

Community Earth Festival

Esk Valley & East Cleveland



22 April–8 July 2023

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Community Earth Festival

A grassroots festival challenging people to look again at our relationship to the natural world. It will aim to:

- *Connect* community groups working towards sustainability in the Esk Valley & Cleveland area
- *Reimagine* our relationship to the Earth through the arts, talks, conversations
- *Re-empower* people through practical environmental projects and creative workshops

This new festival is a collaboration between community groups working towards similar targets: bringing back nature to our local environments, strengthening our communities and helping to save the planet. The festival aims to bring us together so please do join in.

More than forty events are planned for the ten-week festival period, ranging from hands-on nature recovery projects and workshops in natural dyeing, writing and painting, woodwork, earth care and recycling to guided walks, discussions and family-oriented activities. The festival launches at a celebration concert in Loftus on 22 April, International Earth Day, and closes on 8 July at an event in Botton village to showcase the festival's achievements.

Key to symbols



Community Celebration,
Arts, Performance



Talks, Discussion,
Debate, Display



Practical Workshop:
Conservation, Nature
Recovery, Seeds,
Earth Care, etc



Practical Workshop:
Natural Dyeing,
Woodwork, Writing,
Painting, Eurythmy



Recycling and Repair



Young at Heart:
Beach activities,
Energy conservation,
Nature ID, Bioblitz



Walks and Tours:
Nature ID, Bioblitz,
Local History,
Community Projects



Film Screening



Multiple Dates



How to Join in the Festival

The Community Earth Festival events are organised by local community groups and organisations; instructions on how to join in each event are given in the following pages.

Booking

For some events you can turn up on the day, others must be booked in advance ('Booking Essential'). Please check event details and follow instructions for booking.

Cost

Many events are free or low cost; some request donations towards running costs.

Multiple Dates

Some activities and workshops occur on multiple dates during the festival. You are welcome to join in one or all sessions.

Access

Please see event details for wheelchair accessibility, suitability for children and any restrictions for dogs.

Queries

For further details about a particular event, please contact the event organiser.

Festival Announcements and Feedback

Watch out for festival announcements on the Festival Facebook page and please send us your feedback, stories, photos and comments: facebook.com/communityearthfestival

Donations and Sponsorship

The festival partners welcome donations and sponsorship to help cover running costs for the festival, including hire of village halls, equipment, materials and promotional literature. If you are able to contribute, please email: community.earth.festival@gmail.com

Festival General Enquiries

Please email: community.earth.festival@gmail.com

We hope you enjoy the festival!



Saturday 22 April

Time: 6.30–10pm (doors 6.15pm)

Community Earth Festival Launch Concert – International Earth Day (Loftus)

Opening of Festival by the Loftus Mayor, an introduction to the Festival, followed by songs, music, poetry, clog and ceilidh dancing. Refreshments and bar.

- Venue: Loftus Club, Loftus West Road Social Club, West Road, Loftus TS13 4RG
- **No booking or entry charge**
- Printed Festival Programmes available at this concert (donations welcome)



Wednesdays:

**26 April, 10 & 24 May, 7 & 21 June,
5 July**

Time: 10.30am–12.30pm

Westfield Community Woodland Task Days (Loftus)

Various practical conservation tasks within the woodland setting. No experience necessary. Please wear sturdy footwear and old clothing. Join in for one day or all.

- Meeting place: Loftus Leisure Centre, Deepdale Rd, Loftus TS13 4RS
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Marshall Best
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly, dogs on leads



Wednesday 3 May

Time: 10.30am–4pm

Excavation of Kildale's 13th- century Chapel of St Hilda

Join an archaeological dig in its third season and help reveal the mysteries of the site of a lost medieval chapel

discovered in 2021. No digging experience necessary. After an initial free session, on 3 May or later date if preferred, participants are welcome to continue working on the project (Wednesdays and Sundays, weather permitting).

