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Welcome to Spring Parklife 2026

Kings Award

We're incredibly proud to announce that we have received a King's Award for Enterprise 2026 in Sustainable Development!

With only 185 organisations recognised across the UK this year, this is one of the most respected honours a business can achieve. This Award acknowledges our work in Sustainable Development as we continue to embed sustainability across all our operations - and reflects the dedication of our brilliant staff team, volunteers, partners and visitors.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our journey.



Heritage Highlight

Better access to Norman Cross

Our Norman Cross viewing area has had some work done to make it more accessible to all, thanks to funding from Historic England and we're busy working behind the scenes with our enthusiastic volunteers on developing our guided walks of the site. We'll be announcing the dates for those soon, so keep your eye out!

Norman Cross, just south of Peterborough, is the site of the world's first purpose-built prisoner of war camp in the 1790s and has a fascinating story to tell. The site was purchased by Nene Park Trust in 2025 with funding from Historic England and The National Lottery Heritage Fund. We want to preserve this site for future generations and help to tell its stories.



To watch our video or explore the 3D model of the Norman Cross camp, go to nenepark.org.uk/norman-cross or scan this QR code.

Thank you again to Historic England and The National Lottery Heritage Fund for funding our purchase of the site and our plans to develop the visitor offer here.



Have you been to our Nene Park Trust spaces lately? Everything is springing into life with new green leaves and splashes of welcome colour appearing at every turn.

Bluebell Wood is as magnificent as ever! Catch the bluebells before they're gone again for another year. Our wildlife is busy expanding their families and if you're lucky to come early in the morning the bird song is amazing.

As our wildlife gets busy, so do our activities. Nene Outdoors Watersports and Activity Centre is back open for the season and our team are ready to get you out on the water in a pedalo or kayak! Longthorpe Tower is open again at weekends with our volunteers preparing more tours of the fascinating medieval wall paintings. After a busy Easter holiday of activities, we're gearing up for May half term already - and Peterborough Celebrates Festival returns for its fifth year on the 16-17 May. You can get a flavour of what to expect on page 4 and find the full line up on our website at www.peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk

We hope to see you at one of our events - or just enjoy getting out in the fresh air and spring sunshine. We look forward to welcoming you to the Park and our spaces soon.

The Nene Park Trust team



Spring into the Visitor Centre

When you're next in the Park, pop into the Visitor Centre and check out how we've given the space a spring clean! Have you seen one of our most popular products too? This Beautiful artwork made from recycled cans by local artist Nene Lives Crafts (pictured above).

There are plenty of other gifts and local products to discover when you visit - from greetings cards and jewellery to local honey and our very popular Hairy Dogs range of treats.

Our free children's spring crafts are as popular as ever with our visitors. Just ask at the counter and we can supply all the materials free of charge. The craft changes every month so there's always something new to try!



Duck food is always available and just a reminder about our Mobility Scooter hire scheme (free - but donations are always welcome!). Come and say hi to our friendly team - here to help make your visit to Ferry Meadows the best it can be!



Support our Great North Swim swimmers!



We're delighted to share that two fantastic swimmers will be taking on our charity places at this year's Great North Swim on Lake Windermere in Cumbria, on 12-14 June.

Sue Harlow is bravely preparing to take on the 5k course, while Simon Guerin is going all out for the 10k challenge. They're both putting in plenty of training and dedication in the lead-up to the event, and your support would mean so much. Every donation will help keep them motivated, focused and moving towards their fundraising goal, all in support of our beautiful Park that means so much to them and the wider Peterborough community.

If you're able to donate, we'd be incredibly grateful. Every contribution, big or small, really does make a difference - just go the appeal on our website: nenepark.org.uk/appeal/great-north-swim-2026

Thank you so much for cheering them on and supporting this amazing challenge!

Badger Play back open

Just in time for the Easter holidays, the new Badger Play area was completed and open again.

This new play equipment includes a new climbing structure, slide, basket swing, swings and two accessible swings, all thanks to generous funding from FCC Communities Foundation and Compare the Market.

There will also be a new swing installed at Otter Play, thanks to further funding from FCC Communities Foundation so look out for that and have a play over the summer.



Collecting Waitrose Green Tokens for Nene Nursery!

If you're shopping at Waitrose in Peterborough between now and the end of June, don't forget to drop your green tokens into our fundraising box.

We're one of the three fundraising causes and funds raised will go to support our therapeutic horticulture work at our community plant nursery, Nene Nursery. Depending on whether we come 1st, 2nd or 3rd, we will be awarded £500, £1,000 or £1,500 so please add your token - every little counts!

