

Discover Blackburn with Darwen's  
**Parks and Countryside**  
May 2009 – April 2010  
**Events Guide**

Guided walks, events and family activities  
[www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks)



**BLACKBURN**  
with  
**DARWEN**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Key and useful information

All our events are suitable for families unless otherwise stated (an adult must accompany children under 16 on all events)



### Guided walks

For all the walks we strongly advise you to wear strong footwear and bring waterproof clothing, regardless of the season or the weather.



**Event suitable for families** (an adult must accompany children under 16 on all events).



**Bring a packed lunch and a drink.**



**Event suitable for low mobility tramper buggies,** booking essential: 01254 694503



**A small charge** is payable for this event



**Buggy friendly** - Suitable for pushchairs



**Toilet facilities available**



**Telephone booking**



**Walk Grade:**



*easy pace*



*moderate pace*



*brisk pace*

## Transport

Parking is available at each venue, but in the interest of reducing congestion we hope that you will use public transport where possible.

**For transport information contact: 0870 608 2 608,**  
**[www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)**

## Poor Weather

Whatever the weather a leader will be at the start of each event.

*In extreme conditions the leader will decide whether the event will take place.*

*Please note: all event information was correct at time of going to press*

Large print copies of this events guide are available on request, please ring 01254 691239 or email: [countryside@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@blackburn.gov.uk)

## More information required?

**Website:** [www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks)

**email:** [countryside@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@blackburn.gov.uk)

Witton Country Park visitor centre **(01254) 55423**

Sunnyhurst Wood visitor centre **(01254) 701545**

Corporation Park **(01254) 692203**

## May

**Sunday 03 May 2009**

### **International Dawn Chorus day 5.30am**

An early morning stroll through Corporation Park to listen to the birds, followed by tea and toast. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Monday 04 May 2009**

### **Barn Owl Bill and his birds 11am - 4pm**

Come along and meet Barn Owl Bill and see his birds of prey.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



**Monday 04 May 2009**

### **Spring in the park 1 - 3pm**

Come and join in the fun at the park. Activities such as the bucking bronco, a big slide, stalls and much more.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



**Friday 08 May 2009**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles

**Sunday 10 May 2009**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Sunday 10 May 2009**

### **Witton Country Fair / Myerscough College open day 11am - 4pm**

Fun family event including birds of prey, animals, arts and craft demonstrations, face painting and other entertainment.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park,



## May

**Sunday 17 May 2009**

### **Herb Walk**

Be nice to nettles - discover the many uses of nettles with local herbalist Helen Duxbury and make a nettle potion. Bring your gloves. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre

To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles

**Sunday 24 May 2009**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



**Monday 25 May 2009**

### **National Picnic Day 1 - 4pm**

Why not come down to Witton Country Park and celebrate National Picnic Day in style. Spread your picnic blanket over the grass, listen to free live music whilst tucking in to your own picnic delights.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



**Wednesday 27 May 2009**

### **Walk in the wood 1pm**

A walk in the woods within the Park, bark rubbings etc.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



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Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Wednesday 27 May 2009**

### **Family wildlife walk 2pm**

Take a walk on the wild side. Fun activities along the way which include a minibeast hunt.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



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Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

## May

**Thursday 28 May 2009**

### **Pond Dipping**

Come and discover the mini world of creepy crawlies! All welcome - Children must be supervised and booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



**Thursday 28 May 2009**

### **Family wildlife walk 2pm**

Take a walk on the wild side. Fun activities along the way which include a minibeast hunt.

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Friday 29 May 2009**

### **Bat Walk**

Come out and enjoy a dusk walk around the Park, looking for bats. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

## June

**Thursday 04 June 2009**

### **Volunteer week / Green Gym Open Day 10am - 12.30pm**

This type of volunteering gives you the opportunity to improve your fitness, improve the environment and make new friends.