- Meeting place: details provided after booking
- Organiser / Event leader: Hidden Valleys Community Project / Roger Inman
- **Booking Essential: 01642 633402 / hvcpcchairperson@gmail.com**
- No charge for one session
- Children accompanied by responsible adult, not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Saturday 6 May

Time: 2pm

Foraging Talk and Optional Walk (Botton Village)

The benefits of foraging for wild plants and their medicinal and other uses. Learn how local herbs benefit health, body, mind and spirit. Find out about the lost knowledge of our ancestors and how to identify, use and preserve plants for the future. Followed by optional walk in the local area to look for herbs and plants that are medicinal and useful.

- Venue: Joan of Arc Hall, Botton Village, Whitby, YO21 2NJ / OS grid ref NZ696040
- Organiser / Event leader: Gaynor & Alan Ayres
- **Booking Essential: greengaynor1@gmail.com**
- Charge: £3 per person (discount for people on benefits)
- Family friendly (children over 10), walk not suitable for wheelchairs, dog friendly



**Sun 7 & Sat 13 May; Sun 21 &
Sat 27 May; Sun 11 & Sun 25 June;
Sun 2 July**
Time 2–4pm

Land of the Witch – Creative Writing and Performance (Botton Village)

An inclusive series of workshops (maximum 12 participants) to create a collaborative piece of prose-poetry, inspired by moorland witch folklore. We will work together to stage this prose-poetry piece via spoken word, movement and music. To be performed at a showcase event in July. The college venue will be a starting point, but some of the writing and activities will take place outside, weather dependent. Some workshops will focus more on: 1) dance/movement, 2) voice/song, 3) music/instrument. Email Lydia for full workshop programme: l.gillwaring@googlemail.com

- Venue: Village College, Botton Village, YO21 2NJ / OS grid ref: NZ695044
- Organiser / Event leader: Lydia Gill
- **Booking Essential:**
l.gillwaring@googlemail.com
- Charge: £40–£20, depending on number of workshops you can attend (entry free if attending as support person/carer)
- Aimed at adults, not suitable for wheelchairs (may include walking/exploring)



Monday 8 May

Time: meet 10am to sign in, set off 10.30am, return 2pm

Loftus Bluebells Walk

This 6-mile circular walk passes through fields and woodland to Handale Abbey Walled Garden, then returns via Rosecroft Wood.

- Meeting place: Loftus Town Hall, High St, Loftus, TS13 4HG
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Marshall Best
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- No Booking: turn up on the day
- No charge
- Family/child friendly (having regard to distance), not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs on leads



Thursday 11 May

Time: 11.15am–1.15pm (approx)

Tees Valley Wildlife Trust Habitat and Flora Walk: 'Hedges, Edges, Becks and Beaches: making connections' (Liverton Mines)

A circular habitat and flora two-hour walk (including a lunch break), 2 miles maximum. Depending on the needs of the group we can avoid the steepest steps in Clarkson's Wood. Some areas could be muddy. Bring a packed lunch.

- Meeting place: Liverton Mines, at the corner of Cleveland Street and Liverton Road
- Organiser / Event leader: Tees Valley Wildlife Trust / Jacky Watson, Wilder Coast Officer
- **Booking Essential :**
education@teeswildlife.org
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs on leads



Friday 12 May

Time: 12.45pm to sign in, set off 1.15, return 3.30pm

Walk to Land of Iron at the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum, Skinningrove, to see Demonstration of dyeing wool with iron and using alum as a fixative

This 3-mile return walk will visit Land of Iron to see ladies from East Cleveland Fibre Arts engaged in wool and fabric dyeing using iron and alum as a fixative.

- Meeting place: Loftus Town Hall, High St, Loftus, TS13 4HG
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Marshall Best
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly, sorry no dogs



Saturday 13 May

Time: 10am–12.30pm

Repair Cafe (Glaisdale)

Bring items for repair and they will be repaired by our volunteers where possible. Repairs are free of charge, some materials are chargeable.

- Venue: The Robinson Institute, 24 High St, Glaisdale, Whitby YO21 2PN
- Organiser / Event leader: Upper Esk Valley Repair Cafe / Cal Moore
- Contact / Queries: repaircafe.upperesk@gmail.com / 07942 292846
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Tuesday 16 May

Time: 10am–2.45pm approx

Walk in Liverton

An 8-mile walk in a rural area including woods, field edges and a visit to Handale Abbey walled garden.

