

# Art, Animals and a Ukulele Playing Beetle!

## Nature on your Doorstep

The Natural History Museum and the lawn of Hollytrees Museum, Colchester

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March

FREE

Drop-in between 10.30am – 4.00pm

Have you ever wondered who lives in your garden? Come along to our **free** Nature on your Doorstep event and find out what animals and creepy crawlies are your garden neighbours.

Drop into the Natural History Museum, Colchester and meet live hedgehogs, bats, newts, stag beetles and bees. Discover what habitats they live in and what food they eat.

Then just over the road on the lawn of Hollytrees Museum, Colchester you can get up close to some birds of prey and watch these fantastic birds soar through the sky! Listen to the singing and storytelling of Mr Beetle, the ukulele playing insect at 12.15pm, 1.45pm and 3.15pm and then get creative with our skilled artists to make your own bird feeder and bee home to keep and put in your own garden.

Enjoy something hot to eat and a delightful free wildlife walk around the award winning Castle Park with Jerry Bowdrey, Senior Curator of Natural History at Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service and Nicky Payne, Park Ranger at 11.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm. The walk will be a gentle stroll around Castle Park looking at some of the wildlife which thrives in this green oasis. We will be keeping an eye out for squirrels, birds and some interesting plants.

Then take some time to speak to member of Colchester's Natural History Society and Friends of the Castle Park.

Jerry Bowdrey, Senior Curator of Natural History said 'The event spotlights some of the wealth of wildlife found in the Colchester area and fun things you can do to encourage it into your own garden.'

Yaz Sommers, Park Ranger said:"This will be a fantastic day out with a chance to explore the Museums and Castle Park, learning about the natural world around us."

With so much to enjoy and do, don't miss out on this chance to get friendly with your garden neighbours at our On your Doorstep **free** event at the Natural History Museum, Colchester and on the lawn of Hollytrees Museum, Colchester on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, drop in anytime between 10.30am – 4pm.

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