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**What's On Guide 2012**

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### Introduction

Welcome to your comprehensive guide to What's On in Solihull's parks in 2012. Solihull's motto is Urbs in Rure, which means 'the town in the country', and with 17 fantastic main parks to enjoy you can see why! We are very proud of our parks and are especially proud of the fact that seven of them have achieved Green Flag status; this means they are of a high standard and have facilities for the local community.

This guide is designed to be a handy, downloadable list of events taking place in our parks throughout 2012 – save it to your computer or print off pages to stick on your noticeboard/fridge. More details about each event will be posted on the events page of our website, where you will also find information on any changes or cancellations – for example, due to poor weather conditions.

The events are grouped seasonally – just pick a time of year below and click on it to go straight to the relevant page. You'll also find details about our parks at the end of the guide.

Please feel free to download and share this guide with your friends and family, and have fun exploring the great Solihull outdoors this year!

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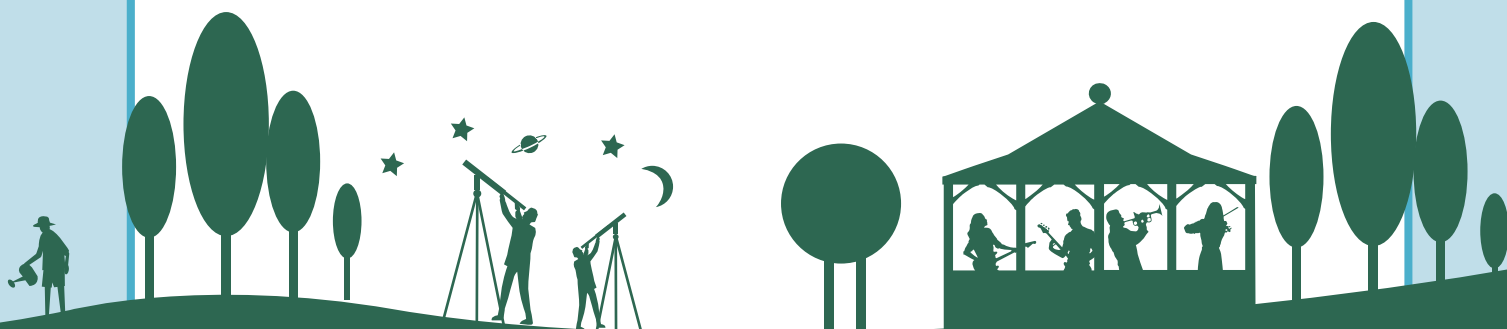


# LATE WINTER/EARLY SPRING

February and March

## February

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Tuesday 14 February, 11am-1pm	Winter Treasure Trail – treasure and crafts!	Bentley Heath Park meet at the car park	£1 per child	No booking necessary
Thursday 16 February 11am-12.30pm	Bird Feeder Making	Hillfield Park, meet by the play area	£1 per child	No booking required Bring a plastic bottle.
Sunday 19 February times tbc	Coppicing with the Solihull Conservation Volunteers	Millison's Wood	FREE	Contact <a href="mailto:davidcollins1@aol.com">davidcollins1@aol.com</a> or 0121 459 1697 to reserve your place.



