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SOLWAY COAST AND MARINE PROJECT

Wild Winter Programme



Join in this exciting series of events designed to help you get closer to nature.

Go wildlife tracking along the coast, learn how to propagate trees, and watch stunning displays of biofluorescent organisms.

You can learn about marine biology, migratory bird routes and fish breeding grounds, or watch an otter love story unfold.

With a mix of hybrid and in-person experiences, there are opportunities to get involved right across Dumfries & Galloway.

Book now!

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Journeys, Wildlife, Invasive Species and Plastic Migrations

Wednesday 19th February | 7pm - 8.30pm

Millennium Centre, 75 George Street, Stranraer

What has wildlife migration, the spread of invasive species, and routes travelled by marine plastics got in common?

Nic Coombey of the Solway Firth Partnership will share with us the surprising parallels between the amazing distances undertaken by marine wildlife migration, the spread of invasive species and the routes travelled by marine plastics. Floating plastics are driven by wind, waves and surface currents on journeys that mimic migrations taken by birds, fish and insects.

To Book: This is a hybrid event where you can attend in person or join online – click [here](#).

Winter Wildlife Tracking (two sessions)

Friday 21st and 22nd February | 10am-12 and 1-3pm

Galloway House Gardens

Wildlife tracking is a great way to get closer to nature and understand more about the impact of human behaviours on animals and their habitats. Participants of all ages are welcome to join us for fun and learn to identify and interpret animal tracks, signs and behaviours in this beautiful Galloway House coastal woodland environment during the winter months. Please come dressed for the weather and the terrain.

To Book: Please see www.dgwoodlands.org.uk for booking.

Film showing + discussion “Billy & Molly: An Otter Love Story”

Wednesday 26th February | 7pm – 8.30pm

Ryan Centre

Billy and Molly is a gorgeous documentary film of a true story of a couple getting to know an Otter called Molly on Shetland. Billy helps the orphaned Molly survive and in turn, Molly helps Billy find joy again and reconnect with nature, eventually taking him on a journey under the sea to see the world as Molly the Otter sees it.

We will have a discussion following the film about the Marine environment of the Solway Coast, and how to help it thrive in the future.

To Book: Click [here](#).

Reading Saltmarsh, it's Wildlife and Nature

Friday 7th March | 11am – 1pm

Wigtown Bay Harbour car park

Join freelance ranger, Elizabeth Tindal, at Wigtown Bay saltmarsh, for a training workshop on how to “read” saltmarsh and access this fascinating ever changing environment safely. The workshop will cover skills from understanding tide times and what that means at the high and low tides, and wildlife tracking on saltmarsh.

Please wear waterproof clothes and shoes as the terrain is undulating in places.

To Book: Click [here](#).

Biofluorescence Walk (two sessions)

Wednesday 12th March | 6.45pm and 9pm

Kirkconnel Flow, DG2 8HD, Dumfries, Scotland

Join us for an extraordinary adventure as we explore the fascinating world of biofluorescence!

Biofluorescence is a unique phenomenon where certain organisms emit light in different colours than the ones they absorb, and we will embark on a guided walk to discover this captivating natural phenomenon up close. With UV torches provided, we will venture into the darkness to witness a stunning display of biofluorescent organisms in their natural habitat.

This guided walk is suitable for anyone aged 8 years and above, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum distance walked = 2 miles.

To Book: 6.45pm walk – Click [here](#). 9pm walk – Click [here](#).

Helping Aspen Thrive Aspen Propagation Workshop

Friday 14th March | 10am – 2.30pm

A polytunnel near Thornhill

Aspen (*Populus tremula*) is one of the rarest of Scotland's native trees. It forms a vital habitat, food source and part of our landscape. We need more Aspen!

Aspen plays a vital role in the D&G landscape – from craggy coastal outcrops to sites inland. This fun and informative workshop will give attendees the skills to propagate their own Aspen and will include Aspen's fascinating history, ecological significance, life cycle and the benefits of this enigmatic tree. Please bring your own lunch.

To Book: Click [here](#).

Bring Your Spade, Stanctuary Tree Planting Day

Saturday 22nd March | 10am – 3pm

The Stanctuary, Black Park, Stranraer

The urban wildland in Stranraer, known as Stanctuary needs a little help. Join us and D&G Woodlands and learn how to plant a few native trees, a great feeling and opportunity to spend a few ours in nature. We will provide the trees and give you the skills to plant them. Please park along Fountain Road and meet along the lane bisecting the site. If you can please bring your spade, a lump hammer, some warm dry clothes, stout boots and a packed lunch. The terrain is uneven in places and a little wet.

To Book: No need to book just turn up.

Shipping and Shoreline, Paddling Through Solway History

Wednesday 26th March | 7pm – 8.30pm

Annan Town Hall or join us online (Hybrid event)

An evening of talks focusing on the Solway as an important marine transport route, where goods arrived and were shipped out from. Focusing on Annan's strategic role as a port, and the Solway's seafaring community at a time when the water was the fastest form of transport. Archie McConnel from DAMP (Dumfries Archival Mapping Project) and Alan Thomson from AHAG (Annan Harbour Action Group) will share with us their understanding of the Solway's fascinating past.

To Book: This is a hybrid event where you can attend in person or join online – click [here](#).

Sea, Saltmarsh and Migratory Fish

Thursday 27th March | 2pm – 4pm

Meeting at Wigtown Harbour

Join us on Wigtown's Saltmarsh to find out more about the fish species who call this saltmarsh home. This incredible environment where the fresh water meets the sea is an important breeding ground for migratory fish.

Marine biologists from Galloway Fisheries Trust will share with us the positives and negatives of saltmarsh and why it is important to these young fish. As well as demonstrating some survey techniques they use and showing us the different species who live here.

To Book: Click [here](#).

Sea, Saltmarsh and Migratory Fish

Friday 28th March | 2pm – 4pm

Meeting at Annan Harbour

Join us on Annan's river estuary and merse (saltmarsh) to find out more about the fish species who call this saltmarsh home.

Marine biologists from Galloway Fisheries Trust will share with us how freshwater influences coastal habitats and why migratory fish love this coastal environment. They will also cover climate change impacts our rivers on coastal habitats.

The Solway Coast has 25% of Scotland's saltmarsh and this workshop aims to help us build a better understanding of what the saltmarsh does and how it works for biodiversity.

To Book: Click [here](#).

We are very grateful to our partners at; Galloway Fisheries Trust, D&G Woodlands, AHAG (Annan Harbour Action Group), D&G (Dumfries Archival Mapping Project) and Solway Firth Partnership for sharing their incredible knowledge and skills for our Wild Winter Programme of events and training opportunities.

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