- Meeting place: The Waterwheel Inn, Liverton, TS13 4TB. Car parking (free) on left, near hedge.
- Organiser / Event leader: Anne Leonard
- **Booking Essential: cryerp@supanet.com**
- No charge
- Children over 12, not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Saturday 20 May

Time: 3–5pm

Pinnipeds in Peril (Danby)

Our native seals will be used as a 'feature creature' to deliver an understanding of how our lifestyle choices impact our planet and the creatures we share it with. You will become expert in identifying a poorly seal and a healthy seal, and how to tell grey and common seals apart. You will learn about adaptations and by the end will be fully equipped to know exactly what to do should you spot a seal hauled out on a beach. Interactive litter timeline game at the end, and discussion.

- Venue: Danby Village Hall, Wellington Close, Danby, Whitby, YO21 2LZ
- Organiser / Event leader: Yorkshire Seal Group / Sally Bunce
- **Booking Essential:**
sallybunce@gmail.com / 07724 744564
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Sunday 21 May

Time: 12.30–3pm

Exploring the Iron Rich Natural Clay of Skinningrove

Gather clay, pebbles and shells from the beach for a messy making session at the village hall. Take your creation home. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Clay is very messy, please don't wear your Sunday best!

- Meeting place: Skinningrove car park, TS13 4BJ
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus Studios / Kate Rider
- Contact / Queries: loftusstudios@gmail.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge and free parking
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs on lead for beach session



Wednesday 24 May

Time: 10.30am–12.30pm

Westfield Community Woodland Task 1: Green Woodworking Demonstration (Loftus)

Various practical conservation tasks within the woodland setting of Westfield Community Woodland in Loftus. No experience necessary. Please wear sturdy footwear and old clothing.

- Meeting place: Top car park area, Loftus Leisure Centre, Deepdale Road, Loftus TS13 4RS
- Organiser / Event leader: Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council / Paul Murphy
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly, dogs on leads



Wednesday 24 May

Time: 10.30am–12.30pm

Westfield Community Woodland Task 2: Willow Tunnel Maintenance (Loftus)

A practical task in the Westfield Community Woodland in Loftus to trim vegetation around the willow tunnel and reset branches where required. We shall also provide an update on the extra care garden.

- Meeting place: Top car park area, Loftus Leisure Centre, Deepdale Road, Loftus TS13 4RS
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Marshall Best
- Contact / Queries: Marshall Best info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly, dogs on leads



Thursday 25 May

Time: 1.15–3pm

Skinningrove Heritage Trail

Isaac McBurney will lead a 2.5-mile walk through the heritage area of Skinningrove.

- Meeting place: Car park below Land of Iron at the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum, TS13 4AP
- Organiser / Event leader: Land of Iron/ Isaac McBurney
- Contact / Queries: isaac@ironstonemuseum.co.uk
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs on leads



Friday 26 May

Time: 2–5pm

Healing the Earth (Charltons)

Healing our Earth through exploring other ways of working with nature. We will hear about different methods (organic, biodynamic, etc), taste

(produce), demonstrate and practically work together on ways to enhance our environment. Refreshments provided.

- Venue: Charltons Community Centre, Charltons, Saltburn by the Sea TS12 3DB
- Organiser / Event leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community / Ruairidh von Stein and Vivian Griffiths
- **Booking Essential:** evccearthfestival@gmail.com
- Charge: £5 (16 yrs and under: free)
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Saturday 27 May

Time: 10.30am–2pm

Westerdale Wildflower Walk

A walk around the dale looking for local wild flowers. A talk on local wild flowers will be available in the Village Hall if the weather is unsuitable for botany. Please bring packed lunch and a drink, and a notebook and pencil if you would like to record what we find.

- Meeting place: Westerdale Village Hall car park, YO21 2DT, just off the main street
- Organiser / Event leader: Whitby Naturalists / Carol Wilson
- **Booking Essential:** carolmaywilson@outlook.com
- No charge (small change donation for car parking)
- Family/child friendly (not suitable for very young children/pushchairs), not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Saturday 27 May

Time: 2–4pm

Rockpooling at Skinningrove Beach

Isaac and Jean will lead an inspection of the rock pools along Skinningrove beach as the tide recedes. Good opportunity to inspect pool habitats.