# March

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Sunday 4 March times tbc	Rhododendron Control with the Solihull Conservation Volunteers	Elmdon Coppice	FREE	Contact <a href="mailto:davidcollins1@aol.com">davidcollins1@aol.com</a> or 0121 459 1697 to reserve your place.
Friday 9 March, 11am-3pm	Park Rangers and Events promotion	tbc	FREE	Find out more about this year's park events and take part in a free craft activity.
Tuesday 13 March, 7.30pm-9.30pm	Star Gazing with the Knowle Astronomical Society	Dorridge Park	FREE	Reserve your place on 0121 704 8000 and if you have your own telescope, bring it with you. If conditions are not suitable, this event will be postponed until Thursday 15 March.
Wednesday 14 March, 10.30am-12pm	Community Day with the Environment Champions	Willow Park, Needlers End Lane, Balsall Common	FREE	Meet at the main entrance. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Sunday 18 March times tbc	Sycamore Coppicing with the Solihull Conservation Volunteers	Dorridge Wood	FREE	Contact <a href="mailto:davidcollins1@aol.com">davidcollins1@aol.com</a> or 0121 459 1697 to reserve your place.
Wednesday 21 March, 10.30am-12pm	Community Day with the Environment Champions	Beechcroft Open Space, Smith's Wood	FREE	Meet at Danzey Green Road/ Brownsover Close car park. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Sunday 25 March, 9.30am-11.30am	Sport Relief 2012	Tudor Grange Park and Leisure Centre	FREE	Visit <a href="http://www.sportrelief.com">www.sportrelief.com</a> for more information



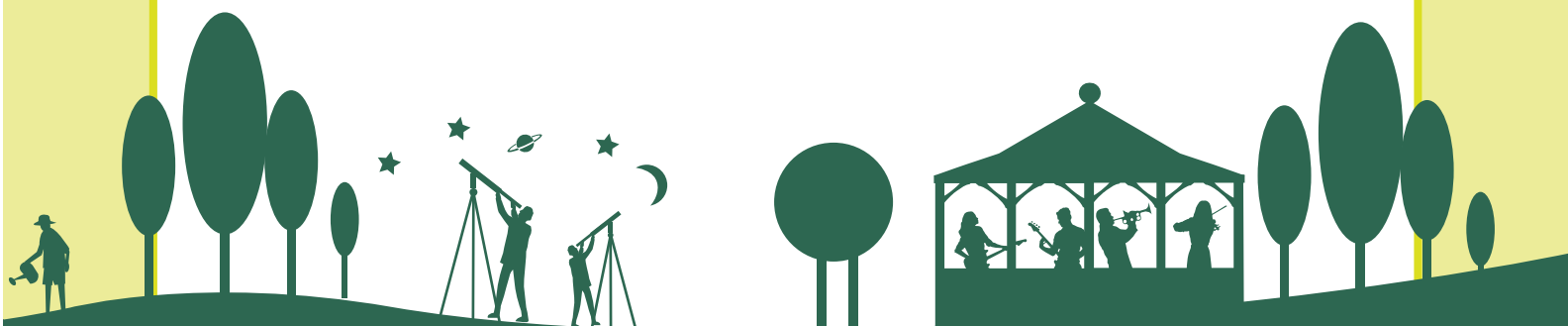
All of our parks are on [Foursquare](#) so don't forget to check in!

# LATE SPRING

## April and May

### April

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Friday 6 April, 11am-3pm	Easter Egg Hunt, Puppet shows, rides, craft activities and more.	Elmdon Park	£2 per child, plus a small charge for some of the other attractions	Meet at the Tanhouse Farm Road car park entrance.
Wednesday 11 April, 11am-12.30pm	Dizzy Duck Race	Babbs Mill LNR	£1 per duck	Meet by the play area
Thursday 12 April, 11am-1pm	Art Animal Tracks Make plaster casts of animal footprints	Dorridge Park	£1 per child	Book your place on 0121 704 8000 and bring an apron or overalls. Meet by the car park.
Wednesday 18 April 1pm-3pm	Spring Walk	Meriden Park	FREE	Meet at the car park and wear sensible footwear.
Thursday 19 April, 10.30am-12.30pm	Scarecrow Making Day	Knowle Park	FREE	Book your place and get the equipment list on 0121 704 8000. Meet by the car park.
Wednesday 25 April, 10.30am-12.30pm	Community Day with the Environment Champions	Tythe Barn Lane Dickens Heath	FREE	Meet at the junction between Tythe Barn Lane and Tillesford Lane. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.



