

## Northumberland Wildlife Trust Events – August to September 2017



We have loads of great, varied events with something for everyone across Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside. Our forthcoming ones are listed below but we're always adding new ones. All our events with full details and booking are available online here

<http://www.nwt.org.uk/whats-on>

Please note that all children under 18 attending our events must be accompanied by an adult.

### August 2017

#### **School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Tues 01/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

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#### **Nature Trail and Plaster Casts, Weetslade Country Park, Wed 02/08/2017 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Come along to Weetslade and make your very own cast of a deer or fox print. Check out our skins and skulls to see if you can identify what they are. Not suitable for under 3s. Suitable footwear/clothing required as you may be walking on uneven paths. No toilets or washing facilities on site. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. £3 per child. Book places online.

#### **Wildlife and Osprey Motor Boat Cruise, Kielder Waterside, Wed 02/08/2017 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Enjoy a guided motor boat trip around beautiful Kielder Water, with experienced Calvert Trust staff and knowledgeable NWT volunteers to spot local wildlife and, with luck, our ospreys! £23 per person. Please book places directly with the Calvert Trust Guest Services Team on 01434 250 232, email: [enquiries@calvert-kielder.com](mailto:enquiries@calvert-kielder.com)

#### **School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Thurs 03/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

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#### **The HandleBards perform 'As You Like It', Northumberlandia, Thurs 03/08/2017 5:00pm – 9:00pm**

Join the HandleBards' 2017 Summer Tour for a unique open-air performance of this Shakespeare classic at Northumberlandia. The world's first cycling theatre company, The HandleBards, pedal from venue to venue with all the set, props and costume necessary to perform environmentally sustainable Shakespeare across the globe. Join their all-female troupe at beautiful Northumberlandia for a bicycle-powered production of Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' like none other. In usual HandleBards style, expect riotous amounts of energy, a fair whack of chaos and a great deal of laughter! And what's the play about? Well – Rosalind and Orlando have been forced into exile in the Forest of Arden. As lovers, they become entangled in a bizarre game of lust, love and mistaken identity. Visit [www.handlebards.com](http://www.handlebards.com) to find out more! Tickets £15 standard, children under 12 free. Doors open 5:00pm, performance starts 6:30pm. Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. In case of rain, bring waterproofs.

#### **Big Watch Weekend, Cresswell Foreshore, Sat 05/08/2017 and Sun 06/08/2017 10:00am – 4:00pm**

NWT is hosting a marine mammal fun weekend at Cresswell. Spot dolphins and more on the cetacean watch and enjoy games and activities on the beach. Stop by to learn more about the varied marine life on our coast. This is a joint Living Seas project event.

#### **Solar Observing with NASTRO, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sun 06/08/2017 10:00am – 4:00pm**

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#### **Osprey Watch, Kielder Waterside Park behind Boat Inn, Sat 05/08/2017 to Mon 07/08/2017 10:30am – 4:30pm**

Drop in during the day to observe the beautiful Kielder ospreys. You can see all the action close up through a live camera feed and even spot the birds on their nest using high powered telescopes with trained volunteers. Free event but donations are welcome. Visit [www.kielderospreys.wordpress.com](http://www.kielderospreys.wordpress.com) to find out all about the birds and their progress.

**Wildlife and Osprey Motor Boat Cruise, Kielder Waterside, Sun 08/08/2017 1:30pm – 3:30pm; 3:30pm – 5:30pm**  
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**Rockpooling, Cresswell Foreshore, Wed 09/08/2017 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Fascinated by the marine world? Know your whelks from your winkles? Join the NWT Living Seas team and learn more about the wonderful and weird creatures living on our shores. £3 per entry. Book places online. No dogs.

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**Capturing Our Coast: campaigns, baselines, and investigations, Hauxley Nature Reserve, Weds 9/08/2017 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Join us for an illustrated talk about the Capturing our Coast Project, launched in January 2016, is a UK wide coastal citizen science project bringing together specialists from 7 scientific institutions and multiple partner organisations with the aim of providing members of the public the tools and guidance to independently collect valuable marine ecological records. NWT Members Only £3 refreshments included. This is a joint 'Living Seas' and 'Dynamic Druridge' event.

**Sandcastle Competition, Druridge Bay Country Park, Thurs 10/08/2017 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Come along and get creative! Prizes for best children's and best family sandcastle. Teams of up to 6 people. £3 per entry. No dogs. This is a joint 'Living Seas' and 'Dynamic Druridge' event.

**ARTventurers - Summer Fairy Jar Workshop, Northumberlandia, Thurs 10/08/2017 - 11:00am - 12:00pm**

Make your very own sparkly Fairy Jar along with colour change tealight, sparkle and beads. Perfect for long summer evenings in the garden or a magical night light! You are welcome to stay and create with them or spoil yourself with a cuppa and cake at the visitor centre Café! Workshop last 1 hour and tickets are priced at £8. Suitable for ages 5 upwards (younger children with adult assistance!) Please book places at [www.artventurers.co.uk/cramlington/events/summer-fairy-jar-workshop](http://www.artventurers.co.uk/cramlington/events/summer-fairy-jar-workshop)

**Marine Craft Activities, Hauxley, Thurs 10/08/2017 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

Get creative and join the fun for marine crafts and activities. Aimed at ages 5-10 years. £3 per child. This is a joint 'Living Seas' and 'Dynamic Druridge' event. No booking required.

