

GeoFest 2022

What's On in The Geopark
28th May to 4th September

Lots of Family Activities, Tours, Exhibitions, Workshops and online events across parts of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire – Fun for all the family.

More events and details on our website www.geopark.org.uk



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We're pleased to present GeoFest 2022. For more details check with the venue. Events are free unless stated, although normal admission charges (if applicable) may apply. Keep checking the calendar on www.geopark.org.uk and our Facebook page for lots more events and latest news.

Throughout GeoFest

Geology Trails - free trail leaflets at Wyre Forest, NT Dudmaston, Bewdley Museum, , Severn Valley Railway and Arley Arboretum.

Cappuccino Geology Trails – Combine a cup of coffee and geology trail at Severn Valley Railway (King & Castle pub and Kidderminster café), Severn Valley Country Park, Arley Arboretum, Bewdley museum, cob House Countryside Park, Malvern hills geoCentre, Worcester Cathedral and NT Dudmaston

Parkrun at Severn Valley Country Park

Saturdays 9:00am

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!

Worcester Cathedral

Tours Monday – Saturday: 11am and 2.30pm Tours £10 each

Severn Valley Railway – Day Tickets

Every week Wednesday - Sunday

The Severn Valley Railway is the perfect way to travel on a steam train in the West Midlands.

Geology & Landscape Trails

Check out our website www.geopark.org.uk for details of trails. Leaflets can also be picked up from many of the partner venues. A new geology trail booklet - the Les Morris Memorial Trail - will be available at most events. This is a driving trail across the whole of the Geopark which can be completed in small stages if desired.

Events

May Half Term Crafts – Bewdley Museum

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

10:30 – 2:30

just turn up anytime - no sessions or timed slots - £6 per activity - Just pay at the front Museum desk on arrival

Coronation Crafts! at Hartlebury Castle

Tue 31 May : 11.00 am - Thu 2 June : 4.00 pm

Enjoy coronation inspired crafts to take home and follow the Jubilee Family Trail around the Castle and museum. Get the royal treatment at Hartlebury Castle over the Jubilee celebrations with a chance to get hands-on and crafty as you construct and decorate your own mini wooden version of the Queen's royal

National Trust – Dudmaston Estate - Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday, 29 May to Sunday, 5 June (excluding Saturday)

Dudmaston Hall will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a week of royal fun.

There will be family game stations in the grounds with a Queen Elizabeth II trivia trail, with games similar to ones enjoyed by children in the 1950s available for making new family memories. Free event but admission charges £12 Adult, £6 Child

Lapworth Family Event - Charles Lapworth: The name behind the museum

Wednesday 1st June (10:00-17:00)

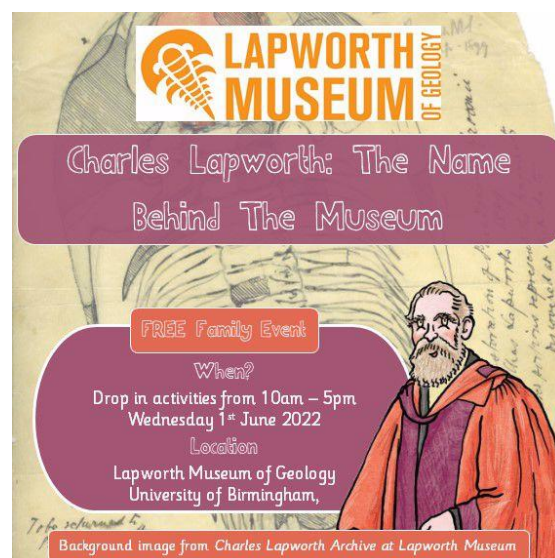
During the May/June school holiday, visit the Lapworth Museum of Geology and discover all about Charles Lapworth: the name behind the museum!

#Bug Hotel at Severn Country Park

Wednesday 1 June 2022 and Wednesday 24th August

Create a mini-habitat for insects to take home and find out more about the different habitats and food sources river wildlife need.

