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May 2020



Events
Guide



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The Greensand Country Festival 2020 is the third annual event organised by the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership, which includes a wide variety of events and activities provided by partners, local business, special interest groups and visitor attractions.

Taking place across the landscape, from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, throughout May, the festival is a celebration of the distinct, beautiful and loved Greensand Country, and helps to encourage those living within the area to get out and explore the outstanding countryside on their doorstep.

The festival will showcase a diverse and exciting programme of events and activities, with something to suit every interest, from forest bathing, animal workshops and guided walks, to trail running, horse-riding, children's activities and much more.

"We are very proud to have established such a successful and popular Greensand Country Festival over the past two years. We are now in the final year of the National Lottery Heritage Fund programme; and are keen to ensure that

the positive changes and additions that we have made to this special landscape, continue into the future. Our lead organisations, Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and The Greensand Trust are committed to the continued delivery of the Greensand Country Festival, and we can't wait to see how it will continue to evolve."

Claire Poulton, Programme Manager at the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership

The list of events within this guide is just a taster of what is available at the Greensand Country Festival 2020 - for more information visit our new interactive website at www.greensandcountry.com

Look out for our 'Revealing the Greensand Country' booklet for trails and activities to help you discover more of this unique landscape. For regular updates follow [@greensandsocial](https://www.facebook.com/greensandsocial) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Following the success of last year's photo competition, we will be running it again in 2020. Please visit www.greensandcountry.com for more information.

Please be aware that by participating in the Greensand Country Festival, you consent to your photograph being used by the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership for marketing and promotional purposes.

Old St Mary's Church, Clophill



Date	Time	Event	Location
Throughout May	Museum Times	Warden Abbey Revealed at the Cecil Higgins Museum	Bedford
Fri 1st May	09:30-16:30	Art Workshop - Church & Nature	Clophill Ecolodges
Sat 2nd May	10:00-14:00	Spring Foraging - Workshop	Clophill Ecolodges
	10:00-16:00	Willow Ball Making - Wassledine	Gravenhurst
	10:30-12:30	Greensand Country Trail Run - 10 miles	Biggleswade Train Station
	11:00-13:00	Drum Lessons with Ian Bee	The Hub Ampthill Park
	14:00-17:00	Drum Lessons with Ian Bee	The Hub Ampthill Park
Sun 3rd May	06:00-08:00	Dawn Chorus at the RSPB	Sandy
	09:30-11:30	BHS Bluebell Ride	Eversholt
	09:30-16:30	Greensand Ridge Walk - 1 st section	Ridgmont Village
	09:30-17:00	Basket Making - Beginners -Wassledine	Gravenhurst
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	Leighton Buzzard
	13:00-16:00	Forest Bathing - Woodlands Reconnecting	Rushmere Park
Mon 4th May	09:00-10:00	Beeston Walk 4 Health	Beeston Green
	10:00-11:00	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health	Leighton Buzzard - Bell Close
Tue 5th May	10:00-10:30	Potton Walk 4 Health	Potton Library
	10:00-10:45	Flitwick Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Flitwick Library
	10:00-11:30	Shefford Walk 4 Health	Community Hall
	12:00-12:45	Nordic Walking - Taster Session	Ampthill West Car Park
Wed 6th May	10:00-10:30	Woburn Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Park St. Car Park
	10:00-10:40	Leighton Buzzard - Tiddenfoot Walk 4 Health	Leisure Centre Café
	10:00-11:00	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Dan Albone Car Park
	10:00-11:00	Sandy Walk 4 Health	Sandy Library
	10:15-11:15	Marston FC Walk 4 Health	Marston Forest Centre
	10:15-11:45	Flitwick Walk 4 Health	Silsoe Park Lane
	10:30-11:10	Marston FC Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Marston Forest Centre
	13:00-15:00	Bedford/Bletchley Rail Users Association - Guided Greensand Walk	Bedford Station - Main
	19:30-21:00	Beds Garden Trust - Glorious Greensand Talk & Presentation	Ampthill
Thu 7th May	10:00-10:35	Shefford Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Shefford Library