At Nene Nursery we work with groups of children, adults and older people to help improve their physical and mental health through social and therapeutic horticulture sessions. Being outside in nature, using your hands to grow, prepare and cook food has huge benefits not only for the environment but particularly for those who have challenges or are struggling.

Thanks so much for your support!



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It's
back!

Peterborough Celebrates Festival

Hosted by Nene Park Trust

Celebrating the
Year of
Storytelling

Not long to go now before Peterborough Celebrates Festival, the region's biggest free, family-friendly community festival at Ferry Meadows, returns for its 5th year with a packed line-up - there's something for everyone!

Highlights across the weekend of 16-17 May 2026 include acrobats, a professional ballet dancer challenging gender stereotypes, giant slinky walkabouts, a feel-good singalong covers band, a disco DJ set and an interactive Robin Hood trail.

We are pleased to welcome acclaimed acrobatic troupe **The Black Eagles**, who will showcase their gravity-defying balance and skills; **Kadeem EnPoint**, a professional male ballet dancer bringing a powerful and contemporary take on classical ballet; **DJ Eddie Nash** with a disco set to get audiences moving; and local band **The Guards**, who will close Saturday evening with a set of crowd-pleasing indie covers.

The festival's storytelling theme will weave through the weekend with different authors reading, talking about their books and holding engaging events. Local author **Ellie**

Sandall will run a children's workshop on mythical creatures and **Raw Theatre Productions** will introduce a Robin Hood themed interactive family show and trail on the Sunday afternoon. The Festival will come to a close at 4pm on Sunday with the ever-popular Holi ceremony, which has become a colourful festival favourite over the last couple of years.

Community dance groups, local choirs and talented musicians from across the area will add even more variety to the programme, with many familiar favourites returning to the stage.

The bar tent will be hosted by **Blind Tiger Tap Room and Kitchen**, who will also be programming a line-up of local musicians across the weekend. **Inspire Education** will present a creative programme of student-led workshops and performances, while

the Nene Park Trust **Your Community Greenspace Project** will deliver storytelling, drag performances, author talks and hands-on creative workshops throughout the festival.

Alongside the music, drama and dance performances, the festival will also offer a wide range of activities to take part in throughout the weekend. From arts and crafts, sport and adventure, to local organisations showcasing the work they do across the city, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Visit our website to check out the full line-up.

Schools, community groups, care homes and individuals from across the city are busy writing and drawing their 'Page in Peterborough's Story', this year's Community Art Project, which will come together as an eye-catching display on the festival site.

Hedging your bets!

If you have visited Ferry Meadows recently entering via Ham Lane you will probably have noticed the work we have done on the hedge next to the caravan park entrance.

A number of our rangers and volunteers took part in some traditional hedge laying training to help us better manage our hedgerows across all of Nene Park Trust's land - the hedge you can see is the result of this!

Hedge laying is a traditional method for maintaining, preserving and rejuvenating hedges. This method and the hedgerow itself provide vital safe habitat, wildlife corridors and nest sites for a large variety of species.

If correctly cut through the stem, but leaving the cambium layer intact on one side, the hedge can be hinged over and will continue to live. It will encourage new growth in a similar way coppice stalls regrow and create a dense safe shelter for wildlife.

Traditionally, hedges were laid as natural livestock barriers, wind breaks and shade. Today, alongside the value to wildlife, hedgerows have been shown to help reduce pollution and play a role in regulating water supply and reduce flooding.

The importance of hedgerows is well known, which is why, over the next few years outside of bird nesting season, we will be looking to take advantage of our new skills to lay some other hedges across our sites. Alongside this we are planting several new hedgerows at our land in Eye with the help of our amazing volunteers.

This is all important work as we continue to improve our habitats across our sites for local wildlife.



All this will not only help our wildlife in the coming years but will also, once established, help to reduce the impact of wind erosion of the soil and any soil run off after heavy rain.

It's bluebell season!

But do you know the difference between a Spanish bluebell and a native bluebell?

Native Bluebells

- Deep blue/purple colour
- Intensely scented
- Bent stem
- Drooping flowers on one side

Spanish Bluebells

- Larger flowers
- Lack of scent
- More upright
- Flowers all around the stem



Native Bluebell



Spanish Bluebell

Keep an eye on our website for all the details www.peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk

Your Community Greenspace

Improving health, wellbeing and fitness

Through the 5-year Your Community Greenspace project, we have developed and funded a successful number of volunteer-led health and fitness sessions to get people active in our beautiful greenspaces including Wellbeing Wanders, Try Running, Karate, Tai Chi – and now Try Cycling.



