



## **Parks in Mind, putting the ping into spring**

The kettle is on, the daffodils are out - come and join us for some bloomin' good times in the park. Sociable and fun gardening, cheery nature conservation, cooking, nature-inspired arty and crafty adventures, stargazing and calm meditative activities to help you stay well this spring. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates.

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### **Tuesdays in March 9:00am – 10:00am      Tai Chi Qigong – Zoom**

Choose Tuesdays for online Qigong. Join Jenny Newman each week for gentle exercise from home. There are in-person sessions in the park on many Thursdays too – check the programme for details. *To request the Zoom link and find out more, please email [perfectsoundworld@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:perfectsoundworld@hotmail.co.uk)*

### **Wednesday 2 March 7:30pm – 8:15pm      What's Up – Zoom**

Join us on Zoom for an informal half-hour of astronomy with local amateur astronomer, Kate Earl. Using video clips, photos and simulations of the solar system, Kate will show us what we can look forward to when we look up at our March night sky, as well as a summary of the latest space news. This month we'll also be looking at the best objects to view in the night sky using binoculars. *To request the Zoom link and find out more, please email [peter@parksfoundation.org.uk](mailto:peter@parksfoundation.org.uk)*

### **Thursday 3 March 10:00am – 11:00am      Tai Chi Qigong – Shelley Park**

Connect with spring and the wonderful benefits of Qigong. Gentle meditative exercise on this lovely outdoor class led by Jenny Newman. Join Jenny this and most Thursdays, but please check the programme. Suitable for all levels, including beginners. *Please book. Meet Shelley Park, Chessel Avenue, Boscombe BH5 1FG*

### **Saturday 5 March 7:30pm – 8:30pm      Starry-eyed – Boscombe Overcliff Nature Reserve**

An evening of stargazing and chance to learn some of the brighter late winter and early spring constellations and star names, as well as the legends behind them. We recommend that you wear warm clothing, sturdy shoes and bring hats, gloves and scarves. Event will be cancelled if cloudy. *Please book. Meet Boscombe Overcliff Nature Reserve, seaward end of Grovely Avenue, Boscombe BH5 1JB*



**Monday 7 March 2:00pm – 4:00pm**      **Spring is just around the corner – Knyveton Gardens**  
Pop in to help improve the park for spring and we'll pop the kettle on to keep the gardening going!  
*Please book. Meet Knyveton Gardens, Southcote Road, Springbourne, Boscombe BH1 3RY*

**Tuesday 8 March 10:30am – 12:30pm**      **Creativity, nature & the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Kings Park**  
Join Peter and Anna for this six-week creative course in the park. Enjoy nature-inspired artistic activities, learn about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, and discover simple, creative ways to enjoy our green spaces. This gentle introductory course takes places over six Tuesday mornings with the chance to meet new people, learn simple creative techniques and help you stay well this spring. No specialist materials required. Suitable for all levels of experience. **Session one: discovering wellbeing in nature.**  
*Please book. Meet Kings Park Athletics Centre, King's Park Drive, Boscombe BH7 7AF*

**Tuesday 8 March 2:00pm – 4:00pm**      **Fisherman's friends – Fisherman's Walk**  
Sociable and fun gardening with Peter and the Friends of Fisherman's Walk. We love this pretty park by the sea, especially when the Friends serve us tea!  
*Please book. Meet the pond garden, Fisherman's Walk, Boscombe Overcliff Drive, Boscombe BH6 3SQ*

**Thursday 10 March 10:00am – 11:00am**      **Tai Chi Qigong – Shelley Park**  
Jenny Newman shows us how posture, movement and breathing techniques can improve wellbeing.  
*Please book. Meet Shelley Park, Chessel Avenue, Boscombe BH5 1FG*

**Tuesday 15 March 10:30am – 12:30pm**      **Creativity, nature & the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Kings Park**  
The second session of our gentle introductory course focusing on creativity, nature and the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Today, an opportunity to slow down and look at your surroundings in a new way. A chance to meet new people, learn simple creative techniques and help you stay well this spring. Suitable for all levels of experience. You will need a camera or smart phone for this session (let us know if you would like to borrow one). **Session two: taking notice with mindful photography**  
*Please book. Meet Kings Park Athletics Centre, King's Park Drive, Boscombe BH7 7AF*

**Wednesday 16 March 11:00am – 1:00pm**      **What's cooking? – Shelley Park**  
Today we're going to try our hand at soup and flat bread. Join Peter and Forest School Leader Jan Cooke for some nature conservation work, fire lighting and a cook up. We'll be cutting and removing rhododendron, planting native trees and learning the best way to build a fire for our lunchtime snack. Everything provided but please bring gardening gloves if you have them.  
*Please book. Meet Shelley Park, Chessel Avenue, Boscombe BH5 1FG*

**Thursday 17 March 10:00am – 11:00am**      **Tai Chi Qigong – Shelley Park**  
Join Jenny for Qigong in the park. Suitable for all levels, including beginners. Please note, after today's session Qigong has an early spring break but returns again in May.  
*Please book. Meet Shelley Park, Chessel Avenue, Boscombe BH5 1FG*

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**Sunday 20 March 2:00pm – 4:00pm      Frisbee fling – Shelley Park**

Feeling springy? Here's a chance to catch up with former-UK Frisbee Champion Gary Williams to learn some throwing tips and tricks on this month's frisbee fling in the park.