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Thu 7th May	10:00-10:35	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Leighton Buzzard Library
	10:30-11:30	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Stratton School
	10:30-11:30	Tai Chi - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	10:30-11:30	Potton & Gamlingay Walk 4 Health	Potton
Fri 8th May	10:00-10:35	Upper Caldecote Walk 4 Health	Peter Maudlin Pavilion
	10:00-11:30	Ampthill Walk 4 Health	Ampthill
	10:00-14:00	SUSTRANS Bike Ride	Cardington
	10:00-14:00	Animal Edge Open Day with Pony Rides	Millbrook
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	Leighton Buzzard
	10:30-11:30	Harlington Walk 4 Health	Harlington Village Hall
	10:45-11:50	Theatre on the Marston Vale Train	Bedford Station - Main
	16:00-21:00	Sandy VE Day Street Party	Sandy
Sat 9th May	09:45-17:00	Flit Valley Walk - Westoning to Clophill	Westoning
	10:00-14:00	SUSTRANS Bike Ride - L. Buzzard Loop	Rushmere Park
	10:00-14:00	Animal Edge Open Day with Pony Rides	Millbrook
	10:00-16:00	The Bedfordshire Brickworks Exhibition	Ridgmont Rail Station
	10:00-16:30	Clophill Woodlands Walk for Walk Leaders	Working Woodlands
	10:30-14:30	L. Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway - Unusual Locos	Leighton Buzzard
	11:00-13:00	Kelchner Brewery Tour	Ampthill
	13:00-16:00	Forest Bathing - Woodlands Reconnecting	RSPB Sandy
	14:55-15:36	Theatre on the Marston Vale Train	Bedford Station - Main
	19:00-23:00	Open Air Cinema - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
Sun 10th May	10:30-14:30	L. Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway - Unusual Locos	Leighton Buzzard
	11:00-16:00	Shefford Local History Day	Shefford
	12:00 & 14:30	Shefford History Walk (x2)	Shefford
	19:00-23:00	Open Air Cinema - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
Mon 11th May	09:00-10:00	Beeston Walk 4 Health	Beeston Green
	10:00-11:00	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health	Leighton Buzzard - Bell Close

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Tue 12th May	10:00-10:30	Potton Walk 4 Health	Potton Library
	10:00-10:45	Flitwick Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Flitwick Library
	10:00-11:30	Shefford Walk 4 Health	Community Hall
	10:00-16:00	Spring Painting Workshop - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
Wed 13th May	10:00-11:00	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Dan Albane Car Park
	10:00-11:00	Sandy Walk 4 Health	Sandy Library
	10:00-10:30	Woburn Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Park St. Car Park
	10:00-10:40	Leighton Buzzard - Tiddenfoot Walk 4 Health	Leisure Centre Café
	10:00-15:00	Nordic Walk Marston to Ampthill	Ampthill West Car Park
	10:15-11:15	Marston FC Walk 4 Health	Marston Forest Centre
	10:15-11:45	Flitwick/Steppingley Walk 4 Health	Flitwick Leisure Centre
	10:30-11:10	Marston FC Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Marston Forest Centre
	10:30-12:30	BHS Willington Ride	Willington
	10:30-12:45	Marston Vale History Train	Bedford Station - Main
	11:30-13:30	Bedford/Bletchley Rail Users Association - Guided Greensand Walk	Stewartby Rail Station
Thur 14th May	10:00-10:35	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health - Beginners	L. Buzzard Library
	10:30-11:30	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Stratton School
	10:30-11:30	Potton & Gamlingay Walk 4 Health	Potton
	10:00-10:35	Shefford Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Shefford Library
Fri 15th May	10:00-10:35	Upper Caldecote Walk 4 Health	Peter Maudlin Pavilion
	10:00-11:30	Parent & Toddler Forest School	Ampthill Great Park
	10:00-11:30	Ampthill Walk 4 Health	Ampthill
	10:00-12:00	Forest Bathing - Woodlands Reconnecting	Maulden Woods
	10:30-11:30	Harlington Walk 4 Health	Harlington Village Hall
	10:30-13:00	A Talk on the History of the Rose - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	18:00-22:00	Pamper & Prosecco	Clophill Ecolodges
Sat 16th May	10:30-12:45	Marston Vale History Train	Bedford Station - Main
Sun 17th May	09:30-16:30	Greensand Ridge Walk - 2 nd Section	Haynes
	10:00-14:00	Spring Foraging Workshop	Clophill Ecolodges
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	Leighton Buzzard
Mon 18th May	09:00-10:00	Beeston Walk 4 Health	Beeston Green
	10:00-11:00	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health	L. Buzzard - Bell Close