# May

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Sunday 6 May, 4.30am-6.00am	Dawn Chorus	Elmdon Park	FREE	Meet at the car park on Tanhouse Farm Road.
Sunday 6 May, 2pm-4.15pm	Music in the Park 1: All That Jazz!	Knowle Park	FREE	Meet by the car park. Feel free to bring along a picnic.
Thursday 24 May – Sunday 27 May times tbc	Robert Wilkinson's Funfair	Meriden Park	£1 per person admission, plus a small charge for some of the rides.	Meet by the adventure playground Details may be subject to change
Saturday 19 May 12.30pm-4.30pm	Donkey Derby	Shirley Park	FREE	For more information contact Hugh Masters on <a href="mailto:h.masters@talktalk.net">h.masters@talktalk.net</a> or 01564 774230.
Wednesday 23 May, 10.30am-12pm	Community Day with the Environment Champions	Hermitage Park, Hermitage Road (off Moat Lane)	FREE	Meet at the entrance by the ambulance station. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.



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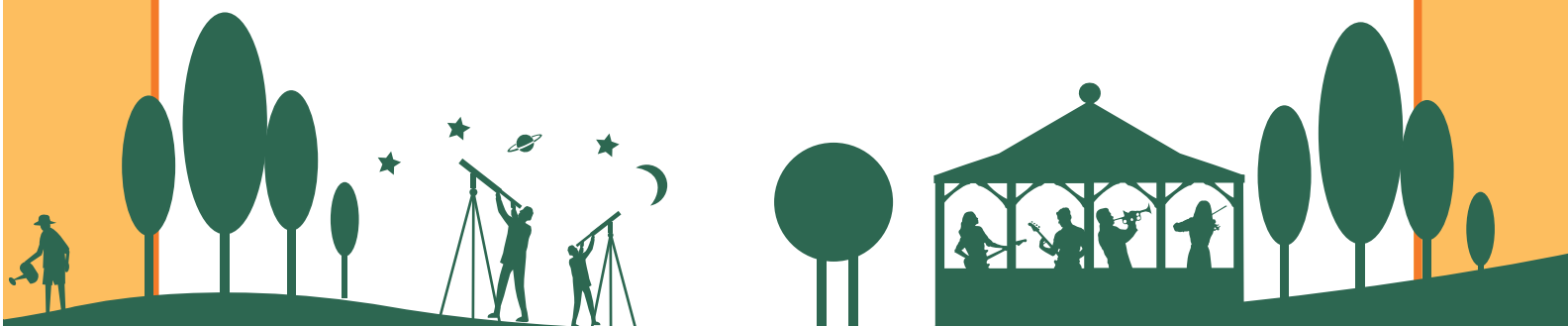


# SUMMER

June, July, August

## June

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Saturday 2 June, 11.30am-4.30pm	Knowle Festival/ Knockout Knowle	Knowle Park	See website for details	Visit the Friends of Knowle Park website for information on the Festival to register a team for Knockout Knowle. Register at <a href="http://www.itsaknockout.ardenpta.co.uk">http://www.itsaknockout.ardenpta.co.uk</a>
Sunday 3 June, 2pm-4.15pm	Music in the Park 2: Queen's Diamond Jubilee Concert	Shirley Park	FREE	Bring along a picnic and take part in the Big Jubilee Lunch.
Wednesday 6 June, 11am-1pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic Royal theme and craft activity – and a chance to win a prize.	Meriden Park	£1 for the craft activity Plus small charge for some of the other attractions.	No booking required
Thursday 7 June, 11am-2.30pm	Kings and Queens Garden Party. Fancy dress, treasure trail, crafts and more	Malvern Park	£1 for the craft and treasure trail	Meet by the horse statue. No booking required
Thursday 14 June – Saturday 16 June times tbc	Solihull Funfair	Tudor Grange Park	Various	Visit <a href="http://www.solihullcarnival.com">www.solihullcarnival.com</a>
Saturday 16 June times tbc	Solihull Carnival	Tudor Grange Park	tbc	Visit <a href="http://www.solihullcarnival.com">www.solihullcarnival.com</a>



