

Events 2018



**LEGACY TO
LANDSCAPE**

Linking King John's Oak
to the future

Legacy to Landscape: a landscape for all to enjoy

Legacy to Landscape is a three-year project involving the community and celebrates a hidden area of landscape in an area of East Devon, based on a 1780s map of the Shute Estate.

This historic map covers the landscape of the Colyton and Shute area. See pages 6 and 7 for map of project area.

This is the final year of the three year project, and we will continue to discover the wildlife treasures and historical stories of this hidden landscape, which has remained virtually unchanged for centuries.



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- **Discover wildlife on your doorstep**
- **Unravel the mysteries of the past**
- **Help improve your local environment**

Ancient Tree Hunt 2018

The hunt continues to find those old, gnarled and large trunked ancient trees forgotten and hidden in the Legacy landscape. Ancient trees aren't mapped in the same way ancient woodland is, which makes them vulnerable to neglect and lack of management. In 2017 we recorded several trees including the last remaining chestnut tree which was part of an avenue leading into the medieval deer park at Woodend Park.

Please help us find more, to ensure their care and protection and encourage their seedlings to provide future woodland in this special landscape. Learn how to record ancient trees on an 'Ancient Tree Hunt in Holyford Woods', on Sunday 27 May. Details on page 15.

More information on how you can record ancient trees: ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk

ABOUT OUR EVENTS

- All ages welcome
- Outdoor walks will not take place if heavy rain forecasted
- Sorry no dogs, due to farmland livestock or ground nesting birds
- Stout walking footwear or wellies, many sites can be quite muddy!
- No transport? Do get in touch, we can arrange lift share



Wonderful wildlife

Recent wildlife surveys in the Umborne Valley reveal rare meadows rich in wildflowers. However most of the wildlife in the project area is under recorded. The project is discovering how much wildlife still thrives and identifying opportunities to improve it. Wildlife events have been organised to involve local communities in learning how to identify wildlife on their doorstep. This will help in increasing records for the whole project area.



Practical conservation

Practical conservation sessions help improve the landscape and its wildlife. Stay for a few hours or the whole day and play a part in securing the area's wildlife for future generations to enjoy. Tools, gloves and drinks provided.







Unearthing the hidden history of the local landscape

The project area contains a medieval deer park, ancient trees, and was once covered in orchards. However little information is available about its history. We are sure it has many fascinating secrets. If you would like to get involved, then please join us and help investigate old maps and other historical documents and books. We will also be gathering oral histories. If you have a memory to share about the landscape we would love to hear from you. Help us piece together this remarkable historic jigsaw.

EVENTS KEY

Information about an event

-  If booking is required
-  Cost
-  A point of contact, to book or for information
-  Location

EVENT LOCATIONS

- 1 Bolshayne Farm
- 2 Colyford Memorial Hall
- 3 Whitford Bridge
- 4 Enna Wood
- 5 Whitford Village Hall
- 6 St Andrews Church and Sunday School rooms, Colyton
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- 8 Lucehayne Meadow
- 9 Dolphin St car park, Colyton
- 10 Musbury Village Hall
- 11 Umborne Village Hall
- 12 Seaton Down Hillfort
- 13 Shute, St Michael's Church
- 14 Woodend Park
- 15 Peace Memorial Hall
- 16 Umborne Bridge, Colyton
- 17 Rowland and Son Wheelwrights



Golden Ringed Dragonfly, Dave Wicken



Project boundary



King John's Oak tree





EVENTS BY DATE

Details of events from January to December. [See key on page 4.](#)




Colyton community woodland task


Saturday 27 January, 10am to 4pm

General winter management of the community woodland. Please bring lunch. Axe Vale and District Conservation Society event.

 No booking required

 Free

 07702 189914, doug_rudge@live.co.uk

 Meet at site car park, Hillhead picnic site, Colyton. Grid ref. SY 245 934.





Legacy to Landscape – linking King John's Oak to the future


Wednesday 21 February, 2.30pm

An illustrated talk about the project by Peter Youngman, East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Event organised by Devonshire Association, Axe Valley Branch.

 No booking required

 Entrance donation £1 for DA members, £3 for non-members

 Brian Denham, 01297 551529
brian_denham@talktalk.net

 Pavillion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 37 Coly Road, Colyton EX24 5PU. Grid ref. 249 934.




Tree grafting workshop, King John's Oak at Woodend Deer Park, Shute

Sunday 25 February, 2pm to 4pm


Learn the tricks of this useful propagation technique and help grow on an identical, new generation of King John's Oaks – to keep the genes of this tree alive in the landscape, with nurseryman Pete Wells and Jill Butler, Woodland Trust.

