

## Booking a place:

To book a place or for further details please contact Tom Hynes or Rupert Hawley at the Northern Devon Coast and Countryside Service on the telephone number below.

## What to bring:

Work clothes, stout boots or Wellington boots, a packed lunch and a drink.

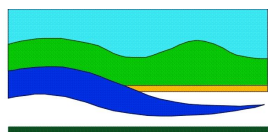
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## International Year of Biodiversity

**2010** has been designated the **International Year of Biodiversity** by the United Nations to raise awareness and celebrate the diversity of life on our planet.

This Spring we are focusing our attention on two species that speak to us of summer as no others. The late arrival and exuberant loud screams of swifts as they twist and turn through the skies tell us summer has arrived. In complete contrast our other summer species moves slowly and is silent but equally iconic – the glow worm. Join us on a warm summer evening in search of these enigmatic creatures.

We had some very productive days over the winter and the dormice boxes we made may have already taken their first viewings! More than 650 people helped out with the Biosphere beach cleans collecting more than 700 bags of rubbish off our beaches.

I hope that you can join us again.

Rupert Hawley Biodiversity Projects Officer



# Volunteers Spring Calendar 2010



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Learn about & enjoy nature

## **Swifts - Nest Box Build & Erection Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Latest research shows **swift** numbers have significantly declined in recent years – come and learn what you might be able to do about it. Learn about the ecology of this astounding bird and help to build a new nest site.

**Meet at The Old Railway Station, East-the-Water Bideford at 10am  
(Booking essential)**

## **Stone-faced Bank Repair Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

We will be repairing an ancient stone faced bank / hedge that borders a wood. Come and hone your traditional Devon walling skills.

**Meet / park in field accessed via gateway next to Lower Winsford, Abbotsham  
Grid ref: 432 266 at 10am**



Croyde Beach Clean

## **Board Walk Maintenance & Repair on Braunton Burrows Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

We will spend the day in the heart of the Biosphere Reserve with Christie Estate's warden Geoff Plumb fixing the existing timber board walk that runs across the dunes to Crow Point. This will be an opportunity to make a positive contribution to access on the Burrows and to see the inspiring variety and abundance of wildflowers and insects.

**Meet at Sandy Lane car park Grid Ref: 463 350 at 10am**

## **Making Steps on the Coast Path nr Hartland Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

We will be putting in steps on a slope on the Coast Path in order to reduce erosion and make the path easier to use. Looking out for humming bird hawk moths and kestrels and peregrines nesting on the cliffs while we work.

**Meet at parking area outside Blegberry Farm Grid ref: 232 263 at 10am in cars or 1030am at Blackpool Mill cliff-top Grid ref: 227 255**

## **Glow Worm Training on the Tarka Trail Warm evenings at the end of June**

This is an introduction to glow worm monitoring & ecology with a local wildlife expert. We'd like to gather more information on glow worms & need you to carry out surveys during July. (phone for details)

**Meet on Tarka Trail at Yelland. Grid ref: 483 323**

## **Wildflower Wonder : Beautiful Bugs Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

This is a **North Devon Festival Event** at Fremington Quay. Take part in flower themed activities, as well as sweep netting and pooting insects.

**Meet at Fremington Quay. Event will run between 11 am - 4 pm**

## **Moths & Flowers of the Culm 8 pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Come and see what moths and flowers are living on this Culm Reserve with local Wildlife enthusiasts and experts.

**Meet at Meddon Nature Reserve  
Grid ref: 277 177 Bring your children**