

Sidmouth U3A Nature Explorers – 2024 Programme.

This group meets on the **first Wednesday** of each month and explores all aspects of the flora and fauna of the Sid Valley. New members are always welcome.

All explorations start at **10.00am** and finish by 12noon. If weather conditions are poor, check your email before leaving home.

An invitation confirming the meeting point will be emailed about 7 days in advance. No dogs please. Generally, we don't walk far and try to make things as accessible as possible.

We also have our own **WhatsApp group** to share sightings, photos and ask questions. Also useful for requests and offers of car sharing.

- Feb 7th **Golden Copse & Gilchrist Field.** *Snowdrops and other harbingers of spring.*
Meet at Livonia Rd entrance to the Byes. Some on road parking nearby.
- March 6th **The Knowle Gardens & Parkland.** *Trees in leaf & early wildflowers.*
Meet at Station Road entrance. Free Parking on site.
- April 3rd **The Cemetery & Knapp Nature Reserve.** *Wildflowers, birds, insects etc.*
Meet at Winslade Road entrance. Some on road parking nearby.
- May 1st **Margarets Meadow & riverside paths.** *Wildflowers, birds, insects etc.*
Meet at Livonia Rd entrance to the Byes. Some on road parking nearby.
- June 5th **The Lincombe Valley, Salcombe Regis.** *Orchids, butterflies, bugs and birds.*
Meet at Donkey Sanctuary Car Park. (Free) Signed from A3052
- July 3rd **Farway Common Airfield.** *Wildflowers and the bugs that thrive on them.*
Meet at Airfield Car Park (free). Hatway Hill, off Seaton Rd, EX10 0QW.
- Aug 7th **Sidbury Millenium Field and Pond.** *Butterflies, Dragonflies & pond-life.*
Meet at Sidbury village Car Park (free). No9 bus from Sidmouth.
- Sept 4th **Muttersmoor & Peak Hill Wood.** *Ancient trees, ferns and fungi.*
Meet at Muttersmoor Car Park (free). Ask for a lift on WhatsApp.
- Oct 2nd **Glen Goyle and the Bickwell Valley.** *Autumn colours and hidden corners.*
Meet at Manor Road Car Park (fee paying but winter rate).
- Nov 6th **Golden Copse & the Byes.** *Old & new trees, autumn colours & fungi.*
Meet at Livonia Rd entrance to the Byes. Some on road parking nearby.
- Dec 4th **Review the year & Nature Quiz.** *A short walk, a hot drink & mince pies.*
Mystery venue to be revealed nearer the time.

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