- Meeting place: Fisherman's car park (by blue shelter), Beach Road, Skinningrove TS13 4BL
- Organiser / Event leader: Land of Iron / Isaac McBurney and Jean Banwell
- Contact / Queries: isaac@ironstonemuseum.co.uk

- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs on leads



Thursday 1 June

Time: 11am–3pm

The Wild Wild Quest (Danby)

Help us find what lives in our grounds at Danby Lodge. From the woodland to the wetland, the grassland to the heathland, we need YOU to discover what's living there. Join our local experts, grab some binoculars and get stuck in! Begin at our 'base camp' to pick up your Wild Passport, then visit all the zones to earn your stamps and collect your explorer sticker.

- Venue: Danby Lodge National Park Centre, YO21 2NB
- Organiser / Event leader: North York Moors National Park Authority
- **No Booking: drop-in anytime**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly (all children to be accompanied by an adult), part of site is wheelchair accessible, sorry no dogs



Friday 2 June

Time: 11am–3pm

Stronger Shores Activity Day (Skinningrove)

The Stronger Shores team will host fun activities on Skinningrove beach and introduce participants to the Stronger Shores project (harnessing the power of nature to protect coastlines, natural habitats and communities from flooding and erosion risks). Activities to include a litter pick, a treasure hunt to find materials to use for arts and crafts, and rockpooling, followed by arts and crafts (in the community centre) and viewing rock-pool critters in a portable tank.

- Meeting place: Skinningrove Beach, Cleveland Way, Carlin How, Saltburn-by-the-Sea TS13 4EE
- Organiser / Event leader: Stronger Shores / Judy Power (Tees Rivers Trust) and Emily Ross (Stronger Shores)

- Contact / Queries: Emily.ross@southtyneside.gov.uk
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly (all children to be accompanied by an adult), all participants must wear sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing, indoor activities accessible for wheelchairs, dogs welcome on beach



Saturday 3 June

Time: 12 noon–early evening

Mini Arts Festival (Glaisdale)

Come and enjoy indoor and outdoor performances of competition-winning short dramas and storytelling, also poetry, songs, music and clog dancing; join in the mini workshops in poetry and interactive storytelling; have your fortune told by our festival fortune-teller, or your face painted; watch painting and craft demonstrations, and browse the exhibits and stalls. Plenty of colourful characters to feast your eyes on! Outdoor gazebos and places to picnic. Refreshments by local food producers. Suggest bringing a folding chair, blanket or cushion.

- Venue: The Robinson Institute, High Street, Glaisdale, Whitby, YO21 2PW
- Organiser / Event leader: 3-Minute Arts, Glaisdale
- Contact / Queries: valleynews@basementpress.com / <https://3minutedramacompetition.com>
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- Charge: Donations towards costs
- Family/child friendly, partly accessible for wheelchairs, dogs on leads outside



Saturdays:

3, 10, 17, 24 June



Time: 2.30–4pm

Painting and Drawing (Danby)

Painting, pastel and charcoal drawing in a series of workshops led by experienced artist Pauline Brown. Welcome to join one or all sessions.

- Venue: Danby Lodge National Park Centre, Lodge Lane, Whitby YO21 2NB
- Organiser / Event Leader: Pauline Brown
- **Booking Essential:** pauline.b@live.com
- Charge: £12 per person per session (minimum of 3 people per session)
- Aimed at adults, not suitable for wheelchairs (steep stairs)



Saturdays:
3, 10 & 17 June



Time: 2–4pm

Habitat Restoration (Danby Dale)

We will be working at the back of Danby Dale (Botton Village) to upgrade the natural environment to promote biodiversity. This is a hands-on, get-muddy practical activity. We hope to be creating more wetland areas for insect, amphibian and bird life. Bring tough boots, work gloves, long trousers, drink, snack. Welcome to join one or all sessions.

