

SUMMER PROGRAMME 2017

Sunday 23 April

Purt Le Moirrey - A Native's View, Leader Cathy Clucas

Who occupied Towl Foggy? Where was the boundary between Abbeylands and Lord's Lands?; where was Port St. Mary Farm? Which buildings were used as part of the WWII internment camp? Join our leader on her trawl through the streets and lanes of Port Le Moirrey. Debrief at The Pavillion with full afternoon tea price £12.50. Walk does not have to be booked; booking for tea is essential* - by 15th April please

1.30pm Clifton Road Car Park SC207671

Saturday 13 May

Buzzing Bees & Buildings, Leader Cilla Platt

Learn about the life cycle of bees, the various parts of a hive, good flowers for bees to pollinate, and IOM special status re varroa. Then (not compulsory!) take the opportunity to "dress up" and visit the hives. Our location also offers the opportunity to see round some traditional Manx farm buildings. Bring wellington boots and washing up gloves.

1.30pm Shenharra Farm, St. Johns SC262823

Saturday 20 May

Glendhoo Flora & Families, Leaders John "Dog" Callister & Sarah Christian

Late spring offers the chance of viewing insectivorous plants, Sundew and Butterwort and many others along the valley to its head. On our way back we will look at the homes and activities of the various families who used to occupy and sustain the valley. Wear walking boots. Bring some refreshment with you.

1.30pm Ballaugh Plantation Car Park SC353918

Saturday 17 June

Corony Valley, Leader Marinda Fargher

Where else will you find tholtans, keeill, ring fort, sheepfold with bothy and mines? Join our leader for this day "walk and talk" excursion. Bring a picnic lunch; Wear walking boots.

10.30am Dhoon School Car Park SC453892

Wednesday 21 June

Midsummer Mystery Coach Tour & Supper, Leader Frank Cowin

If you don't come you won't find out where we are going or what we will see! You probably will not have ridden a coach along some of these roads before! £13.50 for coach tour, supper and use of premises.

Booking essential* - by Sunday 11th June please

7pm Loch Promenade Church SC383756

Saturday 8 July

Douglas Bay Horse Tramway, Leaders Friends of Douglas Bay Horse Tramway, Peter Kelly & Fiona McArdle Visit the stables, meet the horses learn about the development of this form of transport unique to the Island. Have some refreshment at the terminus Tavern (not included in cost); then, while you still can, experience a return trip on a double decker horse tram along the full length of the existing tramway. £11 for trip including a donation to the Friends of Douglas Bay Horse Tramway. Booking essential* - by Thursday 29th June please

10.45 am Douglas Bay Horse Tram Summerhill Stables (traditional ones) SC392773

Saturday 5 August

The Ayres NNR, Leader Louise Samson

Walk and talk looking at the species and habitats that make this area so special including a summary of how the breeding birds of conservation concern fared in 2017, observing migrating small waders and looking at the special habitats.

2pm Rue Point Car Park NX407032

Wednesday 9 August

Bats at Port Soderick, Leader Nick Pinder

A night time foray around Port Soderick will hopefully reveal some of the 7 or 8 varieties of bats found on the Island. Bring a torch!

8.45pm Port Soderick Shore Car Park SC346726

Saturday 9 September

Forts on the South Coast, Leader Andrew Johnson

How many promontory forts are there along the south coast of the Island? Who were they built for and why? How were they accessed from the land and the sea? Wear walking boots for this excursion along public footpaths and the coastal footpath.

2.00pm near Meary Veg SC330713

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 29, 30 September and 1, 6, 7 & 8 October HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Saturday 7 October

Michael Landscape, Leader Patricia Newton

A walk to visit one of the Island's lesser known valley landscapes - mine & quarry workings, reservoir, traditional farms may all be possibilities

Details will follow in Heritage Open Days programme

*Booking for Tea at PSM, Coach Mystery Tour and Horse Tram visit Essential and for any queries including car sharing or public transport please phone Patricia Newton on 861560 or 366269 or email patricianewton@manx.net. Cheques payable to IOMNHAS.

STRICTLY NO DOGS ON ANY EXCURSIONS PLEASE