We meet the last Saturday of each month – every month (except at Christmas) at Northbourne Village Hall. CT14 OLW

The sessions for 8-12 year olds, start at 10am, finish at 2pm and only cost £3.

Bring your own lunch, wear suitable clothes for all weathers and good sturdy walking shoes.



#### **Group leaders**

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All our leaders have DBS certificates and have completed First Aid and Safeguarding training.



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### **Stay connected**

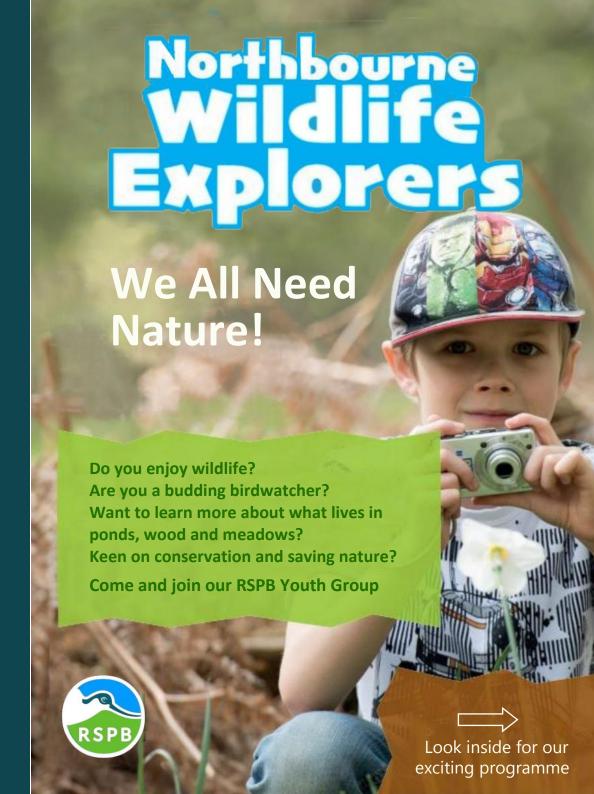
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Call 0800 917 8566 between 9 am and 5 pm to speak to someone or you can email safeguarding@respb.org.uk to leave a message outside these times and we will get back to you

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### **Explore and Discover**

28<sup>th</sup> January 10am Northbourne Village Hall

How good are your map reading skills? Join us for an exciting session as we explore our new setting. Find out more about the new habitats and what wildlife we might find around Northbourne.

### **Amazing Mammals**

25<sup>th</sup> February 10am Northbourne Village Hall

Ben Norris, a Beaver Specialist, will be bringing some of his mammal skulls for us to look at. He will be talking to us about the signs we might spot of different mammals around our area.

### Tu Whit to Who????

25<sup>th</sup> March 10am Northbourne Village Hall

Learn to recognis common bird calls, so when you are out walking you can identify birds by just hearing them. Find out why birds nest in different places.

Don't forget your binoculars!

### **Beetle Mania**

29<sup>th</sup> April 10am Northbourne Village Hall

Did you know that beetles are the largest group of insects, with over 300,000 known species?

Dan Asaw, beetle expert, will be joining us to tell us all about some of their unique features.

### **Mystifying Moths**

29<sup>th</sup> May 10am Northbourne Village Hall

Our fantastic Junior Leader, Jasmine, will be showing us some of the moths caught in her homemade moth trap and telling us facts that are bound to astound everyone!

# Nets, Trays and Wellies

24<sup>th</sup> June 10am Monkton Nature Reserve CT12 4LH

Fancy a spot of pond dipping?
We are off out on a special visit today to Monkton to discover what lurks in their pond. We will also be having a walk around their reserve to find out what lives in this chalk based habitat.

# Ants in your P....

29<sup>th</sup> July 10am Northbourne Village Hall

Apart from being one of the strongest creatures, ants can be found on every single continent except Antarctica.

At this session, Tom, one of our leaders is going to tell us all about some of these amazing ants.

# A Spot of Birding

26<sup>th</sup> August 10am Stodmarsh Nature Reserve CT3 4BA

We are all off to Stodmarsh Nature Reserve for this session where Stefan, the Warden will show us what birds are found there. Plus we will also doing be doing more pond dipping!

# Fascinating Fungi

30<sup>th</sup> September 10am Northbourne Village Hall

From the beautiful to the stinky to the deadly poisonous, the UK is home to thousands of fungi which play a vital role in nature.

See how many you can spot and name in our exciting area at Northbourne.

# Raptures Revealed

28<sup>th</sup> October 10am Northbourne Village Hall

Its always a thrill to see mighty birds of prey, but it is not always easy to tell what they are.
But after a talk from our, renowned bird guide, John Buckingham, we should all become experts!

# Winter Approaches

25<sup>th</sup> November 10am Northbourne Village Hall

A time to reflect on what we have achieved this year and to make plans for 2024.

While we are out on our walk we will be gathering natural materials to make a special Christmas decoration.

### December

**Happy Christmas** 

Don't forget to ask Santa for some pressies to help you with your enjoyment and exploration of wildlife!