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Mon 18th May	10:00-14:00	SUSTRANS Bike Ride - Woburn Wander	Woburn
Tue 19th May	10:00-12:00	Essential Oils & Wellbeing - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	10:00-10:45	Flitwick Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Flitwick Library
	10:00-10:30	Potton Walk 4 Health	Potton Library
	10:00-11:30	Shefford Walk 4 Health	Community Hall
	10:00-14:00	SUSTRANS Bike Ride - Clophill	Clophill
Wed 20th May	10:00-10:30	Woburn Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Park St. Car Park
	10:00-10:40	Leighton Buzzard - Tiddenfoot Walk 4 Health	Leisure Centre Café
	10:00-11:00	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Dan Albane Car Park
	10:00-11:00	Sandy Walk 4 Health	Sandy Library
	10:15-11:15	Marston FC Walk 4 Health	Marston Forest Centre
	10:15-11:45	Flitwick Walk 4 Health	Maulden Recreation Ground
	10:30-11:10	Marston FC Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Marston Forest Centre
	10:30-12:45	Marston Vale History Train	Bedford Station - Main
	13:00-15:00	Bedford/Bletchley Rail Users Association - Guided Greensand Walk	Ridgemont Rail Station
	19:30-21:00	Beds Garden Trust - Garden History Talk	Ampthill
Thur 21st May	10:00-10:35	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health - Beginners	L. Buzzard Library
	10:00-10:35	Shefford Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Shefford Library
	10:30-11:30	Tai Chi - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	10:30-11:30	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Stratton School
	10:30-11:30	Potton & Gamlingay Walk 4 Health	Potton
	18:00-21:00	Eastern Greensand Ridge & Parkland - Guided Evening Walk	Everton
Fri 22nd May	10:00-10:35	Upper Caldecote Walk 4 Health	Peter Maudlin Pavilion
	10:00-11:30	Ampthill Walk 4 Health	Ampthill
	10:00-11:30	Parent & Toddler Forest School	Ampthill Great Park
	10:30-11:30	Harlington Walk 4 Health	Harlington Village Hall
	10:30-13:00	Parkland Tour of Shuttleworth Estate	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	10:45-11:50	Theatre on the Marston Vale Train	Bedford Station - Main
	11:00-14:00	Nordic Walk - Ampthill to Steppingley	Ampthill West Car Park
Sat 23rd May	10:00-14:00	Spring Foraging Workshop	Clophill Ecolodges
	10:30-13:00	Heritage Trail Walk - Fullers Earth	Edgewick Farm Barn
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	Leighton Buzzard

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Sat 23rd May	14:30-17:00	Heritage Trail Walk - Fullers Earth	Edgewick Farm Barn
Sun 24th May	10:00-14:00	Sandy Green Wheel Walk	Sandy
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Railway - Teddy Bears Picnic	Leighton Buzzard
Mon 25th May	09:00-10:00	Beeston Walk 4 Health	Beeston Green
	09:00-12:30	Flitton Family Fun Run	Flitton Moor
	10:00-11:00	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health	L. Buzzard - Bell Close
	10:00-11:15	Yoga & Meditation - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	10:30-12:45	Marston Vale History Train	Bedford Station - Main
	10:30-14:30	L. Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway - Teddy Bears Picnic	Leighton Buzzard
	10:30-16:00	Summerfields Miniature Railway	Haynes
	12:00-15:00	Earth Day Crafts & Café	Clophill Ecolodges
Tue 26th May	10:00-10:30	Potton Walk 4 Health	Potton Library
	10:00-10:45	Flitwick Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Flitwick Library
	10:00-11:30	Shefford Walk 4 Health	Community Hall
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	Leighton Buzzard
Wed 27th May	10:00-10:30	Woburn Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Park St. Car Park
	10:00-10:40	Leighton Buzzard - Tiddenfoot Walk 4 Health	Leisure Centre Café
	10:00-11:00	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Dan Albone Car Park
	10:00-11:00	Sandy Walk 4 Health	Sandy Library
	10:15-11:15	Marston FC Walk 4 Health	Marston Forest Centre
	10:15-11:45	Flitwick Walk 4 Health	Flitwick - Barclays Bank
	10:30-11:10	Marston FC Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Marston Forest Centre
	10:30-12:45	Marston Vale History Train	Bedford Station
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	Leighton Buzzard
	10:30-15:00	Beds Geology Group - GeoTrail Walk	Rusmere Park
	10:30-15:00	Nordic Walk - Ampthill to Woburn	Woburn Car Park
	12:30-14:30	Bedford/Bletchey Rail Users Association - Guided Greensand Walk	Woburn Sands Station
	20:30-22:00	Bird Song & Bat Walk	Camp Plantation
Thu 28th May	10:00-10:35	Leighton Buzzard Walk 4 Health - Beginners	L. Buzzard Library
	10:00-10:35	Shefford Walk 4 Health - Beginners	Shefford Library
	10:30-11:30	Potton & Gamlingay Walk 4 Health	Potton
	10:30-11:30	Biggleswade Walk 4 Health	Stratton School
	10:00-12:30	Wildlife Detectives - Family Event	Coopers Hill - Ampthill