## June

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Tuesday 19 June/ Wednesday 20 June	Outdoor Dance Programme Playground	Tudor Grange Park (Tuesday)/ Meriden Park (Wednesday)	FREE	Search for 'Dancescape' on Facebook.
Saturday 30 June 10.30am - 2.30pm	Friends of Elmdon Park event Dog show, dizzy duck race and lots more!	Elmdon Park	FREE	Parking at Tanhouse Farm Road and St Nicholas Church, Damson Parkway.
Saturday 30 June 10.30am - 2.30pm	Minibeast Mayhem at the Friends of Elmdon Park event	Elmdon Park	£1 for the craft activity and bug hunt	Bring an empty plastic bottle to make a home for insects. Meet at Tanhouse Farm Road car park.

## July

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Sunday 1 July, 11am-1pm (approx.)	Race For Life	Malvern and Brueton Parks, followed by Mell Square	FREE	Register to run at <a href="http://www.raceforlife.org">www.raceforlife.org</a> or on 0871 641 111.
Wednesday 4 July, 10.30am-12pm	Community Day with the Environment Champions	Babbs Mill LNR	FREE	Meet at the car park entrance by Cooks Lane. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Wednesday 11 July, 10.30am-12pm	Community Day with the Environment Champions	Elmdon Park	FREE	Meet at the car park on Tanhouse Farm Road. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Saturday 14 July, 12.30pm-4.30pm (gates open at 12pm)	Shirley Carnival	Shirley Park	Various	Visit <a href="http://www.shirleylions.co.uk">www.shirleylions.co.uk</a>