Led by Severn Rivers Trust



Fabulous Fifties at Hartlebury Castle

Thu 2 June : 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Celebrate the decade when the Queen was crowned at our Fabulous Fifties event! Come dressed fit for a Queen in your best 1950s gear and join us for a sing and dance with the fantastic Bluebird Belles who will be performing songs from the period in the Castle's magnificent Carriage

Severn Valley Railway – Queens Platinum Jubilee - Kidderminster

Friday 3rd June - The Fireballs UK & Vintage Class Evening Show

Saturday 4th June - Elvis Presley & The Ronnies Evening Show

£10 per child £12 per adult

Jubilee Boogaloo at Bewdley Museum

Saturday 4 June 1.30pm -3.30pm

Boogaloo Babes will be performing in the QE11 Jubilee Gardens.

Free admission

Plant Hunters fair at Arley Arboretum

Sunday 5th June 2022

Plant hunter fairs are the place to find great value, top quality, traditionally grown plants for every type of garden.

The fair will be hosted on our front lawn meaning entry to the fair for free.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Party in the Park. Bewdley Museum

5th June 1:30pm until 4pm

Live Music from Bewdley Concert Band. Afternoon tea and refreshments available from the Garden Kitchen Cafe or bring your own picnic. 1.30pm until 4pm

Explore Archives – Wills at The Hive, Worcester

Thu 6th June 10am-12pm £6

A workshop from Worcs Archive & Archaeology Service helping you discover how wills can help you in your research.

Lapworth Museum Tours

6th June and 4th July

Join us for a guided tour of the Museum. Free

Curator Talk: The Great Outdoors at Hartlebury Castle

Tue 7 June : 11.00 am - 1.30 pm

Collections Centre Store Tour: The Great Outdoors Join our Vardo Curator and Social History Curator to look at Worcestershire's two intertwined transport collections – the Agricultural collection and the beautiful Gypsy Vardo collection. This event takes place across two sites, starting at Worcestershire County Museum

Rocks, Fossils and Landscapes at SVR Kidderminster

11th & 12th June and 15th to 19th June

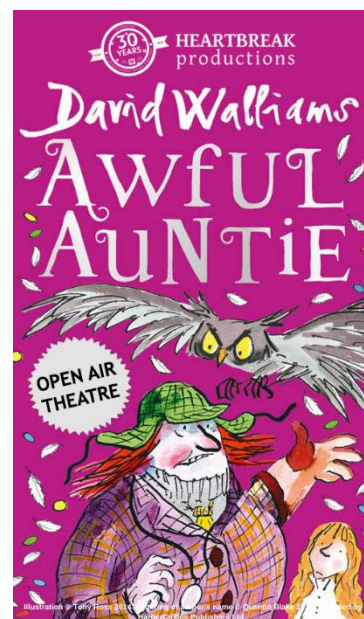
Geologists in the Geopark will bring along a display about the Geopark and its rocks, fossils and landscapes.

Heartbreak Productions presents Awful Auntie at Bewdley Museum

12 June at 5pm

Awful Auntie by David Walliams, adapted for the outdoor stage by Heartbreak Productions. Watch Stella's as she evades her menacing Aunt and saves the family home.

£14 per adult ticket and £9 per child ticket



West Midlands Regional Group - Old Dudley Museum – Field Trip

Wednesday 15th June 2022

Field Trip to visit Building Stones and Landscapes of Dudley

Book here: [Building Stones and Landscapes of Dudley](#)

Family Wildlife Day Celebrating 30 Years of Severn Valley Country Park

Saturday 18th June 2022

Includes family day of geo-crafts, especially Carboniferous flora and fauna!

Explore Archives – Searching For People at The Hive, Worcester

Thu 23rd June 10am-12pm £6

A workshop from Worcs Archive & Archaeology Service about the various sources and indexes which can be used for looking for information about people..

Tapas and String of Roses at Bewdley Museum

Friday 24 June 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tapas with live evening entertainment from the String of Rose in the Garden Kitchen.

Adults £16 per person and Child £7 per person

National Trust – Dudmaston Estate - Hart of the Wood

25th June

Visit Comer Woods on 25 June for a day of folk art and culture, exploring humanity's relationship with the woods.

Free event but admission charges £12 Adult, £6 Child

National Trust – Dudmaston Estate - Meet Dudmaston's Head Gardener

26th June

Find out about the Spring blooms and blossoms in Dudmaston's spectacular gardens with a Q&A with our Head Gardener.