Focus on: Try Running

Try Running, now in its third year, is an example of a very successful growing volunteer-led group. Here, volunteer Jo talks about the sessions and what they aim to achieve.

Our **FREE** Try Running sessions are helping people of all abilities take their first steps into running in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Designed with beginners in mind, these sessions provide a friendly and encouraging space where everyone can build confidence and progress at their own pace.

Since launching in July 2024, the sessions have attracted an incredible 860 sign-ups across 150 sessions, held weekly on Tuesdays and twice monthly on Sundays. What started as an accessible introduction to running has become a thriving hub for people of all abilities, particularly beginners who may never have considered themselves 'runners' before.

Each session is led by two qualified run leaders, certified through England Athletics via the Leadership in Running Fitness (LiRF) programme, and the team of six enthusiastic leaders are all first aid trained and hold a DBS certificate. This ensures every participant feels safe, supported and confident while building their running journey in a structured and professional environment.

These sessions are a real success story for Nene Park Trust volunteers, as they lead the sessions and have made the project such a success – helping so many people start their running journey and reach their fitness and wellbeing goals.

The magic of Try Running lies in its inclusivity. There's no pressure, no expectation – just encouragement, guidance and a friendly group atmosphere. Participants are supported at their own pace, building confidence week by week, all while enjoying the beautiful and varied routes around Nene Park – from scenic lakeside paths to peaceful woodland trails.

For many, those first tentative jogs have led to remarkable progress. Several beginners who joined with little or no running experience are now completing 10km races and even half marathon events. These achievements are not just about distance, they represent a transformation in mindset, resilience and self-belief.

Beyond physical fitness, the benefits have been wide-reaching. Participants regularly report improved mental wellbeing, reduced stress and increased energy levels. Just as importantly, the social connections formed during the sessions have created a strong sense of community.

Try Running at Nene Park is more than just a fitness session – it's a gateway to a healthier, happier lifestyle.

Try Running sessions are **FREE** and take place each Tuesday at 6pm, and twice monthly on a Sunday at 9am (5 mile route).

To sign up, please visit:
nenepark.org.uk/try-running



Try Cycling

We have six eager volunteers who have signed up to be our first Try Cycling volunteers. They are currently doing their cycle maintenance training and will soon be going out on their Level 1 Mountain Bike Instructor Award scheme. Following in a similar way to our Try Running volunteer scheme, once qualified, these volunteers will be ready to take people out on guided cycle rides and encourage others to get more confident on a bike!



Try Tai Chi

Following the success of the outdoor Tai Chi sessions last summer, the Chinese Community in Peterborough are returning this year to run Tai Chi at Ferry Meadows every Saturday morning between May to September. The sessions are being funded by Your Community Greenspace so it will be free to participate. Tai Chi is a great way to connect with nature, improve balance, reduce stress and support your wellbeing in a safe and supportive group – all things that Your Community Greenspace is all about!

Come and take part!

When? Every Saturday 10.30am-12pm from 2 May – September

Where? On Coney Meadow behind the Visitor Centre the Visitor Centre

Who? All ages and abilities welcome

Volunteer spotlight

Ann Admin Support Volunteer

What motivated you to volunteer at Nene Park Trust?

I have always known what a great resource the Park is for the city and the wider area. When I retired, I was keen to find a volunteering role where I could give something back to the place I have lived for many years. I had a conversation with a Nene Park Trust employee (who I sang in a choir with) who passed my details on to the person who led the volunteer team. I came in for a chat and it progressed from there.

What is your volunteer history with the Trust?

My first role was helping in the Visitor Centre, where I answered visitor questions about the Park as well as displaying stock in the shop and any other tasks required. Around 2019, I moved into an Admin Support role. For several years, I helped with logging hours for all the volunteer roles around the Park. Since 2023, I have provided support with meeting minute taking, gathering presentation data and analysing feedback from projects.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

The team I support are always very appreciative of the work I do and I enjoy working with them. When retiring from full time work it is important to have social contact and my regular weekly slot helps to provide that. I enjoy making a useful contribution to the Trust and the variety of tasks I carry out.



What advice would you give to someone interested in volunteering at the Trust?

Get in touch. There is a wide range of opportunities to get involved in, including conservation tasks, helping the education team, in the Visitor Centre and more.