- Meeting Point: Botton Village Store (car park), YO21 2NJ, OS reference: NZ696041
- Organiser / Event Leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community / Fionn Reid and Mark Barber
- **Booking Essential:**
evccearthfestival@gmail.com
- Charge: Donations towards material costs
- Family/children friendly (please check details at booking), not suitable for wheelchairs, friendly dogs welcome



Saturdays:
3, 10 & 17 June



Time: 2–4pm

Seed Saving Workshop and Starting a Local Seed Saving Network & Seed Exchange (Ainthorpe & Danby Dale)

Learning the principles and techniques of seed saving. We are aiming to start a local Seed Exchange. Welcome to join one or all sessions.

- Venues: Homefield Garden & Herb Room, 87 Ainthorpe Lane, Ainthorpe, YO21 2NG, and Stormy Hall Greenhouse, Danby Head,

Danby Dale, YO21 2NN (directions to be given on booking)

- Organiser / Event Leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community / Hans Steenbergen
- **Booking Essential:**
evccearthfestival@gmail.com
- Charge: Donations towards material costs
- Not suitable for wheelchairs



Saturdays:
3, 10 & 17 June



Time: 2–4pm

Woodwork Workshop (Danby Dale)

Under Pierre's guidance, we will try to use wood as a medium through which we express something artistically, using our natural surroundings as inspiration. Welcome to join one or all sessions.

- Venue: Wheel House, Stormy Hall, Botton Village, YO21 2NJ, OS ref NZ6879904426
- Organiser / Event Leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community / Pierre Spiegelberg and Patrick Zimmermann
- **Booking Essential:**
evccearthfestival@gmail.com
- Charge: Donations towards material costs
- Family friendly (only with 1:1 adult supervision as working with sharp tools), not suitable for wheelchairs



Sunday 4 June and
Saturdays 10 & 17 June



Time: 2.30–4pm

Eurythmy Workshop (Charltons)

We'll be exploring sounds and rhythms of speech, social interaction and poetry through movement and gesture. I hope we discover moments of contemplation as well as exuberance! Welcome to join one or all sessions.

- Venue: Charltons Community Centre, Charltons, Saltburn by the Sea TS12 3DB
- Organiser / Event leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community / Jonathan Reid
- **Booking Essential:**
evccearthfestival@gmail.com
- Charge: £4 per session

- Family/child friendly (11 yrs upwards), wheelchair friendly for some of the session



Thursday 8 June

Time: doors 6.30pm for 7pm start

Screening of new film 'RIVERWOODS' (55 minutes) - Loftus

This beautiful and informative film by the Scottish Wildlife Trust addresses important environmental issues: how the loss of trees is impacting salmon and other wildlife around rivers; the role of beavers for the health of rivers and natural flood management; loss of biodiversity; pioneering projects helping to restore nature. *The screening will be followed by an opportunity to discuss points raised and propose questions/suggestions to present to Loftus Town Council and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.*

- Venue: Loftus Town Hall, High St, Loftus, TS13 4HG
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Marshall Best
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshire.coast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- Charge: Donation jar for tea and coffee
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Friday 9 June

Time: 7.30–10pm

Earth Awake! The Visionary Poetry of William Blake – Eurythmy and Music Performance (Botton Village)

This performance by West Midlands Eurythmy will feature music by Debussy, Beethoven and Britten.

- Venue: Joan of Arc Hall, Botton Village, Whitby YO21 2NJ, OS ref: NZ696040
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge but donations welcome
- Not suitable for children under secondary school age, wheelchair friendly



Saturday 10 June

Time: 10am–2pm (approx)

Natural Dyeing Workshop (Glaisdale)

A practical workshop where we will be dyeing spun wool using natural dyes from the garden, e.g. dock leaves. If time, we will make a small felted square. Bring rubber gloves and apron if possible.

- Venue: Glaisdale Head Methodist Chapel School Room, Glaisdale Dale, YO21 2PZ, OS ref: NZ579404412
- Organiser / Event Leader: Pauline Drew
- **Booking Essential: 01947 666344**
- Charge: £20 to include all materials and refreshments
- Not suitable for children, premises is not suitable for wheelchairs



Saturday 10 June

Time: tbc (please check website below)

Gardening for Wildlife (Stokesley)

Explore a garden designed with wildlife in mind and get ideas for your own garden whatever its size.