£3 for event plus admission charges £12 Adult, £6 Child

Booking needed – For booking details call 0344 249 1895

Rock & Fossil Hunts for Children at Severn Valley Country Park

July & August (various dates) 01746 781 192

Bewdley Museum Celebrations

2 July

Celebrating 50 years of Bewdley Museum including New Bronze age exhibition, with entertainment throughout the day.

Herefordshire Hoard Events - Leominster Community Centre

Saturday 2 July, 11am to 3pm

The Hub at St Peter's (Peterchurch), Saturday 23 July, 11am to 3pm

Come along to one of our community events taking place throughout the county from May to July to find out more about the Herefordshire Hoard, a Viking treasure hoard found near Leominster in 2015.

Dinosaur Detective Trail at Severn Valley Railway, Engine House

July 9th and 10th

Dinosaur Detective Trail and geology packs for children



The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny – Outdoor Theatre at Hartlebury Castle

Fri 15 July : 6.30 pm

The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny Peter Rabbit and his naughty cousin Benjamin know very well that they are not to go into Mr McGregor's garden, but they cannot resist and soon they find themselves face to face Mr McGregor himself! But how will they ever escape?

Heritage Day at The Hive, Worcester

Sat 16th July 10am-4pm Free

Come along to meet various heritage organisations, museums and societies. There will also be talks, film screenings, demonstrations, and a sandpit excavation for children. Just drop in throughout the day. Includes geopark and geology displays.

Bewdley Museum

16 July and 28th August

Late night opening at the Garden Kitchen with live entertainment!

Bewdley Museum

23 and 24 July

Cherry Fair and 1940s weekend featuring Kevin Mac, Wyre Forest Big Band and craft fair

Bewdley Museum

25 July - 2 September

Children's summer holiday craft activities

Don your detective cap and join Heartbreak Productions for some super silliness this summer. Our original murder mystery will set five suspects under the spotlight, and we will depend on the audience to find answers.

£14 per adult ticket and £9 per child ticket

Wonderful Water at Severn Valley Country Park

Wednesday 3 August 2022

Families with children age 3-13 years are invited to come along and meet our friendly team at this wonderful location on the river Severn

led by Severn Rivers Trust

Free for families – limited spots

Severn Valley Railway – Vintage Transport Extravaganza

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th August

Our festival of transport brings together the best of vintage vehicles throughout the ages for one bumper weekend across the full length of the line.

£25 per adult ticket, £16.50 per child ticket. Prices may vary for short trips.



Much Ado About Murder at Bewdley Museum

Sunday 7 August 2022

River Wildlife at Severn Country Park

Wednesday 10th August 2022 and Wednesday 26th October 2022

Discover how we look for and record signs of river wildlife in different habitats and learn about amazing river creatures.

Free for families – limited spots

Geo-craft Day at Wyre Forest Centre, Callow Hill

Saturday 10th August

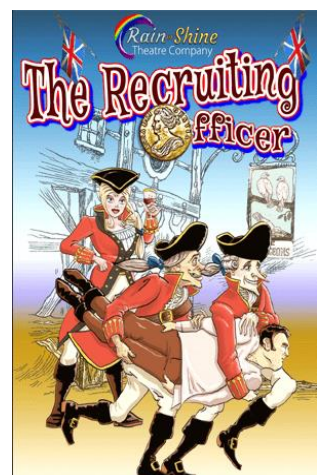
Geo-crafts day plus table top displays

Rain or Shine Theatre Company - The Recruiting Officer at Severn Country Park

Friday 12 August 2022

Gates 6.30pm, Performance 7.30pm

One of the most popular plays of its time, this is a delightful romp through 18th Century Shrewsbury written by Mr. George Farquhar.



Geology Crafts at Severn Valley Country Park

Wednesday 17th August 2022

Geologists in the geopark present a Carboniferous flora and fauna display

Cinderella Outdoor Theatre at Hartlebury Castle

Fri 26 August : 7.00 pm

Cinderella - Outdoor Theatre In an enchanted kingdom in a faraway land magical creatures and fairy godmothers come together to tell the best loved of all fairytales. Full of song, mirth, and joy for the summer ahead, join us on Cinderella's journey of a lifetime to a magical ball!

