



TORBAY  
COAST AND  
COUNTRYSIDE  
TRUST

## Events December – March

### Tree Dressing Day

**Saturday 5 December**

Make natural decorations and wreaths to adorn your own Christmas tree.

Meet: Ocombe Farmyard

Time: Turn up between 11 am – 3 pm

Cost: Children £2.50, no booking required

### Christmas Produce Market

**Sunday 6 December**

We've hand-picked a selection of our favourite Devon producer's for this Christmas market - fill your basket with their delicious wares to prepare you for the season ahead.

Meet: Ocombe Farm

Time: 11am - 3pm

Cost: Free entry

### Christmas Goblin's Grotto

**11-13 & 18-23 December**

Wander through our magical light trail to meet the Ocombe goblin at his grotto - where solving a riddle will win you a tasty treat! Ocombe Farm Shop will be open for late night shopping until 8.30pm.

Meet: Ocombe Farm

Time: Entry to trail from 5pm, last entry 8pm

Cost: Adults & Children £3.00; no booking required

### Soap Making Workshop

**Saturday 12 December**

Discover how to make your own luxurious natural body products, including soaps, hand and body lotion.

A great chance to hand-make unique Christmas gifts or simply learn a new skill.

Led by Purist Natural Beauty. This course needs a minimum number of participants to run. Min age 12 years.

Meet: Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: 10am – 3pm

Cost: £45 per person, to include lunch

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### Gingerbread House Workshop

**Sunday 13 December**

Decorate your own edible Gingerbread House for Christmas in this fun family workshop led by tutor Lori

Reich. Lori will demonstrate how to make gingerbread and help you assemble and decorate your own delicious house to take home. You'll need a couple of pairs of hands to complete your house – bring an older brother, sister or other family member to help you. Grandparents, aunts and uncles all make excellent helpers too!

Meet: Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: Choose from 10.30am – 1pm, or 2pm – 4.30pm

Cost: £16 per house (maximum of 3 people to work on each house).

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### Winter Solstice Woodland Bush craft

**Monday 21 December**

An event for all ages - join us in the beautiful Grove Woodland to learn traditional bush craft skills from fire lighting to shelter building, whilst celebrating the shortest day!

Meet: The Grove Woodland, Churston

Time: 10am – 2pm

Cost: £5 per person

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### Berry Head 'A Year On' – What has been happening?

**Sunday 17 January**

Enjoy a walk around the headland to look at all aspects of the Heritage Lottery funded 'On the Edge' project. This will take in all aspects of the site from historical repair work to the newly renovated Guardhouse Cafe and Visitor Centre on the main headland – have a look around before it is opened at Easter. We will also look at wildlife as we walk, from Guillemots to Harbour Porpoise.

Meet: Main Car Park, Berry Head

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost: Free

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### Ocombe Orchard Wassailing

**Sunday 17 January**

Join in a glass-jar lantern workshop, make mini toffee apples and apple crowns, followed by a lantern-lit musical procession to the orchard to scare away bad spirits and bring good luck. Bring a torch, wellies, pans and spoons to make plenty of noise! Be sure to bring a mug along and help yourself from a bowl of apple juice.

Meet: Ocombe Farm

Time: Lantern workshop 3.30 – 4.30 pm; Preparation for procession and refreshments 4.30- 5.30pm. Procession 5.30pm

Charges: £3.50 per lantern. You must make a lantern to join in the procession. No booking required.

### Apple Orchard Winter Pruning

**Wednesday 20 January**

Join local orchard expert Charles Staniland for winter pruning techniques to improve apple harvest.

Meet: Cider press, rear of Cockington Court

Time: 9.45am – 3pm

Cost: £15 per person

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### **Children's Cookery Club**

**Saturdays: 23, 30 January, 6, 13 Feb, 6, 13, 20 & 27 March**

Get hands-on in the kitchen with our popular Cookery Club and learn fun new recipes and skills each week. An 8-week course for children, led by our qualified Food Tutor with all ingredients provided.

Meet: Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: 10-11.30am for 5-8 year olds with accompanying adult; 11.45-1.15pm for 8-12 year olds

Cost: £24 per child for 8 sessions

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035, places limited

### **Get Cooking!**

**Saturdays: 23, 30 January, 6, 13 Feb, 6, 13, 20 & 27 March**

Terrified by raw ingredients? Unopened cook books on the shelf? Always watching TV cookery shows? Get hands-on in the kitchen and learn fun new recipes and skills each week. An 8-week course for adults, led by our qualified Food Tutor with all ingredients provided.

Meet: Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: 2pm - 3.30pm

Cost: £32 per person for 8 sessions

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035, places limited

### **Volunteer Days for our 'One Planet Food Project'**

**23 January, 27 February & 27 March**

Get involved with fun garden activities to help set up our new and exciting community growing project. Bring wellies, waterproofs and a packed lunch.