Find out more at:
www.nenepark.org.uk/volunteer

Celebrating our volunteers... since the start of the year:

42

new volunteer
registrations

34

volunteer opportunities
currently open



4,860

confirmed
volunteer hours

71%

of our registered volunteers
are regularly active

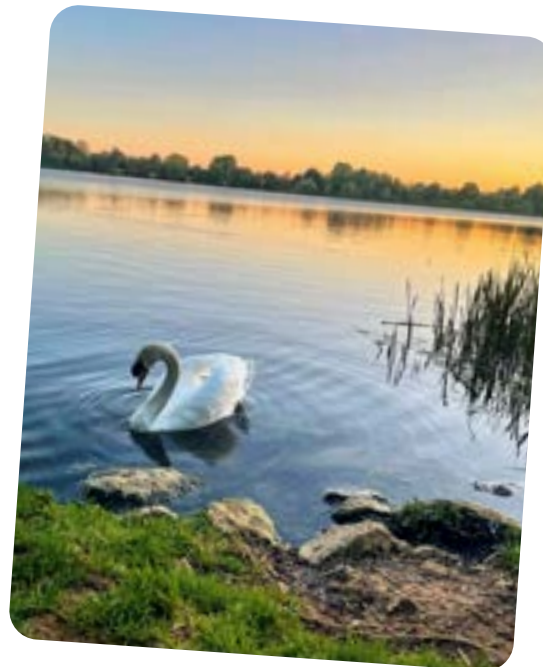
Corporate support for Nene Park Trust

As a charity, corporate support is really important to the future of Nene Park Trust. Not only do sponsorship and donations contribute financially to the day to day costs of managing and looking after our land (more than £8,000 a day!) but they also fund important projects which allow us to have a greater impact on the environment and our local community.

How does corporate giving work?

We work closely with local businesses to learn who they are and what they are trying to achieve through supporting us. We are then able to select one of our many projects which is in need of support and build a package which gives the business extra value and the Trust the ability to have an even greater impact on the environment and the community. Our approach is, we are all in this together, so why not work together for everyone's benefit.

We interviewed two organisations who have supported our work in the last year to find out more about why they have supported us and what it means to them as organisations.



We have been lucky enough to work with Big Motoring World on two fantastic projects, the creation of a wildflower meadow and the new viewing platform on Gunwade Lake.

Working together on multiple projects means we have been able to get to know each other and identify the best way to work, building a Trust and honesty where we can get the most out of each other's contributions.

We have been able to keep Big Motoring World in the loop about upcoming projects and give them a chance to pick one which most aligns with their values and the impact they are trying to have.

Throughout the sponsorship process we keep each other up to date, the Big Motoring World can come and see the project they have funded as it's developing and capture their own content.

Once the project is complete we supply Big Motoring World with all the outcomes and data they need to be able to shout about the difference they have made. It is a pleasure to work with Big Motoring World, an example of true collaboration where both parties benefit.

What made you want to work with Nene Park Trust?

Nene Park Trust has a wonderful place in the lives of the people of Peterborough. Many of our staff and customers spoke highly of the entire Nene Park organisation and how the Trust forms a large part of their everyday life. We wanted to be involved with a group of people that would continue to enhance the lives and environment that is home to so many of our staff and customers.

What is something you have learnt about the Trust whilst working with us?

Since working with Nene Park Trust, we've been lucky enough to understand just how deep rooted in the community the Trust is. From youth workshops to preserving key habitats, the length and breadth of the work the Trust is involved with is breathtaking.

Sponsored the creation of our wildflower meadow and viewing platform



You have sponsored two projects with the Trust, which was your favourite?

That's a tough one. Both projects delivered very different outcomes but, as luck would have it, would not have been possible without each other. Seeing the growth of the habitats at Ferry Meadows has been a joy and with the viewing platform now completed and accessible, it is impossible to pick between them. I guess you'd have to visit both and decide for yourself!

What would you say to another organisation who is thinking of supporting Nene Park Trust?

If you are thinking of supporting Nene Park Trust, think no further and jump straight in. The toughest decision is not should you support the Trust but which of the many projects suit your business best! The team at the Trust are fantastic at working with you to guide you and ensure that whatever you get involved with is the perfect fit.



Leaf Living provides professionally managed rental homes across Peterborough, designed for modern family living.

All homes are energy efficient, pet friendly, and include smart technology, offering residents comfort, convenience, and greater security with open-ended tenancies designed to support long-term living.

As part of the communities it operates in, Leaf Living supports local initiatives that enhance residents' lifestyles. Its partnership with Nene Park Trust, including sponsorship of the Winter Festival at Ferry Meadows, reflects this ongoing commitment. Leaf Living designs homes with families in mind, located close to green spaces and local amenities. Many residents live near Ferry Meadows and regularly enjoy its facilities, making the partnership a natural fit.

What made Leaf Living want to work with Nene Park Trust?

Leaf Living chose to work with Nene Park Trust because of the meaningful impact the Trust has on the local community. The partnership provides a natural way to support the environment, celebrate Peterborough, and contribute to the wellbeing of Leaf Living residents.