- Venue: Garden in Stokesley (for details see contact/website below)
- Organiser / Event leader: Climate Action Stokesley and Villages / Bridget Holmstrom
- Contact / Queries: climateactionsav@gmail.com
<https://climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org/events-2/great-big-green-week-2023>
- **Booking Essential:** climateactionsav@gmail.com
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Saturday 10 June

Time: 10am–12 noon

Repair Cafe (Stokesley)

Computer runs slow? Lamp that doesn't light? A rip in your favourite t-shirt? Wonky handle on your basket? Bring your items for repair. Don't forget it will

help if you bring the parts needed for the repair.

- Venue: The Globe Community Library, Town Close, North Road, Stokesley TS9 5DH
- Organiser / Event leader: Climate Action Stokesley and Villages / Simon Gibbon
- Contact / Queries: climateactionsav@gmail.com
<https://climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org/events-2/great-big-green-week-2023>
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge (donations welcome)
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Sunday 11 June

Time: 2–4pm

Improve Your Wildflower ID Skills (Great Ayton)

Improve your wildflower ID skills during a walk around a floodplain meadow. Last year 136 species of plants were identified in the meadow. Work is being undertaken to further improve biodiversity. Walk led by local expert botanist, Martin Allen.

- Venue: Waterfall Park, 93 High Street, Great Ayton, TS9 6NF
- Organiser / Event leader: Climate Action Stokesley and Villages / Caryn Loftus
- Contact / Queries: climateactionsav@gmail.com
<https://climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org/events-2/great-big-green-week-2023>
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Wednesday 14 June

Time: 6–7pm

Cowbar Wildflower Walk (Staithes)

A casual guided wildflower walk around Cowbar grassland with experienced botanist and botanical artist, Martin Allen. Martin will help us identify what we see and explain how to photograph plants for easy identification. We'll explore and take our own photos.

- Meeting place: the stone bench on the Cowbar section of the Cleveland Way, OS ref: NZ 77734 18868 (approx), but you will see us! If you arrive by car, we suggest parking in the lay-by at Red House Farm, off the A174 (OS ref: NZ 76708 18601), and walking 10 minutes along the Cleveland Way to the meeting point.
- Organiser / Event leader: Cowbar Nature
- Contact / Queries: hello@cowbarnature.co.uk or via the Contact page of our website: www.cowbarnature.co.uk
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge, donations towards expenses welcome
- Family/child friendly (all children to be accompanied by an adult), not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Thursday 15 June

Time: meet 10am to sign in, set off 10.30am, return 12 noon/1pm

Loftus Town Trail & Visit to Loftus Library to see Members of East Cleveland Fibre Arts at Work

Visit the historic areas of Loftus and gain an understanding of the evolution of the town. En route we shall visit the Library and meet with members of East Cleveland Fibre Arts at work with weaving and related textile crafts.

- Meeting place: Loftus Town Hall, High Street Loftus, TS13 4HG
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Marshall Best
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly (all children to be accompanied by an adult), wheelchair friendly, dogs on leads



Thursday 15 June

Time: 2–3.30pm

Writers' Workshop: 'Writing Matters – Writing About Nature' (Loftus)

A writing workshop led by Dr Dahlian Kirby. We will be addressing the topic 'Writing Matters – Writing About Nature'.

- Venue: Loftus Library, Hall Grounds, TS13 4HJ
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Dr Dahlian Kirby
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **Booking Essential:** marshallbest@icloud.com
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Friday 16 June

Time: doors 7pm for 7.30pm start

Screening of new film 'RIVERWOODS' (55 minutes) - Danby

This beautiful and informative film by the Scottish Wildlife Trust addresses important environmental issues: how the loss of trees is impacting salmon and other wildlife around rivers; the role of beavers for the health of rivers and natural flood management; loss of biodiversity; pioneering projects helping to restore nature. *After the film screening you may like to attend a Bioblitz event at Scaling Dam on the same evening (9.30pm), and the Festival's Community Forum on 1 July, which will explore these topics further.*

- Venue: Danby Village Hall, Wellington Close, Danby, Whitby, YO21 2LZ
- Organiser / Event leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- Donations towards costs
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Friday 16 June & Saturday 17 June