Meet: Outside Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Cost: Free, please let us know you are coming on 01803 606035

### **Garden Bird Watching**

**Saturday 30 January**

Visit our bird hide to create and decorate your own scrap book recording the birds you see. A fun and easy way to take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch, and have a go with binoculars and a telescope.

Meet: Bird hide, Ocombe Farm Nature Trail

Time: Turn up between 10am – 12pm

Charges: Free, no booking required

### **Truly Scrumptious Truffles Workshop**

**Sunday 31 January**

Calling all chocolate lovers! Would you like to create a truly personalised gift for your Valentine? A gift so delicious that they won't be able to resist you, or these handmade chocolate truffles? Come and learn how to make these delectable chocolates - choose from raspberry and vodka, lime and chili, orange and almond, rum or create your very own favourite flavours in different coloured chocolate. At this informal, friendly workshop we will show you the tricks of the trade and how to present your chocolate truffles in beautifully decorated boxes and bags. And of course... chocolate tastings are obligatory!

Meet: Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: 10am – 4pm

Cost: £50, includes lunch

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### **Trust Member's Evening**

**Thursday 5 February**

Meet our Trust Director and Chairman and find out more about Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust, with the chance to ask questions. Tea and coffee provided.

Meet: Ocombe Farm Café

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: Free, no booking required

### **Traditional Woodland Coppicing**

**Wednesday 10 February**

Help our Trust rangers to manage this ancient woodland and benefit local wildlife, as you learn traditional coppicing skills in Ocombe Valley Woods

Meet: Ocombe Farm, outside Cafe

Time: 9am – 4pm

Cost: Free, no booking required

### **Magnificent Muddy Masterpieces**

**Monday 15 February**

If you think that mud is dull and disgusting...think again! Find out how our ancient ancestors used different soils and pigments to create amazing art and have a go at making your own muddy masterpiece and soil sculpture. Be prepared to get messy!

Meet: The Seashore Centre

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Cost: £2.50 per child, no booking required

### **Bird Feeders Workshop**

**Tuesday 16 February**

Help our feathered friends at this time of year as you make a tasty treat for your garden birds.

Meet: Ocombe Farm

Time: Turn up between 10 am – 12 pm

Cost: Children £2.50, no booking required

### **Under an Iceberg**

#### **Tuesday 16 February**

Discover some of the incredible sea creatures that live under the ice caps and listen to fairy tales from the Eskimos. Turn yourself into a polar bear with mask making and face painting and learn the little things you can do to look after our planet.

Meet: The Seashore Centre

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Cost: £2.50 per child, no booking required

### **Nest Box Building**

#### **Wednesday 17 February**

Come and build some homes to attract birds to nest in your garden. All materials provided.

Meet: The Bungalow, Berry Head

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost: £5 per box

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### **Chick Chick Chickens**

#### **Wednesday 17 February**

Come along to the farm, and help our rangers to feed and care for the chickens. We will collect their eggs and use these to bake your own delicious fairy cake. Suitable for over 7's.

Meet: Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: 10 am – 12 pm or 2pm – 4pm

Cost: £4 per child

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### **Rockpooling and Hot Chocolate**

#### **Thursday 18 February**

Adorn your winter warmers and discover the magic of the rockpools at Saltern Cove at winter time. After rockpooling warm up on the beach with a Seashore Centre special hot chocolate! We'll be clambering over rocks so please wear wellies or trainers.

Meet: The Seashore Centre

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Cost: Adults £3.50, children £2.50

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### **Propagation A to Z**

#### **Sunday 28 February**

A hands-on workshop covering all aspects of propagation, including seed sowing, cuttings, layering, division, budding and grafting. In fact, everything you need to know about propagating plants.

Meet: Entrance to Organic Garden, Cockington Court

Time: 10am – 4pm

Cost: £15 per person

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### **Fairtrade cooking day!**

#### **Sunday 7 March**

It is fairtrade fortnight so join us to make your own delicious fairtrade treat!

Meet: Ocombe Farm Education Centre

Time: Turn up between 11am – 3pm

Cost: Free, no booking required

### **Dry Stone Walling Course**

#### **Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 March**

Learn the traditional art of Dry Stone Walling with Rural Skills Trust instructor David Carlisle. The course will be repairing a 200 year old boundary wall around The Grove Woodland in Brixham, Torbay.

Meet: The Grove Woodland, Churston

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Cost: £20, please bring lunch

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035

### **Flours and Flavours**

#### **Sunday 14 March**

An intermediate bread-making course with local artisan producer Emma Parkin. Try your hand at a variety of traditional breads using different flours and techniques; such as English favourites, and other European styles. This masterclass is designed for those who have some bread-making experience and want to take that next step.

Meet: Ocombe Farm Straw Bale Education Centre

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Cost: £50, includes lunch

Booking: Essential on 01803 606035, places limited