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This event is being run and managed by BCPCouncil Countryside Team, for more information prior to the event, please call 01202 451618 or email emily.fergusson@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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Event Manual

This manual has been written to give stallholders, volunteers and activity organisers an overview of the vision and purpose of the Great Wildlife Exploration as well as providing some logistical information that will hopefully provide answers to most questions. If there are still outstanding questions, then please feel free to contact us using the details in the section above.

The Event: Why/What/When/Where

The idea of a BioBlitz began in 1996 in the USA, it is meant to bring together both scientists (wildlife experts) and the public who are passionate about wildlife in a large-scale event. It is designed to count and record as many distinct species of wildlife in a given area within a 24-hour period. More information on BioBlitz can be found here: <http://www.bnhc.org.uk/home/bioblitz/>

For the last 4 years we have run a successful BioBlitz at Hengistbury Head. These events have proved hugely popular; bringing together people and nature. This year, the Great Wildlife Exploration will be coming to King's Park, Boscombe. In line with standard practice, we will be hosting a single event for 24 hours from 10am on Saturday, 25th May until 10am Sunday, 26th May.

We want to connect local communities with the wildlife that is right on their doorstep. The abundance of nature that can be found in an urban green space like King's Park is often overlooked and can go unappreciated. The Great Wildlife Exploration is designed to change that and to encourage the surrounding community to spend more time outdoors, in nature.

It was particularly important to us that we held the event in King's Park, due to its proximity to the centre of Boscombe. Boscombe has been ranked in the top fifth for deprivation across the country. A lack of access to, and use of, green spaces has been associated with elevated levels of deprivation. This can be a result of residents not

being able to travel out to popular 'wild' spaces like Hengistbury Head, nor realising the nature potential that is so close to home. We want to change this and invite local schools, community groups and residents from across the local area to take advantage of the green spaces on their doorstep. As a result, people may do more for wildlife in their back gardens. We may see some people becoming volunteers after meeting organisations that are looking for some. Or we may see people changing their behaviour and perception of our nature reserves and local open spaces. All these possibilities are both beneficial and achievable.

Most of the activities on the day will produce data and all new species identified by experts will be added to our list. A running total will be made during the day and social media will be heavily used to drip feed this information to the public throughout.

The Great Wildlife Exploration can only take place with the support of people such as yourself who are passionate about wildlife or keen to engage with the community. This passion can be infectious, informative and a beneficial step in helping people understand the issues that face British wildlife at this time.

Leave Only Footprints Campaign

The Great Wildlife Exploration is working with the 'Leave Only Footprints' campaign to promote care for our local green and blue spaces. Therefore, all visitors are encouraged to pick up litter on the go. It would be amazing if we could end the exploration with the park looking exactly as we found it (if not cleaner!) with no attendees, guests or staff leaving behind any litter.

To know more and support the campaign >>

Instagram: Leaveonlyfootprints_LOF

Facebook: Leaveonlyfootprints_LOF

Twitter: Leaveonlyfootp2

Marketing and Publicity

For more information and frequent updates about the Great Wildlife Exploration 2019 we have created a page on Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre website [here](#). Similarly, a Facebook event page has been created and will be used to generate excitement prior to the day as well as raise awareness of which activities are being offered, when and by whom. It will also be used on the day to encourage people to turn up as well as engage those who are interested but are not attending. To find the page on Facebook, type **@GreatWildlifeExploration** into the search bar.

Furthermore, we have registered the event with the National BioBlitz Network <https://www.bnhc.org.uk/bioblitz-type/events-2/>

Two students (Amy-Jane Hughes and Emily Hymus) from Bournemouth University have created a bespoke logo and poster for the Great Wildlife Exploration, which has been distributed to local shops, and electronically to local schools.

On the day itself we have student filmographers and photographers from Arts University Bournemouth and Falmouth University coming to take footage and shots for record purposes. If you are running an activity, then you could include this in your preamble to let people know. They will be provided with relevant image/video consent forms and should anyone not want to be photographed or filmed their wishes will be adhered to.

Social Media:

Facebook - @GreatWildlifeExploration

Instagram - @hengistbury_head

Twitter- @hengistburyvc

To promote the Great Wildlife Exploration along with us, we encourage all participants to 'check in' on Facebook on the day and use the hashtag **#GWE2019** for posts on social media.

Running order and layout of public events

25th May –

10:00am – Moth Trap Release with Brian Heppenstall, Senior Ranger HHNR

11:00am – Bird Discovery with (TBC)