Time: from 9.30pm (on 16 June)
to midday (on 17 June)

Bioblitz: Exploring the Wildlife of Scaling Dam

A wildlife recording event that will give members of the public a chance to learn about the nature of the area around Scaling Dam, including plants, dragonflies, butterflies and moths, birds and mammals. There will be guided wildlife-watching events in the evening and morning. Come and join the Big Wild Weekend. For more details see www.whitbynaturalists.uk

- Meeting place: Scaling Dam, Whitby Moor Road, TS13 4TP (we will be using both ends of the reservoir – yacht club end for Friday evening; mostly Whitby end on Saturday but also the bird hide. Full programme will indicate which end (see www.whitbynaturalists.uk)
- Organiser / Event leader: Whitby Naturalists joint event with Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, Cleveland Bat Group and others
- Contact / Queries: plants@whitbynaturalists.uk / www.whitbynaturalists.uk
- **No Booking: turn up on the day (event is weather dependent)**
- No charge (there is a charge for car parking)
- Family/child friendly, limited accessibility for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Sunday 18 June

Tours: 1–1.45pm, 2–2.45pm,
3–3.45pm

Keep the Lights Shining – Whitby Esk Energy Tours for Families (Ruswarp)

Can you get the water flowing to keep the lights shining? Energy related activities for all the family to take part in whilst you visit our community-owned 50kW Archimedes screw hydroelectric turbine on the River Esk at Ruswarp.

- Meeting place: Ruswarp (full address for meeting will be given when booking)
- Organiser / Event leader: Whitby Esk Energy / Caryn Loftus
- Contact / Queries: admin@whitbyeskenenergy.org.uk / www.whitbyeskenenergy.org.uk
<https://climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org/events-2/great-big-green-week-2023>

- **Booking essential:**
admin@whitbyeskenenergy.org.uk
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Wednesday 21 June

Time: 2–5pm

Poisons and Potions Guided Walk (Gillamoor near Kirkbymoorside)

Join retired doctor David Worth on this 3.5-mile walk from Gillamoor into Douthwaite Dale and around farmland near Fadmoor. You'll hear about the medicinal and poisonous properties of plants along the way. Note: there are some stiles and it can be very muddy.

- Meeting place: Royal Oak, Gillamoor, YO62 7HX
- Organiser / Event leader: North York Moors National Park Authority / David Worth
- **Booking Essential:**
www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting/whats-on/events
- Charge: pay as you feel (suggested £3)
- Family/child friendly (all children to be accompanied by an adult), not suitable for wheelchairs, sorry no dogs



Thursday 22 June

10am–3pm

Story Stroll & Archives Roadshow: Teesside Archives on Tour at the Jubilee Hall, Carlin How

Based at the lovely Jubilee Hall in Carlin How, Teesside Archives will be taking a closer look at the relationship between nature and heritage:

10–11am: The Nature of Archives (illustrated talk exploring stories of nature through the collections of Teesside Archives)

11am–12.30pm: Teesside Archives and local history drop-in display

1.30–3pm: Carlin How Story Stroll with Teesside Archives and local historian John Roberts

- Venue: Jubilee Hall, Muriel Street, Carlin How TS13 4DL
- Organiser / Event leader: Teesside Archives / Chris Corbett, Sue Sweeney & John Roberts
- Contact for more details:
christine_corbett@middlesbrough.gov.uk
- **Booking Essential:**
christine_corbett@middlesbrough.gov.uk
- Charge: small charges may apply for the talk and walk
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Thursday 22 June

Time: meet 10am to sign in, set off 10.30am, return 2.30pm

Circular Walk from Cowbar to Saint Hilda's Well, Hinderwell, and return by England Coast Path

Our path on this 6-mile walk will lead to Dalehouse and through Oakrigg Wood to Hinderwell, where we shall stop at Saint Hilda's Well, then continue to Port Mulgrave and follow the England Coast path to Staithes and Cowbar. During this walk we shall have an opportunity to discuss habitat in the Cowbar area.

