



PREPPED AND READY FOR THE STOKE MAY FAYRE

POP UP MUSEUM AND ACTIVITY CENTRE

Experience a mini museum this summer at Ham Hill Country Park, enjoy free activities and discover more about the history and wildlife of the site.

Running until Friday 30 August, the Education Centre at Ham Hill Country Park will be transformed into a mini museum and activity centre with free drop in activities every day for everyone to enjoy.



The doors to the Pop-Up museum will be open between 10am and 4pm, welcoming you to participate in the events that will take place at various

times throughout the day. Follow Ham Hill on Facebook to see details of the events or pick up a leaflet at the ranger centre.

The Pop Up museum and activity centre is being run as a trial to support a bid to the National Lottery's Heritage Fund for Ham Hill. If successful, the proposed project will make significant improvements at Ham Hill for its visitors and its wildlife.

To find out more about the project proposals, drop into the pop-up museum where you will also be given the chance to have your say on Ham Hill by completing a visitor survey. Alternatively, follow this link to complete the survey:

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Hamhill

The Friends of Ham Hill will be there supporting the museum and activities. A thank you to all the generous sponsors: The Fine Foundation, Stoke-sub-Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust, Norton Parish Council, Montacute Carnival,

FoHH NEWSLETTER



Summer 2019

Somerset Skills and Learning, and Waitrose's Community Matters fund.

ROMAN TREASURE TRAIL



The Friends of Ham Hill Roman Treasure Trail is ready just in time for the summer holidays! You can complete the trail by picking up a leaflet. Follow the trail to answer questions and 'win' Roman coins.

The Trail was kindly funded by the PRIME Foundation.

2020 CALENDAR COMPETITION

Thanks to all of you who have entered the competition so far – you can still send your entries until the end of August. Remember, there's no entry fee and you don't need any special camera equipment to take great pictures. Our judges offer these tips for you:

- Look for "surprising" images of the habitat and wildlife found in the less visited parts of the Country Park
- "Nothing in that should be out and nothing out that should be in". For example: no cables, poles, signs unless relevant and keep vertical lines vertical
- Search the web for the "rule of thirds"
- Think: composition, colours, textures, patterns
- have a look at **YouTube** for tutorials and **Pinterest** for nature photography ideas

"A great photo will be a moment in time that captures what lies at the heart of the hill. Ham Hill grounds people, it reminds us what is important. The monument reminds you of the importance of family, community, education and tolerance. The woods remind us of the lifecycle that even in death, there is the chance for new growth. The hills and quarries are a huge part of history and are a tangible link to the people of the past. Farming, livestock and bees create the next seasons landscapes. The people that shape it, the ever evolving environment that sculpts it, and the future that it will provide."

STOKE MAY FAYRE

The Friends and Rangers were back at the Stoke May Fayre for 2019. This year, we invited children (as well as children-at-heart) to Build & Fill your very own birdfeeder. Throughout the day, over 30 bird feeders were built and filled!!



Thanks to all of you who popped by to learn more about what we do, for buying one of the Friends of Ham Hill walking leaflets and, of course, for your generous donations and good wishes.

MONTACUTE CARNIVAL

The theme this year was to promote recycling.



Rangers and Friends had an amazing time at the Montacute carnival winning a 1st and 2nd prize.



HAM HILL DOG SHOW



Sunday 11th August – the gates will open to the public at 10am with classes starting at 10:30am. There will be a demonstration from Ferne Animal Sanctuary in the middle of the showing classes for a short break.

The ever-popular Ham Hill Challenge will also be returning. A series of 3 events that are suitable for all will see one dog crowned as Ham Hill Challenge Champion.

VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Friends' role in promoting and celebrating the park, we attend various local community meetings and events.

If you want the Friends to do a talk or attend your community events, do drop us an email at

HamHillFriends@gmail.com

These events are important for raising awareness of and funds for projects

Chairman's Annual Report 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

It has been another successful year for the Friends of Ham Hill. The site won the Green Flag Award for the fourteenth time and is accredited as a Green Heritage site thanks to the work of the Rangers, a strong band of volunteers and continued support from the Friends of Ham Hill.

2018-19 was our first full year as a registered charity. Our status has enabled us to secure funding from new sources, the results of which are already benefitting visitors to Ham Hill. The two major achievements were:

The Woodland Playzone. Thanks to a grant from the People's Postcode Lottery to the Friends of Ham Hill, rangers and volunteers have created a new natural play space full of wooden play features. Head ranger Paul McNeill's efforts on this have been particularly impressive. Pupils from Castle School and Norton Schools helped add some creative art to the area in the form of carved wooden leaves.

Children's Activity Trail and Expansion of Orienteering Course. In October, the Friends won funding from the Prime Foundation for two initiatives. (1) to create a children's adventure trail leaflet to encourage families to be led on adventures by their youngest members and (2) to expand the orienteering course at Ham Hill to cover the whole of the site. The Prime Foundation supports projects and groups that will

improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

We didn't hold a large event in 2018, but did appear at the Stoke May Fayre, Millennium Wood Countryside Day and the Martock Playday. The Ham Hill bonfire was an even greater success than previous years, with increased public attendance.