1:00pm – The Bumblebee Walk with Phil Budd

2:00pm – Mini-Beasts Hunt with Mark Spencer and Jonathon McGowan of BNSS

3:00pm – Marvellous Mammals Workshop with the Dorset Mammal Group

8:30pm – Sunset Bat Walk with Jan Freeborn

26th May –

6:00am – Dawn Chorus Bird Walk with Nigel Matthews

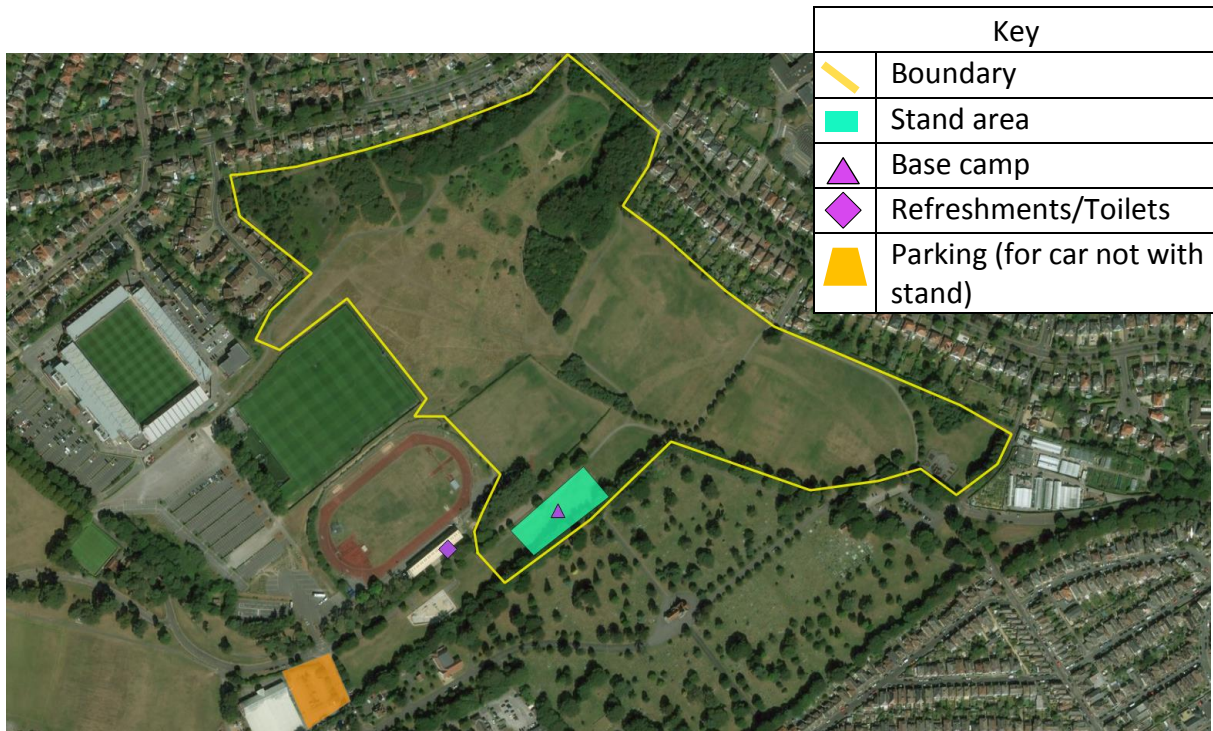
Around the activities –

Face painting and Glitter Tattoos – with Head Turners Professional Face Painting (Biodegradable glitter will be used)

Litter Picking - Equipment will be available from the Leave Only Footprints stand

Hawks in the Forest – A meet and greet drop in workshop with native birds of prey

Event Map



'On the day' Day 1

Stallholders will be able to access the site from 9am for setting up. If any stallholder feels they need more time than this then please call the relevant number above to make arrangement. Public events start at 10am. The schedule is expected to run from this time until 3pm when the final public event starts. All activities are expected to end at approximately 4.30/5pm for all stall holders to vacate the site. The final event of the day will be our evening bat walk, beginning at 8.30pm.

'On the day' Day 2

The final day event does not require any stall set up, but you are welcome to attend as a guest. Activities are expected to commence at 6am for an end time of 10am.

Recording wildlife found

All activities will have a co-ordinator to identify species and ideally a recorder to make notes of everything found/seen and locations if appropriate.

Records will be inputted onto 'Living Record'.

We also want to encourage people to take photos of what they find on the day (on an activity or unaccompanied) and send them to us using our Facebook event page, or on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag **#GWE2019**

We will be working through the night to try and reach a total by 10am on the Sunday morning. We will report our findings as we go along and publish our grand total on social media as well as keeping you informed via email.

Health and Safety

- If you are running your own stand or independent activity, then risk assessments and proof of public liability insurance should be sent to emily.fergusson@bcpcouncil.gov.uk by **5pm on Friday April 19th**.
- First aid trained staff will be located at the records tent.
- Prior to 10am, staff will walk around the area to ensure everything is safe and help find ways to do so. This could include tying hazard tape to guy ropes to ensure they can be seen, or taping wires to the ground to remove a trip-hazard.
- Lost children, lost property, and any other problems should be reported to a member of staff either at the records tent or using phone numbers on page 2.

Logistics

- Parking for stallholders: Organisations with a stand are welcome to park one car behind their stall. We encourage attending organisations to lift-share where possible.
- Parking for attendees: Free parking is available at the following locations (on the roads marked black and at the black P icon). The black P icon indicates the free car park at Bournemouth Indoor Bowls Centre, BH7 6JD
- Toilets: Public toilets are available at the King's Park Cafe
- Food and drink: Tea, coffee, snacks and a lunch spread will be provided and available from the Athletics Stadium Café. To retrieve food attendees must be issued with a wrist band that will be available from the organisers on arrival. You are welcome to bring your own food and drink with you.

Enjoy the day...

Thank-you for giving up your time to help with this event, your passion for wildlife is welcomed by us and we are sure that this will be popular with the many people that will come to join us on the day.



THE GREAT WILDLIFE EXPLORATION

25th - 26th May 2019
King's Park, Boscombe

Come and try our **FREE** activities
running all day at Kings Park,
Boscombe!

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10AM The Moth Trap Release
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1PM The Bumblebee Walk
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26th May

6AM Dawn Chorus Discovery

Come and find us between King's Park
Athletics Stadium and East Cemetery!

More information at
www.visithengistburyhead.co.uk/bioblitz
or find us on Facebook
@greatwildlifeexploration