Why not come down and see what BTCV Green gym offers.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre

**Sunday 07 June 2009**

### **Self Unlimited, Stanley Grange Garden Fete 11am - 4pm**

Craft Stalls, garden produce, activities and fun for all the family. General enquiries for this event (01254) 852878.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre





# Sunnyhurst Wood

## a hidden treasure!

- gateway to the West Pennine Moors
- idyllic woodland walks and family wildlife trail
- start of the Tacklers trail (Witton Weavers Way)
- visitor centre
  - free activities, events and guided walks
  - art exhibitions
  - free admission
  - open Thursday - Sunday and bank holidays 1 – 4.30pm

**April 25 – June 7**

An exhibition of acrylic and pastel paintings by Jack and Bill Lacey

**June 13 – July 26**

North West Federation of Art Societies

**August 1 – September 13**

“50-50” - an exhibition of traditional and modern paintings by Geoffrey Ashworth

**September 19 – November 1**

Artwork by Tom Wieckowski

**November 7 – December 20**

Photography exhibition by John Turkington

**January 16 - February 28**

Wildlife paintings by Jack Crewdson

**March 6 - April 18**

A selection of work by Lodge Artists Society

off Earnsdale Road, Darwen BB3 0LA 01254 701545,  
email: [countryside@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@blackburn.gov.uk)  
[www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/parks)

## Witton Country Park BTCV Green Gym offers all

the opportunity to improve their fitness by involvement in weekly practical conservation activities such as:

planting hedges, creating and maintaining community gardens and improving footpaths.

Meets every Thursday 10am -12.30pm



For more details please contact: Dave Turner,  
Project Officer 01772 250316 or 07740 899669  
email: [d.turner@btcv.org.uk](mailto:d.turner@btcv.org.uk) web: [www.btcv.org](http://www.btcv.org)



## Trampers at Witton Country Park

- low mobility access buggies available for hire
- easy to use
- different waymarked trails to follow

Come along and have a go or book on one of our Tramer Treks (see events programme for details)

To book or for more information contact:  
**(01254) 694503**

## June

**Thursday 11 June 2009**

### **Summer herb walk**

Come and join medicinal herbalist Helen Duxbury in exploring seasonal plant remedies. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre

To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles

**Friday 12 June 2009**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 20 June 2009**

### **Potion walk**

Come and find out how to create summer remedies with local medical herbalist Helen Duxbury - suitable for children ages 8+. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Sunday 21 June 2009**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Sunday 21 June 2009**

### **Family Bike Ride Day 1 - 4pm**

Bring the whole family to enjoy Family Bike day at Witton Country Park. Ride along our cycle path and blow away those cobwebs. Park up and take part in the activities and use all facilities the park has to offer.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



## June

**Saturday 27 June - Sunday 28 June 2009**

### **Beetles and Bugs Activity weekend 1 - 4pm**

Come and enjoy art activities related to our creepy crawly friends.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



## July

**Friday 10 July 2009**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



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Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 11 July - Sunday 12 July 2009**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



**Saturday 18 July - Sunday 26 July 2009**

### **West Pennine Moors Walking Festival**

Guided walks and events for all ages and abilities 1-10 miles. For a leaflet contact (01254) 691239, or email: [countryside@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@blackburn.gov.uk)



**Sunday 19 July 2009**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Monday 20 July 2009**

### **Tiny tots 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities. Suitable for children up to 5.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



## July

**Tuesday 21 July 2009**

### **Corpy kids 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities.  
Suitable for children 6 - 12.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



## August

**Sunday 02 August 2009**

### **Sunnyhurst Gala 1 - 5pm**

Something for all the family.  
Sunnyhurst Wood



**Wednesday 05 August 2009**

### **Pleasington Pleasures walk 1.30pm**

The first of five of our summer guided walks. Pleasington pleasures walk will take in all the beauty from Witton to Pleasington.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓✓ – 6 Miles

**Monday 10 August 2009**

### **Tiny Tots 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities.  
Suitable for children up to 5.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



**Tuesday 11 August 2009**

### **Corpy kids 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities.  
Suitable for children 6 - 12.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



## August

**Wednesday 12 August 2009**

### **Riotous Reelers 11am**

The second of five guided summer walks. This walk follows the Reelers trail which is part of the Witton Weavers Way.

