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the year. Visit our website and hacebook page to see what's coming up. A range of free events and volunteering opportunities run throughout

and the wider community.

thrive. Many of the projects have and continue to involve our volunteers designated wildlife site, whilst preserving areas to allow native wildlife to created greater access for visitors to enjoy this multi-awarding winning through river restoration and a range of habitat creation. We have ARK have worked to enhance the site both on land and in the river



Stream Water-crowtoot

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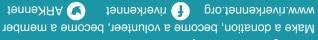
tascinating creatures such as the wealth of treshwater insects that live in the clean gravel kingfisher, water vole and brown trout. It is also home to less well known but equally The River Kennet and adjoining habitats support iconic species including offer,

a boardwalk to the north.

water meadow to explore to the south and a riverside walk along stream meanders through the heart of the reserve, with a 15 acre The River Kennet, a beautiful and internationally important chalk

there is plenty to enjoy all year round at Stonebridge. Walkers, bird watchers and families, whether local or visiting,

## Explore and enjoy!



How you can help...







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but any litter in our bins. Picnickers welcome, create memories not a mess and

nuger control at all times and please bag it and bin it. We welcome responsible dog owners, please keep dogs



a year and is free to visit. been leased by ARK since 2010. It is open 365 days Town Council and the land north of the river has by Action for the River Kennet and Marlborough Stonebridge Meadow was jointly purchased in 2011 walk east from Marlborough High Street.

Stonebridge Wild River Reserve is a ten minute

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## Seasons

## Spring/Summer

Common Blue Butterfly

A great time for pond and river dipping! With a net, bucket and tray you can discover a wealth of freshwater wildlife living in our wetland and the river. This can be done informally (please put all creatures back unharmed when you've finished) or come along to one our expert led events to find out lots about freshwater life.

Butterflies, moths and bumblebees are on the wing because of the range of native flowers in bloom. See if you can spot some of the 18 species of butterfly carrying out their life cycle here. Did you know we run public Moth Nights? So far we've recorded more than 300 species! Our vision is to have a meadow that supports a wide variety of native wild bees and other pollinators because we have created excellent habitat.

## Autumn/Winter

Pause by the bird feeders to watch some of the sites 76 bird species feeding. Species include nuthatch, bullfinch, great and lesser spotted woodpecker. Look out for some of the 95 species of fungi recorded here. The standing and fallen dead trees at the far end of the meadow are good locations.

On cold winter days keep an eye out for water rail, a secretive bird, often seen probing with their long orange bill for food in the river margins.