- Meeting place: Cowbar car park, Cowbar Lane TS13 5DA
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Marshall Best
- Contact / Queries:
info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge (car parking £4 for 4 hours)
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs on leads



Friday 23 June

Time: 7–8.30pm

The Manufacture of Salt at Street House – from the Neolithic to Roman Times (Loftus)

Dr Stephen Sherlock will present a review of archaeological studies and findings within the Redcar and Cleveland area over recent years.

We will also be able to visit an exhibition in the Town Hall titled 'Street House: Archaeological reconstructions from the Neolithic to the Anglo-Saxon periods'

Visitors will have the opportunity to view images of Archaeological reconstructions of how the sites may have looked as well as images of the sites during excavation.

The exhibition will be open from Monday 19th June and will run to at least 29th June.

Group visits can be booked by contacting Loftus Town Hall staff at 01287 641000 or office@loftustc.co.uk.

- Venue: Loftus Town Hall, High Street Loftus, TS13 4HG
- Organiser / Event leader: Dr Stephen Sherlock
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly



Tuesday 27 June

Time: meet 10am to sign in, set off 10.30am, return 2.30pm

Circular Walk from Runswick to Kettleness

A 5-mile circular walk to the old Railway Station at Kettleness.

- Meeting place: Runswick Bay top car park, TS13 5JF
- Organiser / Event leader: Loftus ACCORD Walking Group / Eric Jackson
- Contact / Queries: info@walkingloftusandthenorthyorkshirecoast.com
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge (car parking £4.40 for 4 hours)
- Family/child friendly, not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs on leads



Saturday 1 July

Time: 2–5pm

Community Forum: 'A Wilder Esk Valley and Cleveland' (Danby)

Key speakers will deliver introductory talks; there will be a short break for refreshments, followed by a speakers'

panel and open discussion on: *How we can find ways to make the Esk Valley wilder – with a particular question about the reintroduction of beavers.*

Our chair will be Adrian Leaman (North Yorkshire Moors Association) and our speakers are:

- Brian Walker (re-wilding and farming in partnership)
- Mike Potter (natural flood management)
- Cath Bashforth, Forestry England (beaver re-introduction project)
- Martin Allen and Anne Press (ecological management of wildflower meadows & hedgerows)
- Alan Ayres (local woodlands)
- Sarah Lonsdale (National Park – River Esk & Coastal Streams Partnership Officer)
- Sam Newton (National Park – River Restoration & Nature Recovery)
- Eddie Thornton (Festival legacy project: *Creating a community nature recovery project in our area*)
- Venue: Danby Village Hall, Wellington Close, Danby, Whitby, YO21 2LZ
- Organiser / Event leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No charge (donations welcome)
- Wheelchair friendly



Thursday 6 July

Time: Doors Open 7pm, Concert 7:30 – 9:30pm with a break between sets for refreshments.

Ironstone Tales (Skinningrove)

Award winning folk improvisers **The Ciderhouse Rebellion** and poet **Jessie Summerhayes** present a haunting reflection of the landscape and stories of the mines.

- Venue: Land of Iron at the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum, Mill Lane, Skinningrove, Cleveland TS13 4AP
- Organiser / Event leader: Land of Iron / The Ciderhouse Rebellion
- **Booking Essential:** <https://landofiron.org.uk/visit/whats-on>
- Charge: £15 per ticket
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair accessible (disabled parking at rear of museum)



Saturday 8 July

Time: 11am–4pm

Festival Closing Event at Botton Village

Come and join this celebration of the achievements of the Community Earth Festival with exhibits of work done in the Festival workshops contributed by partner organisations, eco-stalls, artwork, short talks and performances.

Food will be available from local providers. Music and we'll finish with ceilidh dancing.

- Venue: Joan of Arc Hall, Botton Village, Whitby, YO21 2NJ / OS grid ref 697040
- Organiser / Event leader: Esk Valley Camphill Community
- **No Booking: turn up on the day**
- No entry charge
- Family/child friendly, wheelchair friendly, dogs on leads

Calendar of Events

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- Community Celebration
- Talk, Discussion, Display
- Workshop (conservation)

- Workshop (arts)
- Recycling & Repair
- Young at Heart

- Walk/Tour
- Film

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