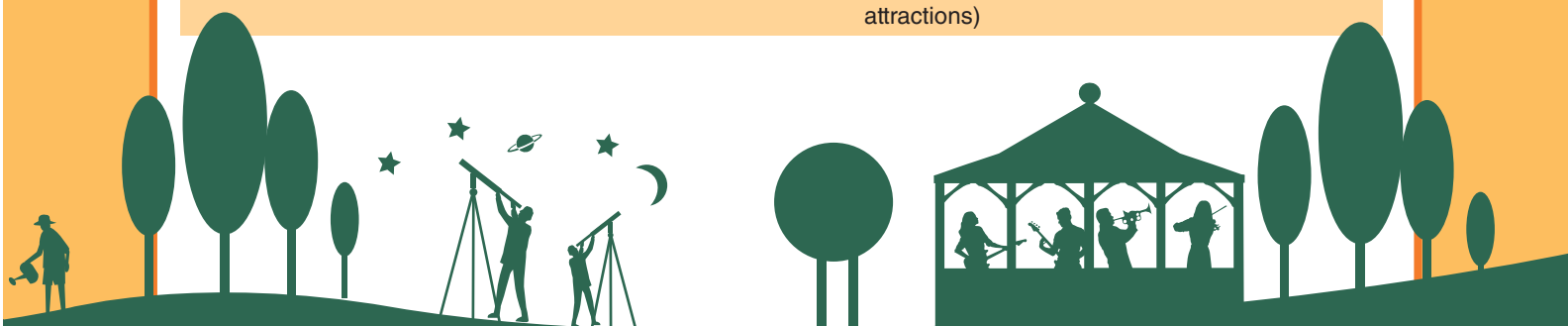


## July

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Tuesday 17 July, Starting time 7.00pm. Running time 2 hours including interval	Much Ado About Nothing Outdoor Theatre Performance	Brueton Park	£9 adult £8 concessions £3 child in advance. £11 adult £10 concessions on gate	Book online at <a href="http://www.solihullartscomplex.co.uk">www.solihullartscomplex.co.uk</a> Bring a blanket, seat, picnic and warm clothing.
Wednesday 18 July, 10.30am-12pm	Community Day with the Environment Champions	Knowle Park	FREE	Meet at the car park on Longdon Road. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Saturday 21 July 2pm-5pm	Music in the Park 3: The young local stars of tomorrow play rock, pop and soul	Tudor Grange Park	FREE	Bring along a picnic and get ready to rock with some great local bands. Meet by the play area.
Sunday 22 July, 10.30am-5pm	British Federation of Pedal Car Racing event	Tudor Grange Park	FREE	Meet by the cycle track.
Tuesday 31 July, Starting time 7.00pm. Running time 2 hours including interval	The Railway Children Outdoor Theatre Performance	Brueton Park	£7 adult £6 per child in advance £8 adult £7 child on gate.	Book online at <a href="http://www.solihullartscomplex.co.uk">www.solihullartscomplex.co.uk</a> Bring a blanket, seat, picnic and warm clothing.

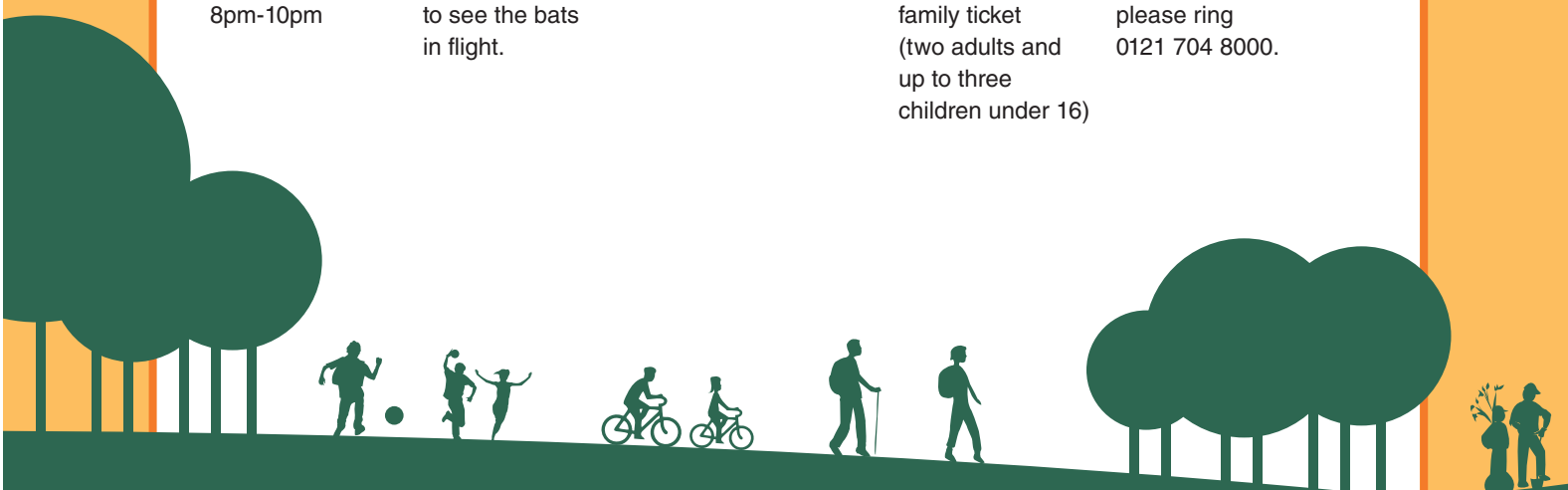
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When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Wednesday 1 August, 11am-3pm	Fun Festival 1: School Sports Day	Tudor Grange Park	£1 for the craft activity, (plus a small charge for some of the other attractions)	Meet by the children's play area.
Thursday 2 August – Sunday 5 August	Robert Wilkinson's Funfair	Meriden Park	£1 per person admission, plus a small charge for some of the rides.	Meet by the adventure playground.
Wednesday 8 August, 11am-3pm	Fun Festival 2: We are the Champions!	Meriden Park	£1 for the craft activity, (small charge for other attractions)	Meet by the children's play area. No booking required.