 Booking essential

 Free

 01404 310012

pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk

 Location map sent on booking

Visit King
John's Oak
walk 2016





Tithe maps and East Devon


Tuesday 20 March, 2pm to 4.30pm

Dr Richard Oliver, Honorary Research Fellow in the History of Cartography at the University of Exeter, will speak on what tithe maps are, and how they can be used in the reconstruction of past landscapes. The presentation will include specimens of several East Devon tithe maps, and will particularly focus on the map for the parish of Colyford.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road,
(A3052) EX24 6QJ. Grid ref. 249 924.




Spring wildflowers, Holyford Woods


Wednesday 21 March, 10am to 12 noon

Discover and identify spring flowers in glorious Holyford Woods. Also we will be looking out for any migrating birds. Axe Vale and District Conservation Society event.

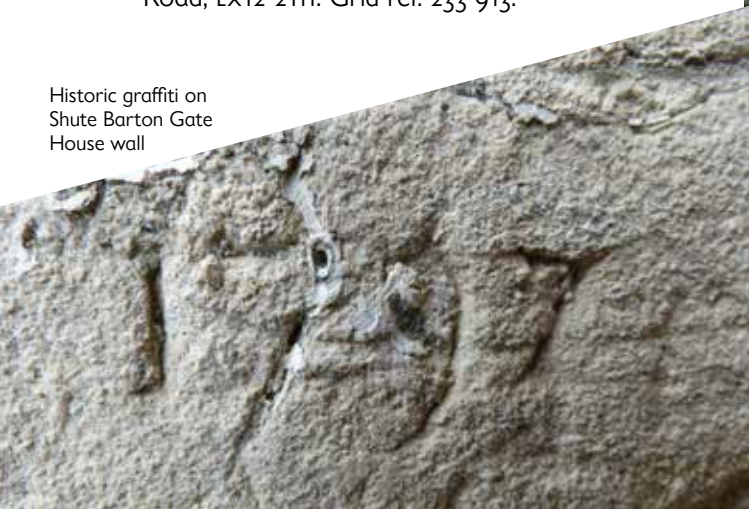
 No booking required

 Free

 Mike Lock, 01297 551556

 Parking at Seaton Tower layby, Seaton Down Road, EX12 2TH. Grid ref. 233 913.

Historic graffiti on
Shute Barton Gate
House wall



FREE

Discovery strolls

Schools, young peoples groups, and other local community groups are offered free of charge guided walks.

A chance to get out and explore the landscape, enjoy great views, and see wonderful wildlife. We use easily accessible routes, and walk at a relaxed and leisurely pace. Walks can last about an hour or so, to suit group needs, and are on fairly level ground. For schools we can offer a range of themed activities to deliver aspects of your curriculum, including river study – Coly and Umborne rivers, minibeast hunts in meadows, and ‘Ancient Tree Surveys’ in woodlands.

For more information and to book, please see contact details on back page of this guide.



‘Summer at Shute’
Discovery Stroll

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The making of the landscape, Musbury Hill Fort


Sunday 25 March, 2pm to 4pm

How the rocks, and structure beneath our feet have been fashioned by the forces of erosion to make the landscape we see today. Geologist, Richard Edmonds explains, from the vantage point at Musbury Castle Iron Age Hill Fort with spectacular views of the Legacy project area. Bring binoculars. Walk will start at Village hall car park with steep climb in places up the hill.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com


 Park/meet Musbury Village Hall, Seaton Road, Musbury, EX13 8AJ. Grid ref. 273 946.

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Discover Seaton Down Hillfort


Thursday 12 April, 2pm to 4pm

Bill Horner County Archaeologist will reveal what the humps and bumps of the site tell us about what happened here in the past. This strategic iron age fortification provides commanding views of much of the Legacy project area.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 Parking at Seaton Tower layby, Seaton Down Road, EX12 2TH. Grid ref. 233 913.

Discover Seaton
Down Hillfort
event in 2017





Bluebell Day, Holyford Woods

Monday 7 May, 11am to 4pm


Celebrate the wood's great carpets of bluebells. Activities, refreshments and guided walks, including spring flower and history walks.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

holyfordwoods.org.uk/bluebellday.html

 Holyford Woods Local Nature Reserve. Free parking at Colyford Memorial Hall with free shuttle bus, operating from 10.30am. Last bus returns at 4.15pm. Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road, EX24 6QJ. Grid ref. 249 924.



Colyton Garden and Food Festival


Saturday 12 May, 10am to 4pm

Come and visit the Legacy to Landscape project – make bee homes and find out more about the wild plants of the historic Shute Estate.

 No booking required

 Free

 colytongardenfoodfestival.uk

 Colyton Grammar School, Colyford, EX24 6HN

Bluebell
Day

Explore the old Shute Estate

Shute Barton, National Trust open weekends: Shute Barton, was the first Shute House, and medieval home to the Bonville and then the Pole Families with commanding views over their extensive land.