21st Century ABBA at Hartlebury Castle

Sun 28 August : 8.00 pm

21st Century ABBA You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life! Following on from last year's sell out shows, this is an evening of hit after hit with songs you know and love including Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Take a Chance on Me, Super Trouper and many, many more.

Exhibitions

The Geology, Landscape and Building Stones of the Severn Valley Railway - Engine House, Highley

A display of photos with geological interpretations throughout GeoFest

Vikings Fact and Fiction – Bewdley Museum

Saturday 28 May – Monday 29 August

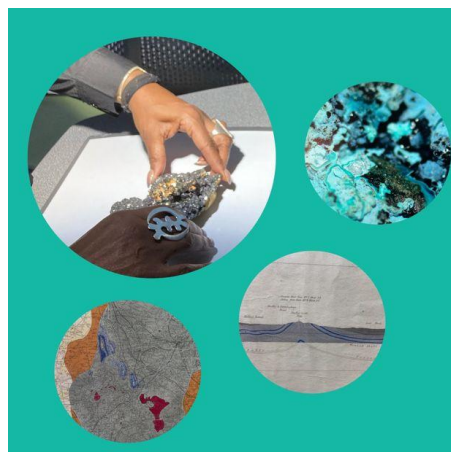
So, you think you know the Vikings? Separate the fact from the fiction in this myth-busting exhibition, from The JORVIK Group.

Traces of the Earth – Lapworth Museum

Date: Friday 1st April (10:00) - Wednesday 31st August (17:00)

Location: Lapworth Museum of Geology - Earth Sciences Building (R4 on campus map)

Three visual artists Pauline Bailey, Joyce Treasure and Ola Brown have been involved in a collaborative artist residency to explore the Lapworth Museum's collection of fossils, rocks and minerals.



SURVIVAL ⇌ EXTINCTION – Lapworth Museum

Date: Wednesday 6th April (10:00) - Wednesday 31st August (17:00)

Location: Lapworth Museum of Geology - Earth Sciences Building (R4 on campus map)

An exhibition of drawings and watercolours inspired by the Lapworth Museum collections by Phillip Richardson.

The Story of the River Wye at Hereford Museum

July & August

Geotextiles Exhibition and Workshops – Severn Valley Country Park

August

Worcester Cathedral – ‘Fossils in the Geopark’

Throughout August

exhibition with specimens, geology trails and free leaflets

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Out and About in GeoFest at Geopark Visitor Centres

Our partner venues are well worth visiting throughout the summer. For general enquiries please email amhg@outlook.com

Bewdley Museum, Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE www.bewdleymuseum.co.uk

Open 10am-4:30pm

Free

Cob House Country Park, Wichenford, Worcester WR6 6YD www.cobhouse.org

The Mayfly Cafe – Open 8am to 4pm everyday.

The Park grounds and Animals – Open

Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust, Hartlebury, Worcestershire, DY11 7XZ

Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun & Bank Holidays 11am-5pm

Hartlebury Castle, Worcestershire County Museum and Old Moat Coppice nature trail.

Admission charges apply <https://hartleburycastle.com/>

Hereford Museum & Art Gallery, Broad Street, Hereford HR4 9AU

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums

Tue-Fri 10-4 & Sat 10-12:30

Free

Land of Living Dinosaurs at West Midlands Safari Park, Bewdley, Worcs, DY12 1LF

www.wmsp.co.uk

Lapworth Museum of Geology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, B15 2TT

www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/lapworth-museum/index.aspx

Tue-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 12-5pm,

Malvern Hills GeoCentre, Walwyn Rd, Upper Colwall, Malvern WR13 6PL

www.geocentre.co.uk

Cafe H2O: Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri 10am - 3pm

National Trust

- **Croome**, near High Green, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR8 9DW

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome

- **Dudmaston**, Quatt, nr Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 5QN

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Dudmaston

Severn Valley Country Park, Alveley, Bridgnorth WV15 6NG

www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/site/severn-valley-country-park

Severn Valley Railway www.svr.co.uk

Worcester Cathedral, Worcester WR1 2LA www.worcestercathedral.co.uk

Mon – Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 1-3pm for visitors

Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service, The Hive, Worcester, WR1 3PD

www.explorethepast.co.uk

Wyre Forest Centre, DY14 9XQ www.forestryengland.uk/wyre-forest