**Meeting Point:** Livesey Library,



Walk Grade ✓✓ – 7.5 Miles

**Friday 14 August 2009**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Friday 14 August 2009**

### **Family wildlife walk 2pm**

Take a walk on the wild side. Fun activities along the way which include a minibeast hunt.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 15 August - Sunday 16 August 2009**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



**Monday 17 August 2009**

### **Tiny tots 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities. Suitable for children up to 5.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



**Tuesday 18 August 2009**

### **Corpy kids 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities. Suitable for children 6 - 12.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge





## The West Pennine Moors on your doorstep

### Did you know?

More than 80% of Blackburn and Darwen is made up of countryside, most of this falls within the beautiful West Pennine Moors

### The West Pennine Moors has lots to offer

- getting close to nature
- unspoilt moorlands
- scenic woodlands and reservoirs
- the long distance footpath – the Witton Weavers Way



WEST PENNINE MOORS

### Want to know more?

- look up the Explorer map 287, West Pennine Moors
- contact Great House information centre **01204 691549**, email: [wpminfo@uuplc.co.uk](mailto:wpminfo@uuplc.co.uk)
- contact the Countryside Services **01254 691239**, email: [countryside@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@blackburn.gov.uk)
- visit: [www.westpenninemoors.com](http://www.westpenninemoors.com)

## ACTION | DARWEN VALLEY

WATERS | REGENERATION | ENVIRONMENT | SUSTAINABILITY

Witton Country Park's litter trap - preventing litter and debris spreading along the River Darwen



For more details see the notice board nearby or visit the River Darwen Litter Trap BLOG  
<http://blogs.merseybasin.org.uk>

# The Pavilion on the Park



You are assured of a warm welcome

**Café open 7 days per week**

Training and work experience opportunities available.

OCN accredited courses.



**Tel 01254 697307** **selfunlimited**

*“Choices for people with learning disabilities”*

Selection of hot and cold drinks, bacon butties, chips, jacket potatoes etc.

## Pottery on the Park

In the courtyard at Witton Country Park visitor centre.

Open throughout the week, sessions by arrangement.

### Adult Workshops:

Create your own masterpiece and have fun learning a new skill.

### Children's workshops:

Come and have fun with clay.

Handcrafted Pottery and crafts for sale.

Refreshments available at The Old Stables Tearoom.



**selfunlimited**

*“Choices for people with learning disabilities”*

For bookings and enquiries Tel: 07595 106552

## The Old Stables Tearoom



A friendly welcome awaits you at the tearoom located in the heart of Witton Country Park visitor centre.

- Hot & Cold drinks, cakes and sweets, Huntley's Farm made ice cream
- Dogs welcome

**Opening Hours - 10.30am - 4pm**

Now open Tuesday to Sunday throughout the year

**selfunlimited**

*“Choices for people with learning disabilities”*

## August

**Wednesday 19 August 2009**

### **Tricky Tacklers 10am**

The third of five summer guided walks. This walk follows the Tacklers trail which is part of the Witton Weavers Way.

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓✓ – 9.5 Miles

**Wednesday 19 August 2009**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper-folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, Gate House



**Thursday 20 August 2009**

### **Family wildlife walk 2pm**

Take a walk on the wild side. Fun activities along the way which include a minibeast hunt.

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Sunday 23 August 2009**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Monday 24 August 2009**

### **Tiny tots 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities. Suitable for children up to 5.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



**Tuesday 25 August 2009**

### **Corpy kids 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities. Suitable for children 6 - 12.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



## August

**Wednesday 26 August 2009**

### **Wacky Warpers 10.30am**

The fourth of five summer guided walks. This walk follows the Warpers trail which is part of the Witton Weavers Way.