20 to 21 May

16 to 17 June


20 to 21 October

17 to 18 November

The first guided tour departs at 10.30am and the last tour leaves at 3.45pm

For further details, including opening times please visit

nationaltrust.org.uk/shute-barton



18th century pier and gate entrance to Shute Deer Park



Ancient Tree Hunt, Holyford Woods


Sunday 27 May, 10am to 12pm

Help us with our Legacy to Landscape Ancient Tree Hunt and learn how to record ancient and other veteran trees. Find out why these trees are so special and what distinguishes them from other trees. With Jill Butler, Woodland Trust. Please bring flexible tape measure, and if you have them, a GPS, smartphone or tablet.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com


 Parking at Seaton Tower layby, Seaton Down Road, EX12 2TH. Grid ref. 233 913.



Moth magic, Bolshayne Farm


Wednesday 30 May, 10am to 12pm

Join moth expert Paul Butter, to get up close and examine the night catch of moths caught in Bolshayne meadow and orchard. Includes a stroll around the farm to see the varied habitats that the moths live in.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, EX24 6RX.
Grid ref. 221 937.

Ancient tree
in the deer
park





Bats about bats, Whitford


Thursday 31 May, 8.30pm to late

Craig Dunton, grey Long-eared bat project officer from the Bat Conservation Trust leads a bat walk along the River Axe at Whitford. Introductory talk at Whitford Village Hall will focus on grey long-eared bats, one of the UK's rarest mammals and the 'Back From The Brink' project, which is working to save this threatened species from extinction. Followed by the walk with detectors along the river bank at dusk to spy on these marvellous flying mammals. Bring a torch. Visit naturebftb.co.uk/the-projects/grey-long-eared-bat.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 Parking at hall or by river bridge. If parking by bridge, walk up to the village hall for the introductory talk (allow seven minutes).

Whitford Village Hall EX13 7PH, grid ref. 258 956. River bridge, grid ref. 262 954.



Meadow in midsummer, Bolshayne Farm


Saturday 2 June, 2pm to 3.30pm

A walk to enjoy and learn to identify wildflowers including orchids in the glorious hay meadow at Bolshayne Farm, with botanists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed.

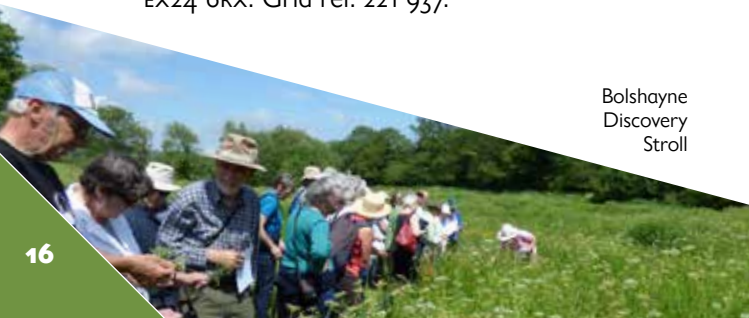
 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, Colyton, EX24 6RX. Grid ref. 221 937.

Bolshayne
Discovery
Stroll





Orchid stroll, Widworthy


Saturday 9 June, 2pm to 3.30pm

Leisurely stroll through the ancient meadow at Lucehayne, enjoying the glorious display of orchids and 'shackle baskets', local name for Hay Rattle plants, with botanists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed. Limited parking/lift shares and offers

 Booking essential

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 Lucehayne Meadow, near Widworthy




Wagtails and watermeadows, Colyton


Saturday 23 June 11am to 2pm

Meet trees, spot wildflowers and watch birds on a midsummer wild adventure through the fields alongside the rivers Coly and Axe with landscape enthusiast Graham Jones. Leisurely amble, about three miles. Comfortable stout walking boots advised. Bring a picnic.

 No booking required

 Free

 01297 35725, graham.jones247@gmail.com

 Ample parking at Umborne Bridge end of Station road, Colyton. Grid ref. 249 942.

Common
Spotted
Orchid



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Colyton canal walk

Saturday 30 June, 1.30pm to 5pm

A journey back in time, in the local landscape between Whitford and Colyton to hear about the 19th century canal that was planned but never built. Tracing the route in the Axe valley from Whitford to Colyton with historian Ken Clifford, following an introductory talk with historic maps at Colyton Church Room at 2pm. This is a linear walk, which will require lift share, to leave cars at both ends of walk. Booking essential to organise leaving some cars at end of linear walk.

📅 Booking essential

£ Free

👤 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

📍 Colyton Sunday School rooms, churchyard opposite entrance side of St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Colyton EX24 6JS.

Grid ref. 246 941.

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Landscape detectives, Umborne

Tuesday 17 July, 10.30am to 3.30pm

With guidance from historian Chris Wakefield, discover and unravel clues and historical features of the area to reveal the landscape of yesteryear in the Umborne valley. Talk and workshop followed by landscape walk.