The Friends launched a walking trails leaflet in July. The £2 leaflet details four routes across the country park site at Ham Hill that helps visitors explore Ham Hill with confidence and ease. Thanks to John Day and Jenny Fox for their work on this and special thanks to Moira Hulett of Stable Design for donating her time to design the leaflets.

The Friends helped fund SSDC's purchase of 73 acres of historic land at Ham Hill. The transfer of ownership of the land means that a longer-term maintenance programme can be developed which will direct the work that the rangers and volunteers do.

2019-20 PLANS

The Friends are running a public photo competition throughout the Spring and Summer and will produce a 2020 calendar featuring the winners. Sponsors are helping fund the design and printing costs and the calendar will be sold to swell the FoHH's funds for 2020 and beyond. Thanks to Nicki Holroyd and Neil Dutton for their work on this.

The Friends of Ham Hill is supporting SSDC in its bid for a substantial grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop a programme of capital and habitat works, audience engagement and interpretation. The first part of this directed towards

establishing and running a pop-up museum and activity centre during the summer 2019 school holidays to demonstrate public demand and our collective ability to deliver. The Friends have already secured some finance and are seeking further funds towards this project.

PEOPLE CHANGES AND THANKS

After many years of outstanding support as Treasurer, John Day has retired from the role. Jaine Leaning was nominated and voted in as the new Treasurer at the AGM in May 2019.

A warm welcome to our new members for 2018-19, Nicki Holroyd, Jaine Leaning and John Clarke.

I also would like to record my thanks to Rachael Waites, SSDC's Countryside Manager, for her continued support over the year. Additionally, as always, the enthusiasm and hard work of Rangers Paul McNeill and Kat has been an inspiration.

Last, and definitely not least, my thanks to all the many Volunteers who help in all weathers throughout the year.

Mick Wooden, Chair
May 2019

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Ham Hill Country Park



Ham Hill Pop-up Museum

South Somerset District Council

Thanks to our funders: Friends of Ham Hill, Stoke sub Hamdon Sports & Recreation Trust, Norton Parish Council, Montecena Carnival, Waitrose, the Pina Foundation, and Somerset Skills & Learning

Activity Calendar

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

For all events meet at the Ranger's Centre, all events are FREE unless stated otherwise.

					July 20 Wildflower Walk 10am - 12 noon	21 Build a Wand Workshop Drop-in between 10am - 2pm
22 Discover the Neolithic Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	23 Make a Roman Mosaic Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	24 Intro to Orienteering Drop-in between 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm Geocache 1pm - 3.30pm	25 Iron Age Jewellery Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	26 Bug hunt 10am - 12 noon	27 Wattle & Daub Drop-in between 10am - 2pm	28 Vintage Military Vehicles Drop-in between 10am - 3pm
29 Wild Food Cafe for Children 10am - 12 noon Booking & payment required	30 Make a Roman Mosaic Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	31 Axe Throwing Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	August 1 Iron Age Jewellery Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	2 See Walk 10am - 12 noon	3 Celtic Designs Drop-in between 10am - 2pm	4 Wood magnets Drop-in between 10am - 2pm
5 Fire Starters 10am - 2pm Booking & payment required	6 Drystone Walling Drop-in between 10am - 2pm in the flat fields	7 Discover Ham Hill Mint a coin, Dress up as a Roman & Make a day pot Drop-in between 10am - 4pm	8 Flat walk 8pm - 10pm Over 10s and adults Booking & payment required	9 Butterfly Hunt 10am - 12 noon	10 Discover the Neolithic Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	11 Ham Hill Dog Show 10am - 4pm in the flat fields
12 Build a Skull Drop-in between 10am - 2pm	13 Wooden Flowers Drop-in between 10am - 2pm at the Playzone	14 The Roman Army Needs You! 12 noon - 2pm & 2pm - 4pm	15 Finds Morning Drop-in between 10am - 1pm	16 Woodland Bug Hunt 10am - 12 noon	17 Axe Throwing Drop-in between 10am - 3pm Geocache 1pm - 3.30pm	18 Coil Pottery Drop-in between 10am - 2pm
19 Den Building for Children 10am - 12 noon Booking & payment required	20 Make a Roman Mosaic Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	21 Stone Carving Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	22 Iron age Jewellery Drop-in: 10am - 3pm Flat walk for children: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Booking & payment required	23 Build a Bug Drop-in between 10am - 2pm	24 Nature Walk from badgers to beetles 10am - 12 noon	25 Runic Writing Drop-in between 10am - 2pm
26	27 Drystone Walling Drop-in between 10am - 2pm in the flat fields	28 Stone Carving Drop-in between 10am - 3pm	29 Roman life on Ham Hill 12 noon - 2pm & 2pm - 4pm	30 Den Building 10am - 12 noon		

Key:

- Historic event
- Countryside event
- Craft event
- Wildlife event

Book events on our website at: www.southsomersetcountryside.com
 Ham Hill Country Park

FUTURE EVENTS AT HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK

There are 44 events in 42 days as part of the Pop Up Museum and Activities. Here's the poster showing all the events, though for details of individual and weekly events, follow the Ham Hill Facebook page, pop into the Ranger and Education Centre or visit.

<https://www.southsomersetcountryside.com/ham-hill/events/>

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