**Meeting Point:** Entrance of Entwistle Railway Station



Walk Grade ✓✓ – 8.5 Miles

**Friday 28 August 2009**

### **Bat walk**

Come out and enjoy a dusk walk around the Park, looking for bats. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Friday 28 August 2009**

### **Family wildlife walk 2pm**

Take a walk on the wild side. Fun activities along the way which include a minibeast hunt.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



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Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

## September

**Tuesday 01 September 2009**

### **Tiny Tots 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities. Suitable for children up to 5.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



**Wednesday 02 September 2009**

### **Corpy kids 1 - 3pm**

Come to the park and get involved in fun group activities. Suitable for children 6 - 12.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



## September

**Wednesday 02 September 2009**

### **Roddlesworth Circular 1.30pm**

This is the last walk of our five summer guided walks. Take in stunning scenery and fresh air on this walk in the heart of the West Pennine Moors.

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓✓ – 4.5 Miles

**Friday 11 September 2009**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 19 September 2009**

### **Pond dipping**

Come and discover the mini world of creepy crawlies! All welcome - Children must be supervised. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



**Sunday 20 September 2009**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Tuesday 22 September 2009**

### **Tower Birthday Walk 1.30pm**

This walk from Sunnyhurst to the Jubilee tower is to celebrate the opening of this historic landmark which opened on this date in 1898.

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓ – 2.5 Miles

## October

**Sunday 04 October 2009**

### **Berry walk**

Ending with a tasting session, medicinal herbalist Helen Duxbury shows how local plants and other traditional remedies are used for health in winter. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre

To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles

**Thursday 08 October 2009**

### **Ghost walk by Simon Entwistle**

A night time walk with Simon Entwistle's local ghost stories.

Dare you join us? Booking essential. Tickets £4/2 (not suitable for under 12s).

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre

To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Friday 09 October 2009**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Thursday 22 October 2009**

### **Stained glass workshop**

Come to the Park and create stain glass with local artist Martha Henry. Adults only. Booking essential.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



**Sunday 25 October 2009**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

## October

**Sunday 25 October 2009**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



**Sunday 25 October 2009**

### **Seed gathering walk 2pm**

Enjoy a woodland walk, collecting tree seeds and pot some up to take home and grow.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



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Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Monday 26 October - Thursday 29 October 2009**

### **Blooming Bulbs 1 - 4pm**

Plant up some bulbs to take home and grow.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



**Wednesday 28 October 2009**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper-folding with our Origami expert.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, Gate House



**Thursday 29 October 2009**

### **Ghost Walk**

Come and join us on our scary tour around the park – if you dare!! Ticket only event - £4/2 (not suitable for under 12's).  
Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



**Friday 30 October 2009**

### **Magic willow wands 1 - 4pm**

Make a magic willow wand for halloween.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



## October

**Saturday 31 October 2009**

### **NSPCC Spooky Woodland Walk**

Stories and unexpected happenings on this halloween adventure walk for children. Raising money for charity. Booking essential, contact Louise Ingham.

**Venue:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre

To book telephone 0207 650 6845



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

## November

**Friday 13 November 2009**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 21 November 2009**

### **Tree Planting Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to Corporation Park's Tree planting day. Help the environment and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Sunday 22 November 2009**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Thursday 26 November 2009**

### **Tree Planting Day 10am - 12.30pm**

Be green, come along and plant a tree (or two or three) for National Tree Week.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre

**Saturday 28 November - Sunday 29 November 2009**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



# Myerscough College in East Lancashire

**Myerscough College is the UK's largest land-based college, offering a huge range of full and part time opportunities – from introductory courses to higher education studies at degree level.**

As well as its main campus in Preston, Myerscough College has two great centres of learning in East Lancashire. The Blackburn Centre is based at Witton Park and the Burnley Centre covers Burnley Football Club, Towneley Hall and Crow Wood Equestrian Centre.

## **Blackburn Centre, Witton Park**

The College's Blackburn Centre is located within the Visitor Centre at Witton Country Park. Set within 480 acres of park and woodland, yet only two miles from the town centre, Witton Park provides the ideal venue for students wishing to undertake courses in the following subjects:

- **Access**
- **Animal Studies**
- **Countryside Studies**
- **Floristry**
- **Football Studies**
- **Horticulture**
- **Landscape**
- **Sportsturf**

The College has developed strong partnership links with Blackburn Rovers FC to support the rapidly expanding delivery of its sports and football studies programme.