**Northumberland Wildlife Trust at the Park, Jesmond Dene, Fri 11/08/2017 10:00am – 3:30pm**

Come and find out more about NWT's work to protect our region's wildlife and have a go at some seasonal fun games and activities. Free event but donations are welcome to cover cost of materials. Dress appropriately for the outdoors. All children must be accompanied.

**Osprey Watch, Kielder Waterside Park behind Boat Inn, Sat 12/08/2017 to Mon 14/08/2017 10:30am – 4:30pm**

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**School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Tues 15/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm; 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

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**School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Thurs 17/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday during the school holidays for wildlife activities for your budding nature enthusiasts. We'll have lots of great activities to get children aged 5-12 close-up and involved with nature including mini beast hunts, small mammal walks, bird watching and other wildlife themed fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult. £3 per child.

**Solar Observing with NASTRO, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sun 20/08/2017 10:00am – 4:00pm**

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**School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Tues 22/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

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**Treasure Hunt, Weetslade Country Park, Wed 23/08/2017 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Use the clues we provide to follow the trail, locate and collect your treasure pieces. Put the pieces together to make something special for you to take home. £3 per child. Not suitable for under 3s. Book places online. Suitable footwear/clothing required as you may be walking on uneven paths. No toilets or washing facilities on site. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Thurs 24/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday during the school holidays for wildlife activities for your budding nature enthusiasts. We'll have lots of great activities to get children aged 5-12 close-up and involved with nature including mini beast hunts, small mammal walks, bird watching and other wildlife themed fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult. £3 per child.

**School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Tues 29/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday during the school holidays for wildlife activities for your budding nature enthusiasts. We'll have lots of great activities to get children aged 5-12 close-up and involved with nature including mini beast hunts, small mammal walks, bird watching and other wildlife themed fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult. £3 per child.

**School Holiday Fun at the Wildlife Discovery Centre, Hauxley, Thurs 31/08/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

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## **September 2017**

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### **Hauxley Wildlife Group: Coquet Island - a virtual experience, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Wed 13/09/2017 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

Join us for an audience with Dr Paul Morrison, local expert on Coquet Island, for an informative talk about the island, its birds and the work involved in managing this site for some of our rarest seabirds. Includes a virtual reality experience. Only £3 refreshments included. This is a Hauxley Wildlife Group event, exclusive to Northumberland Wildlife Trust members. Members may register for the group free of charge, simply visit us or call 01665 568 324 for more information.

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Join us for a walk focusing on identifying the birds of the Hauxley reserve including autumn migrants and learn all about their incredible journeys. £3 per person. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress accordingly and wear suitable footwear. Walk covers a distance of 2km on variable terrain. Binoculars recommended but not essential.

### **Autumn Wildlife, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sun 10/09/2017 - 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Join us for a walk around the Hauxley reserve focusing on autumn wildlife and the habitats and plants which support so many different species in the run up to winter. £3 per person. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress accordingly and wear suitable footwear. Walk takes place on variable terrain. Binoculars recommended but not essential. No dogs please.

### **Our Wildlife 2017, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sat 16/08 and Sun 17/08 2017 - 10:00am - 5:00pm**

Join us to celebrate the wonderful wildlife of Northumberland! See our fantastic new Wildlife Discovery Centre for yourself and sample tasty treats at the Lookout Café. The day will be packed full of wildlife activities for young and old alike including wildlife spotting, guided walks, owl pellet dissection, animal footprint plaster cast, wildlife photography tips, treasure hunt, tracks and signs plus a tombola and raffle and much more... Free event, drop in during the day. Additional Park and Ride service running from Church Street Amble every 20mins.

### **Great British Beach Clean, Cresswell Foreshore, Fri 15/09/2017 - 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

Join us as we take part in the Marine Conservation Society's annual beach clean with the data going towards a report on the state of marine litter on beaches around Britain. Bring sturdy footwear for walking along the beach and protection from the elements (wind or sun!). Equipment will be provided, including gloves and litter pickers. This is a Living Seas event.

### **Tracks and Signs, an Introduction, Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, Sat 23/09/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm**

An introductory session to field tracks and signs. Learn all about how and where to look for signs of wildlife activity and learn a range of basic skills to track our more elusive species and figure out what they were up to. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This is an outdoor activity, please bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Walk takes place on variable terrain. No dogs please. £3 per person, tickets available on the day from the Lookout Café.

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## **Northumberland Wildlife Trust**

Northumberland Wildlife Trust was founded in 1971 to protect wildlife and promote nature conservation within Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. Today, our voice for wildlife is stronger than ever. We are a non-government funded charity, supported by membership, donations, local businesses and charitable trust grants. We manage over 60 **nature reserves** and work with partner organisations such as local authorities, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission to identify and care for other sites of conservation importance. Educating the public about the value of the nature is one of our key aims. We run **environmental education sessions** with local schools, organise a wide range of **events** and conservation talks throughout the year, and engage with over 150 **volunteers** who give their time, energy and enthusiasm across a number of conservation tasks. YOU can get involved and make a huge difference to native wildlife on your doorstep.

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