📅 No booking required

£ Free

👤 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

📍 Umborne Village Hall, Umborne, near Shute, Axminster EX13 7QL. Grid ref. 236 968.

Umborne
Valley, near
Shute Deer
Park



Help King John's Oak

Sunday 22 July, 10am to 12pm

A great chance to meet and also lend a hand freeing this magnificent 800-year-old ancient tree from surrounding competing growth, helping it to continue to thrive in the medieval Woodend Deer Park at Shute. We will be cutting back encroaching vegetation. Gloves, tools and hot drink provided. Task led by Jill Butler, ancient tree expert from the Woodland Trust.

📅 Booking essential

£ Free

📞 01404 310012

📧 pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk

📍 Location map sent on booking



Turning the wheels of history

Thursday 26 July, 2pm to 3.30pm

A talk and tour to discover and learn more about this traditional rural craft and expert skill with Greg Rowland of Mike Rowland and Son. Wheelwrights By Appointment To Her Majesty The Queen. They craft high quality wooden wheels and horse drawn carriages. Rowlands will not be charging but welcome donations to the Devon Air Ambulance.

📅 No booking required

£ Free

📞 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

📍 No 1 Wheelers Yard, Road Green, Colyton, EX24 6DT. Grid ref. 246 941.

Rowland
and Son
Wheelwrights





All of a flutter, Bolshayne Farm

Saturday 4 August, 2pm to 4pm

Peacocks, Red Admirals and Painted Ladies just some of our beautiful British butterflies to be feeding and flying in the meadows, hedgerows and orchard at Bolshayne Farm. Join expert Paul Butter for the big butterfly count.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, Colyton, EX24 6RX. Grid ref. 221 937.



Dragons and damsels, Whitford Bridge

Saturday 11 August, 2pm to 4pm

Splashing time in Axe River at Whitford Bridge, surveying the depths for the fearsome dragonfly larvae and other water loving minibeasts with insect expert Martin Drake. Dipping nets provided. Wellies essential.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

Whitford Bridge. Grid ref. 262 954.



Leaf through the past landscape walk

Friday 28 September, 2pm to 4pm

Discover the wildlife and history of the medieval deer park at Shute. If raining, shorter walk to the historic Turkey oak. Wellies or stout boots essential, and walking sticks useful.

A shutefest.org.uk event.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR. Grid ref. 253 975. Meet village noticeboard at start of Haddon Road, (Shute Barton end).



Fascinating fungi, Enna Wood


Sunday 30 September, 2pm to 4pm

Explore the beech woodland of Enna Woodland with fungus expert Dave Allen. Meet the rotters and recyclers of our woodlands and discover that extraordinary relationship of these elusive inhabitants of the underground world with the trees above. Enna Woodland managed by Enna community CIC, ennacommunity.co.uk. Joint event with Axe Vale and District Conservation Society.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 Enna Woodland, Suttonthorn Covert, Yarbury Hill Road, Colyton, EX24 6SW

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Colyton's war – 'never such innocence again'


Friday 12 October

ww1 event with refreshments. Full programme available later in the year. colytonheritagecentre.org.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

 St Andrew's Church and Sunday School rooms, churchyard opposite entrance, Market Place, Colyton, EX24 6JS. Grid ref. 246 941.

Fungi,
Enna Wood





Shute Apple Day

Saturday 27 October, 11pm to 4pm

Celebrating the orchards past and present of Shute, once a thriving industry on the Shute Estate. Displays of local Devon varieties and activities for all ages. Refreshments.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR.
Grid ref. 216 977.



Devon's orchards: a hidden history

Wednesday 21 November, 7.30pm

Talk by Michael Gee organised by Colyton Parish History Society.

No booking required

£1 CPHS members, £2 non-members
includes tea/coffee

colytonhistory.co.uk

Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road,
(A3052) EX24 6QJ. Grid ref. 249 924.



Orchard pruning workshop, Shute

Friday 30 November, 10am to 3pm

Learn how to prune trees under expert guidance of Kevin Croucher from Thornhayes nursery.

Booking essential

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

Location map and workshop details
sent on booking

Find out about hidden history

Colyton Heritage Centre

colytonheritagecentre.org

Merchant's House, Market Square,
Colyton, EX24 6JR

Find out more about this historic area

- Admission free
- Open Monday 26 March to Friday 26 October
- Opening hours Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10am to 4pm.
Sat: 10am to 1pm

Colyton History Walks with local guides

Every Thursday afternoon


5 April until 27 September, 2pm

One hour walk around town

£ £3 per person (under 16s free)

 colytonhistory.co.uk

 Starting from Dolphin Street car park



Step back in
time walk, King
John's Oak 2017



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Visit eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape

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