## **Burnley Centre**

The College offers an impressive range of courses in Burnley - making excellent use of the impressive facilities available locally. A strong partnership link has been developed between Myerscough College and Burnley Football Club where the main office is located. Here students can undertake a range of full-time and part-time courses in Cricket, Golf and Football Studies. Towneley Hall, set within the extensive grounds of Towneley Park, provides an impressive venue to deliver a range of full and part-time courses in Access, Conservation, Horticulture, Garden Design, Floristry, Landscape and Sportsturf. The 14th Century country house is ideally located within 180 hectares of park and woodland, yet only 1.5 miles from the town centre. The excellent facilities at Crow Wood provide the ideal venue for students wishing to undertake full-time, part-time and short courses in Equine studies.

*Subject areas include:*

- **Access**
- **Conservation**
- **Equine Studies**
- **Floristry**
- **Football, Golf and Cricket Studies**
- **Horticulture**
- **Landscape and Garden Design**
- **Sportsturf**





## A College with a difference!

Myerscough's main campus near Preston boasts excellent resources and offers a broad range of landbased and leisure courses. Superb vocational teaching facilities include an International Equine arena, Golf Institute, Motorsport Workshops and Animal Academy.

Further Education courses (from First Diploma to National Diploma) and many Higher Education courses (from Foundation Degree and Honours Degree) all with a highly vocational, industry-led focus are available in:

- Agriculture and Countryside Studies
- Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing
- Arboriculture (tree care and management)
- Equine Studies
- Fishing
- Floristry
- Golf, Sport and Leisure (including Football, Cricket and Rugby studies)
- Horticulture
- Landscape Design
- Mechanisation
- Motorsports
- Photography
- Sportsturf (sports ground maintenance)

Access level courses are also available as well as flexible workbased apprenticeship options.

## Myerscough Open Mornings

*A warm welcome awaits you!*

See the facilities for yourself at Myerscough's popular open mornings which take place monthly on Saturday mornings 10am – 12:30pm. Check the website for forthcoming dates.

**Contact Myerscough College today to find out about exciting opportunities for YOU!**

Myerscough College Main Centre Preston  
Course Enquiries – **01995 642211**

East Lancashire Centres  
Course Enquiries - **01282 446803**  
Email: [eastlancs@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:eastlancs@myerscough.ac.uk)  
Web: [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)



**Myerscough  
College**  
Providing opportunities for all

## December

**Thursday 03 December 2009**

### Lantern Walk

Experience a guided walk at night, but only if you dare.  
Booking essential, tickets £2.

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre  
To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles

**Sunday 06 December 2009**

### Winter herb walk

Ending with a tasting session, medicinal herbalist Helen Duxbury shows how local plants and other traditional remedies are used for health in winter. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre  
To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles

**Friday 11 December 2009**

### Walk in the park 1pm

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 12 December 2009**

### Bat and bird boxes

Come and make a home for a bird or a bat (£2.50 per box)  
Booking essential.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, Gate House  
To book telephone 01254 692203



**Sunday 13 December 2009**

### Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

## December

**Sunday 13 December 2009**

### **Meet Father Christmas at Witton Country Park 1 - 4pm**

Father Christmas has taken time out from his busy schedule to make a special appearance at Witton Country Park visitor centre. Meet the man himself and take part in many other Christmas activities.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



## January 2010

**Friday 08 January 2010**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



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Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 23 January 2010**

### **Willow Day 10am - 3pm**

Come and try your hand at willow weaving.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



**Saturday 23 January - Sunday 24 January 2010**

### **Big Bird Watch Weekend 1 - 4pm**

Come down and see how many different birds you can spot and participate in other activities.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



**Sunday 24 January 2010**

### **Birds in the wood 8.30am**

Take a winter morning stroll through Sunnyhurst wood and listen and look for a variety of birds.