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thu 28th May	11:00-13:00	Teddy Bear Hunt	Clophill Ecolodges
	13:00-15:30	Wildlife Youth Rangers (13-19yrs)	Coopers Hill - Ampthill
	18:00-20:00	BHS Willington to Old Warden Ride	Willington
	20:45-22:30	Bat Walk	Ampthill Great Park
Fri 29th May	10:00-10:35	Upper Caldecote Walk 4 Health	Peter Maudlin Pavilion
	10:00-11:30	Ampthill Walk 4 Health	Ampthill
	10:00-12:00	Forest School Family Session	Ampthill Great Park
	10:00-12:00	Owl Workshop - Teaching Talons	Ampthill Great Park
	10:30-11:30	Harlington Walk 4 Health	Harlington Village Hall
	12:00-15:30	Spring Foraging Course	Ampthill Great Park
	13:30-15:30	Forest School Family Session	Ampthill Great Park
	14:00-16:30	Storytelling in the woods - Wassledine	Gravenhurst
	14:55-15:36	Theatre on the Marston Vale Train	Bedford Station - Main
	17:30-21:30	The Comedy of Errors - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
Sat 30th May	10:00-12:00	Mindfulness for Teens (& Parents) - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	10:00-16:00	Invertebrate Day	Flitwick Moor
	10:00-16:00	Basket Making for Beginners - Wassledine	Gravenhurst
	10:30-12:30	Warden Abbey Vineyard Tour	Old Warden
	10:45-11:50	Theatre on the Marston Vale Train	Bedford Station - Main
	13:30-15:30	Mindfulness 4 Teens (& Parents) - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	14:00-16:00	Warden Abbey Vineyard Tour	Old Warden
Sun 31st May	09:30-17:00	Wheelbarrow Garden Competition - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
	09:30-16:30	Greensand Ridge Walk - 3 rd Section	Gamlingay Eco Centre
	10:00-12:00	BHS Lidlington Ride	Marston Forest Centre
	10:00-16:00	Greensand Trust Woodlands Craft Day	Maulden Woods
	10:30-14:30	Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	Leighton Buzzard
	13:00-17:00	History of Sheerhatch Wood	Willington Dovecote
	13:45-17:30	Flit Valley Walk - Westoning to Clophill	Clophill
Mon 1st June	10:00-11:15	Yoga & Meditation - Swiss Garden	Shuttleworth - Old Warden
Sat 6th June	10:00-16:00	Moggerhanger Park Plant Fair	Moggerhanger
Sun 7th June	12:00-17:00	Open Gardens in Maulden Village	Maulden

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Delving into Heritage Day

Historic Parklands in Greensand Country

Date: Thursday 16th July 2020 Venue: Shuttleworth, Biggleswade

Charge: £15 per person (Student Concessions: £5)

Greensand Country, the area on and surrounding the Greensand Ridge, has a concentration of historic parklands. This conference will explore the geology, ecology and history of parklands as a landscape theme.

This is the third annual 'Delving into Heritage Day' which explores the distinctive 'landscape character' of the Greensand Country area. Last year's delegates said:

"A fascinating, well organised conference exploring the

relationships between people, history and place and showing the evolving nature of Greensand Country. The presenters were all enthusiastic about their subject and very knowledgeable. Really interesting learning about the vast history of our local area."

For further information visit

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