening methods.*

Swansea Bay Orienteering Club
John Mackenzie, Tel: 01792 641505
*Provides a focus for orienteering across South
West Wales with events, training and social
activities.*

Swansea Canal Society
Christine Thomas, Tel: 01792
863651
*Volunteer society whose aims are the
restoration of the Swansea Canal for urban
regeneration and community amenity use.*

Swansea Civic Society
Philippa Watkins, Tel: 01792 203574
*Encouraging a quality and sustainable built
environment for Swansea.*

Swansea Community Farm
Ray Dancer, Tel: 01792 578384
*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, Tel: 01792 469817
*SEEF is a network of organisations and
individuals providing education for
sustainable development and global
citizenship to all sectors in Swansea.*

Swansea Environmental Forum
Jenny Edwards, Tel: 01792 480200
*An association of organisations and individuals
working together to promote and facilitate
environmental sustainability in Swansea.*

Swansea Fair Trade Forum
Jenny Edwards, Tel: 01792 480200
*A partnership of local organisations seeking
to promote fair trade throughout Swansea.*

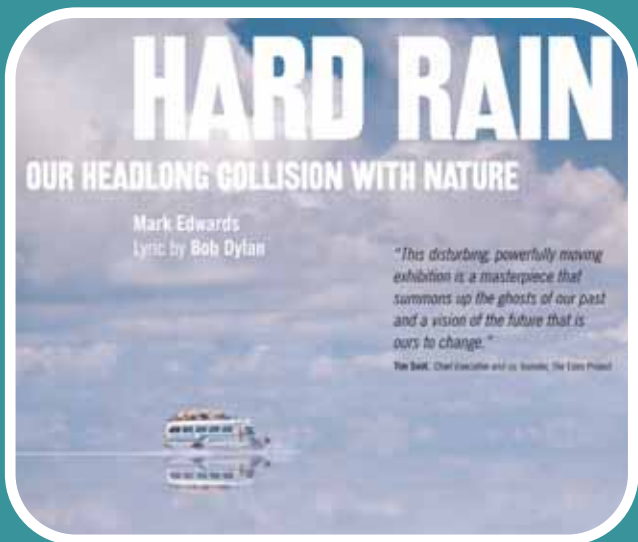
Swansea Outdoor Group
Wyn Williams, Tel: 01792 470886
*Organises walking, cycling and other outdoor
activities, affiliated to YHA.*

Tawe Trekkers
Doug Morgan, Tel: 07766 652837
*A local 18–40s Ramblers group with a
programme of walks throughout the year.*

Undercurrents
Helen Isles, Tel: 01792 455900
*Aims to bring about positive social,
environmental and personal change using
various forms of media.*

**Wildlife Trust of South and West
Wales: West Glamorgan Group**
Jo Mullett, Tel: 01792 635784
*Encouraging people to enjoy, understand and
respect Glamorgan's environment and
wildlife.*

**WWT National Wetland Centre
Wales**
Eleanor Keatley, Tel: 01554 741087
*Spectacular birdlife and a variety of indoor
and outdoor activities all year round.*



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