# August

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Thursday 9 August, 8pm-10pm	Bat Walk 1	Elmdon Park	£3 per person or £10 per family ticket (two adults and up to three children under 16)	Meet at the Tanhouse Farm Road car park. For booking enquiries please ring 0121 704 8000.
Wednesday 15 August, 11am-3pm	Fun Festival 3: Way Out West!	Shirley Park	£1 per child for the craft and treasure trail	Meet opposite the Rose Garden. No booking required.
Thursday 16 August, 8pm-10pm	Bat Walk 2	Babbs Mills LNR	£3 per person or £10 per family ticket (two adults and up to three children under 16)	Meet at the car park off Fordbridge Road, between Oakthorpe Drive and Dunton Road. To book please ring 0121 704 8000.
Wednesday 22 August, 11am-3pm	Fun Festival 4: Summer Holiday!	Olton Jubilee Park	£1 per child for the craft and treasure trail	Meet by the park entrance off Lyndon Road.
Thursday 23 August, 10.30am-12.30pm	Art Animal Tracks 2. Make plaster casts of animal footprints to take home	Palmer's Rough	£1 per child	Book your place on 0121 704 8000 and bring an apron/overalls.
Sunday 26 August, 2pm-4.15pm	Music in the Park 4 Brass Magic! Finale to this year's music events	Elmdon Park	FREE	Feel free to bring a picnic. Meet by the Tanhouse Farm Road car park entrance.
Wednesday 29 August, 11am-3pm	Fun Festival 5: All the Fun of the Fair Fun Festival finale	Lavender Hall Park	£1 per child for the craft and treasure trail	Meet by the children's play area.
Thursday 30 August, 8pm-10pm	Bat Walk 3 Last chance to see the bats in flight.	Brueton Park	£3 per person or £10 per family ticket (two adults and up to three children under 16)	Meet by the car park. For booking enquiries please ring 0121 704 8000.



# AUTUMN

## September and October

### September

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Saturday 1 September, 12pm-2pm	Heritage Trail discover the history of Elmdon Park	Elmdon Park	FREE	Meet at the church car park off Damson Parkway
Sunday 9 September times tbc	Dorridge Day	Dorridge Park	FREE	Visit <a href="http://www.roundtable.org.uk">www.roundtable.org.uk</a>
Wednesday 12 September, 10.30am-12pm	Autumn planting and clean up day with the Environment Champions	Malvern and Brueton Parks	FREE	Meet at the car park in Malvern Park off Park Road. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Wednesday 19 September, 10.30am-12pm	Autumn planting and clean up day with the Environment Champions	Tudor Grange Park	FREE	Meet by the skate park. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Sunday 23 September	Solihull Rotary Fun Run and Walk	Tudor Grange Park	FREE	tbc
Wednesday 26 September, 10.30am-12pm	Autumn planting and clean up day with the Environment Champions	Lavender Hall Park	FREE	Meet at the car park. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.



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# October

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Tuesday 2 October, 7.30-9.30pm	Star Gazing, with the Knowle Astronomical Society	Brueton Park	FREE	Book your place on 0121 704 8000. Meet at the Parkridge Centre and, if you have your own telescope, bring it with you. If conditions are not suitable, this event will be postponed until Thursday 4 October.
Friday 5 October, 10.30am-12pm	Autumn planting and clean up day with the Environment Champions	Hillfield Park	FREE	Meet at the car park. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Friday 12 October, 10.30am-12pm	Autumn planting and clean up day with the Environment Champions	Shirley Park	FREE	Meet by the play area. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Sunday 14 October, 10.15am-3pm	Solihull CC Cyclo Cross Race, part of the West Midlands Cyclo Cross League	Elmdon Park	Various	Visit <a href="http://www.wmccl.co.uk">www.wmccl.co.uk</a>
Tuesday 30 October, 11am to 1pm	Wicked Workshop and Terror Trail	Elmdon Park	£1 per child for the craft and treasure trail	Meet by the car park on Tanhouse Farm Road Come in fancy dress!
Wednesday 31 October, 5.30pm, 5.50pm, 6.10pm, 6.30pm, 6.50pm	Haunting Halloween	Brueton Park	£3 per adult, £2 per child	For booking enquiries please ring 0121 704 8000. Bring a torch, warm clothing and come in your scariest fancy dress!