**Meeting Point:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



Walk Grade ✓ – 2 Miles

## January

**Sunday 24 January 2010**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Sunday 31 January 2010**

### **Winter Herb Walk**

Identify some winter trees and plants traditionally used in herbal medicine with local herbalist Helen Duxbury. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre

To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles

## February

**Friday 12 February 2010**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



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Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2010**

### **Mask Making Week 1pm - 4pm**

Come and make an animal mask for free.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



**Monday 15 February 2010**

### **Bat and bird boxes**

Come and make a home for a bird or a bat (£2.50 per box). Booking essential.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, Gate House

To book telephone 01254 692203



# Litter spoiling your walking?



The Council can help you 'do your bit' to keep our local countryside clean by donating gloves or a litter picker, so that you can pick up any litter you come across.

Call 01254 585921 and ask for a Clean Up Pack.



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**email: [info@oldeenglandkiosk.co.uk](mailto:info@oldeenglandkiosk.co.uk)**

## February

**Sunday 28 February 2010**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

## March

**Sunday 07 March 2010**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Friday 12 March 2010**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



**B**



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Saturday 20 March - Sunday 21 March 2010**

### **Spring Seeds Weekend 1 - 4pm**

Plant sunflowers and other seeds to grow at home.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



**Saturday 27 March - Sunday 28 March 2010**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1 - 4pm**

Have a go at paper folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Sunnyhurst Wood, Visitor Centre



## April

**Friday 02 April 2010**

### **Easter Eggstravaganza 11am - 4pm**

Follow the free prize Easter treasure trail. Suitable for all ages.

**Venue:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre



## April

**Friday 02 April 2010**

### **Egg Painting and rolling 1 - 4pm**

Come along and paint an egg then roll it down the hill.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, West Park lodge



**Friday 09 April 2010**

### **Walk in the park 1pm**

Join the warden for a relaxing stroll around Corporation Park.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House



Walk Grade ✓ – 1 Mile

**Sunday 11 April 2010**

### **Volunteer Day 10am - 3pm**

Why not come along to one of the Corporation Park Volunteer Days. Join in and get some fresh air and exercise whilst taking part in some practical management.

**Meeting Point:** Corporation Park, Gate House

**Tuesday 13 April 2010**

### **Origami 'Orrors 1pm - 4pm**

Have a go at paper folding with our origami expert.

**Venue:** Corporation Park, Gate House



**Sunday 18 April 2010**

### **Spring Herb Walk**

Join local herbalist Helen Duxbury - identify spring plants and learn how they are used as medicines. Booking essential.

**Meeting Point:** Witton Country Park, Visitor Centre

To book telephone 01254 55423



Walk Grade ✓ – 1.5 Miles



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## Want to make a difference in your park?

Have your say on how it is run and take part in practical activities!

*Why not join a park supporters group near you?*

### **Darwen**

- Ashton Park
- Bold Venture Park
- Sunnyhurst Wood
- Whitehall Park

### **Blackburn**

- Corporation Park
- Griffin Park
- Queens Park
- Roe Lee Park

**For information about any of the groups contact the parks office: 01254 585060**

## Corporation Park - a new experience

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- Events and guided walks all year round
- Conservatory
- Panopticon
- Wooded area, lakes, stream and fountains
- Cycle path
- All weather pitch
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- Tennis courts
- And lots more



**If you would like to know more please call 01254 692179**

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## Useful information

### Do you have any suggestions?

To voice your views on the quality of the Borough's parks visit [www.greenstat.org.uk](http://www.greenstat.org.uk)

To help us improve our events programme please give us feedback by contacting the Countryside Services office – see contact details below.

### Do you want to be kept informed?

If you would like to be added to our mailing list please contact 01254 691239 or email: [countryside@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@blackburn.gov.uk), leaving your name, address and postcode.

For information on guided walks offered by Health and Fitness Development please ring (01254) 694503.

*The information you give will be held in confidence and in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.*

### More events!

Further countryside events take place within the beautiful West Pennine Moors visit [www.westpenninemoores.com](http://www.westpenninemoores.com)

*Please note: all event information was correct at time of going to press.*