*Please book. Meet Shelley Park, Chessel Avenue, Boscombe BH5 1FG*

**Tuesday 22 March 10:30am – 12:30pm      Creativity, nature & the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Kings Park**

Join Peter and Anna for the third of our gentle introductory sessions focusing on creativity, nature and the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. No specialist materials required as we discover simple creative ways to enjoy our green spaces. Suitable for all levels of experience. **Session three: get active and get creative**

*Please book. Meet Kings Park Athletics Centre, King's Park Drive, Boscombe BH7 7AF*

**Wednesday 23 March 2:00pm – 4:00pm      Tree cheers for spring – Horseshoe Common**

Wildlife-friendly tree planting and a tidy of our town centre wood. All welcome.

*Please book. Meet Horseshoe Common, opp. 134-136 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH1 1NL*

**Monday 28 March 2:00pm – 4:00pm      Springbourne into action! – Knyveton Gardens**

A quick spring clean of our favourite Springbourne garden. Plus, tea at three for you and me.

*Please book. Meet Knyveton Gardens, Southcote Road, Springbourne, Boscombe BH1 3RY*

**Tuesday 29 March 10:30am – 12:30pm      Creativity, nature & the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Kings Park**

The fourth in this gentle series of enjoying nature, creativity and learning about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Suitable for all levels of experience. **Session four: learning and natural creativity**

*Please book. Meet Kings Park Athletics Centre, King's Park Drive, Boscombe BH7 7AF*

**Monday 4 April 2:00pm – 4:00pm      Make an entrance – Knyveton Gardens**

Tidy and clip back the entrances and paths as we welcome April to the park.

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**Tuesday 5 April 10:30am – 12:30pm      Creativity, nature & the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Kings Park**

Continue to enjoy nature-inspired artistic activities, learn about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, and discover simple, creative ways to enjoy our green spaces. The fifth in this gentle series of enjoying nature to inspire our creativity and learning. **Session five: gratitude, gifting and connecting**

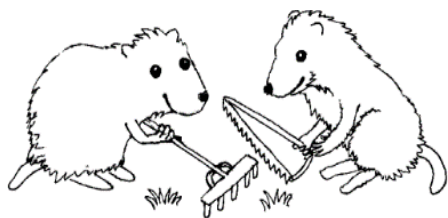
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**Tuesday 12 April 10:30am – 12:30pm      Creativity, nature & the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Kings Park**

Our six-week course concludes with the opportunity to think about the year ahead, taking with you some new friends and simple nature-inspired creative techniques and artistic activities based around the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Suitable for all levels of experience. **Session six: setting goals and intention sticks**

*Please book. Meet Kings Park Athletics Centre, King's Park Drive, Boscombe BH7 7AF*

**Tuesday 19 April 11:00am – 1:30pm      Whittle by whittle – Fisherman's Walk**

Join us for some thoroughly relaxing and absorbing spoon carving. Hosted by green woodsman Mark Codling, this is an opportunity to learn about the best woods to use for a range of carving. Suitable for new and experienced green wood carvers with the idea to form a local spoon carving club. Wood and some tools available but if you have slöyd and spoon knives please bring them along.

*Please book. Meet in the bandstand, Fisherman's Walk, Boscombe Overcliff Drive, Boscombe BH6 3SQ*

**Wednesday 20 April 10:30am – 12:30pm      Bloomin' good – Woodland Walk**

To celebrate our winter bulb planting in Woodland Walk, a crafty chance to repurpose an old book, newspaper, or magazine by making some pretty paper blooms! Join us for a short walk and spring paper flower making workshop. Led by artist Jo Malyon with all materials provided.

*Please book. Meet entrance to Woodland Walk, Christchurch Road, Boscombe BH7 6AN*

**Sunday 24 April 2:00pm – 4:00pm      Frisbee fling – Shelley Park**

Join Jo from Parks in Mind and former-UK Frisbee Champion Gary Williams for fun frisbee in the park. Thrown together with a cool soundtrack. Glide in anytime, we'll be spinning discs all afternoon.

*Please book. Meet Shelley Park, Chessel Avenue, Boscombe BH5 1FG*

**Monday 25 April 2:00pm – 4:00pm      Perk up the park – Knyveton Gardens**

Please come and help us perk up the park. Gentle gardening jobs for everyone.

*Please book. Meet Knyveton Gardens, Southcote Road, Springbourne, Boscombe BH1 3RY*

**Tuesday 26 April 11:00am – 1:00pm      Common people – Horseshoe Common**

Join us for some light nature conservation activities and a tidy in the town centre wood.

*Please book. Meet Horseshoe Common, opp. 134-136 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth BH1 1NL*

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