## EARLY WINTER

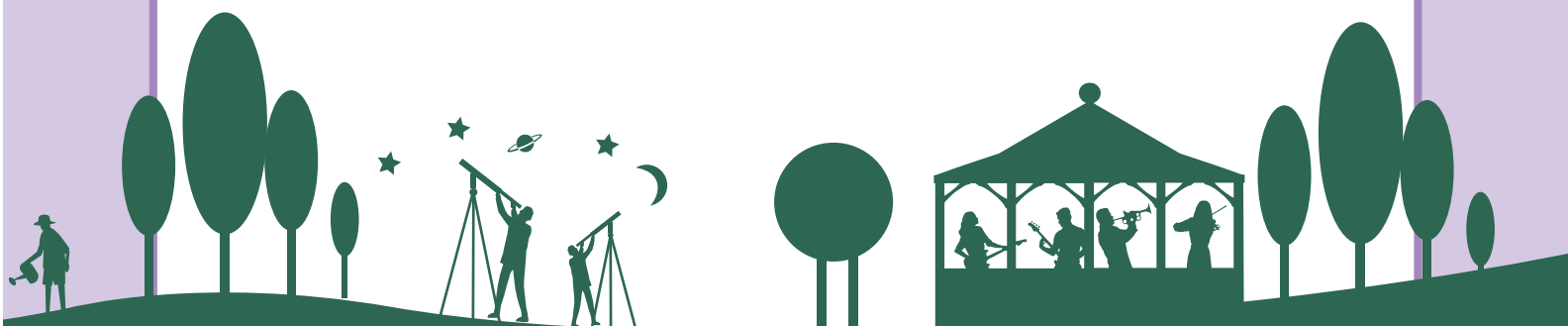
### November and December

#### November

When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Saturday 3 November, gates 5.30pm, display at 6.30pm	Solihull Round Table Fireworks Display	Tudor Grange Park	FREE but charity collections will be made	Visit <a href="http://www.roundtablefireworks.com">www.roundtable fireworks.com</a>
Wednesday 7 November, 10.30am-12pm	Autumn planting and clean up day with the Environment Champions	Meriden Park	FREE	Meet by the play area. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Wednesday 14 November, 10.30am-12pm	Autumn planting and clean up day with the Environment Champions	Dorridge Park	FREE	Meet by the car park. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and old clothes/overalls.
Saturday 17 November 11am-3pm	Oaks and Shires	tbc	FREE	Learn about woodlands, take part in traditional woodland crafts and meet the heavy horse.





#### December

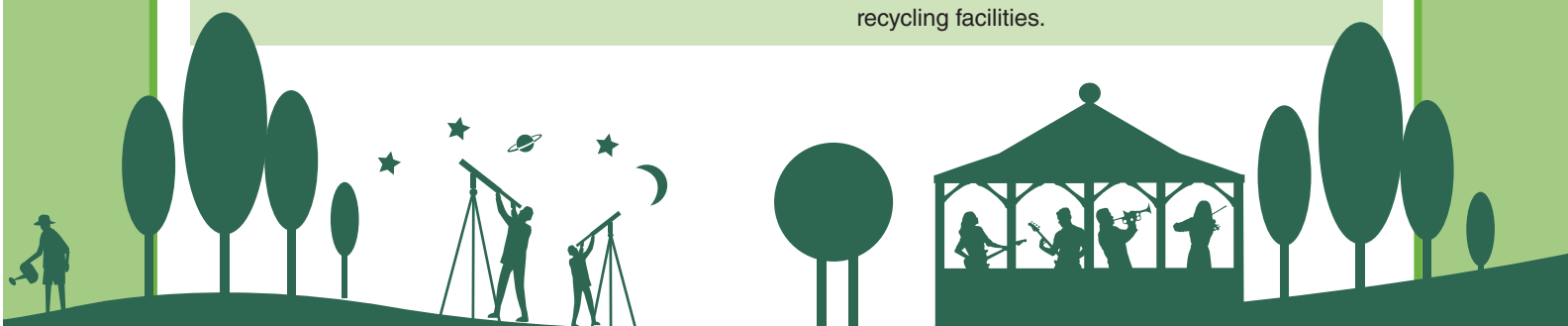
When	What	Where	Cost	How to book/ more information
Sunday 9 December, 12pm-3pm	Christmas in the Park Carols in the Park from 1pm	Brueton Park	£3 per child	Reduce your queueing by booking a timeslot on 0121 704 8000.



# Information about parks in Solihull

Park	Location	Postcode	Facilities	Green Flag?
Babbs Mills Park & LNR	Fordbridge Road, Kingshurst	B37 6LN	Car park, events, football pitches, footpaths, lake, river, Local Nature Reserve, play area, recreation area, walks, woodland.	
Bentley Heath Park	Widney Road Bentley Heath	B93 9BH	Car park, events, footpaths, multiple sports court, play area, recreation area, skate park, park, tennis courts.	
Cole Bank Park	Bushbury Croft	B37 6RH	River, play area, walks, wildflower meadow, woodland.	
Dickens Heath Country Park	Aldershaws	B90 1SQ	Events, footpaths, wildflower meadow, wetland area.	
Dorridge Park	Grange Road	B93 8LJ	Car park, events, football pitches, footpaths, Friends of the Park group, stream, play area, woodland.	
Elmdon Park	Tanhouse Farm Road or Damson Parkway	B92 9EY or B91 2PP	Car park, events, football pitch, footpaths, lake, stream, Local Nature Reserve, tennis courts, walks, woodland, Park Action group.	
Hillfield Park	Monkspath Hall Road	B91 3LU	Car park, football pitches, footpaths, lake, play area, recreation area.	
Knowle Park	Longdon Road	B93 9HT	Car park, events, football pitch, footpaths, lake, play area, recreation area, tennis courts, woodland.	

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Lanchester Park	Lanchester Way	B36 9LP	Car park, footpaths, multiple sports court, play area, walks, woodland.	
Langley Hall Park	Swanswell Road	B92 7EU	Footpaths, lake, river, stream, recreation area.	
Lavender Hall Park LNR	Lavender Hall Lane	CV7 7BN	Car park, events, football pitches, footpaths, skate park, play area, recreation area.	
Malvern and Brueton Park	New Road (Malvern Park) and Warwick Road (Brueton Park)	B91 3DL (Malvern Park) and B91 3HA (Brueton Park)	Car park, events, footpaths, information centre, flower beds, ornamental gardens, rose garden, lake, river, Local Nature Reserve, picnic tables, play area, tennis courts, toilets, woodland.	
Marston Green Park	Brooklands Way or Moorend Avenue	B37 7FT or B37 5SD	Car park, events, footpaths, multiple sports court, river, play area, wildflower meadow.	
Meriden Park	Moorend Avenue	B37 5SH	Bowling green, car park, events, footpaths, lake, river, picnic tables, play area, skate park.	
Olton Jubilee Park	Lyndon Road	B92 7RQ	Events, football pitch, stream, play area, recreation area.	
Shirley Park	Stratford Road	B90 3AL	Bowling green, car park, events, flower beds, ornamental gardens, rose garden, footpaths, football pitches, rugby pitch, tennis courts, play area, putting green, skate park.	
Tudor Grange Park	Monkspath Hall Road	B91 3LU	BMX track, car park, events, cycle track, footpaths, lake, stream, pitch and putt, play area, skate park, recycling facilities.	



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