What would Leaf Living say to another organisation thinking of supporting Nene Park Trust?

Leaf Living would strongly recommend it. Supporting Nene Park Trust goes beyond sponsorship—it is an opportunity to invest in meaningful community impact, environmental stewardship, and local wellbeing. The Trust is collaborative, professional, and genuinely mission-driven. Any organisation would be proud to be part of the positive difference it creates.

What is something Leaf Living has learnt about Nene Park Trust whilst working with them?

Leaf Living has gained a deeper understanding of the passion and dedication involved in maintaining the park and delivering year-round community activities. Behind the scenes, a committed team ensures Ferry Meadows remains vibrant, accessible, and inclusive for all.

The scale of effort and care involved has been truly impressive.

Leaf Living offers a range of homes across Peterborough, including Great Haddon Wood, The Copse and Hampton Water, with a mix of houses and apartments designed for modern living.

To find out more, visit leafliving.com.



Sponsored the Winter Festival 2025

Some extra fundraising
Thank yous!



CLA CHARITABLE TRUST

We have received £5,000 from **The Gosling Foundation** and £2,619.00 from the **CLA Charitable Trust** towards our Young Rangers sessions, particularly around reaching new young people who may not normally have the opportunity.



We received £5,000 from **The Paddle Trust** towards making the Nene Outdoors pontoon more accessible, with handrails.



A final big thank you to **National Gas** for £9,480 for volunteer training courses to expand their skills and the work they can do around the Park, as well as increase their confidence and knowledge.

Lakeside Activity Centre – exciting revised plans

We're excited to be moving our plans for Lakeside Activity Centre forward after years of planning and fundraising.

Although planning permission was granted back in 2021 for an activity centre on the old Lakeside car park in Ferry Meadows, we have faced delays in getting construction started due to rising costs and a changing climbing market. We have now developed revised plans for a simpler, lower building.

The centre sits on a 30% smaller footprint compared to the original design but will offer the same floor area of climbing and will be constructed in two phases. We'll be submitting these revised plans to Peterborough City Council Planning Department in May.

Whilst still subject to funding as well as planning approval, our revised activity centre will offer the people of Peterborough and visitors an exciting new indoor leisure and sporting venue to keep everyone active all year round, which has been our vision from the beginning of the project. With a primary focus on bouldering, now the most popular form of climbing, the centre will offer widely accessible activity to all ages and skill levels.

Everyone from beginners to aspiring Olympians can come, have fun, train and compete here. When the tower is added to the building as phase two of the plans, lead climbing (rope climbing) will be added to the climbing offer. The centre will also include a small café, accessible toilets and changing rooms.

The project has already secured significant investment, including from the UK Government's Towns Fund programme, and through our own resources. We have partnered with experienced climbing providers The Lakeland Climbing Community to design, build and operate the activity centre. With 30 years experience and 16 climbing centres across the country, we are confident they will deliver an outstanding new offer for the Park and for Peterborough.



Climbing is a uniquely rewarding sport that blends physical challenge with problem-solving and creativity. Each route demands focus and energy, helping you leave behind everyday distractions and build confidence through successful ascents. It's also highly social, bringing people together through shared encouragement and experience.

Beyond its physical benefits, climbing supports mental wellbeing, offering a sense of calm, connection and lasting satisfaction, making it far more than just a sport, but a genuine passion. We can't wait to bring this to Ferry Meadows!

Subject to planning approval of the revised plans and remaining funding being secured, construction will begin in October 2026 with the opening date for the first phase of the centre in autumn 2027.



Continuing to Build Healthier Green Futures

We're into the second year of our funded two-year project improving lives of young people in Peterborough, thanks to £160,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund.

The Building Healthier Green Futures (BHGF) project is supporting young people aged 11-25 in Peterborough, helping them develop new skills and create connections with nature and local greenspaces.

This ambitious new project is led by Nene Park Trust in partnership with Peterborough Presents, Froglife and WestRaven Community Café and Garden (supported by Cross Keys Homes).

So far...

84 sessions

have been delivered to 189 young people

86-100% of participants

have learnt at least one new skill

70-100% of participants

have reported positive changes to their local environment, greenspace and communities

At **WestRaven**, the young people have created a new wooden sculpture which is now on permanent display in WestRaven Community Garden.

Through **Froglife**, a Hampton school's pond has been refreshed with new habitats added and wildflower bank planted up.

At 'Eye Gets Green', with **Peterborough Presents**, youth club attendees have made a short film which they will screen in the village.

With **Nene Park Trust**, a new herb bed has been created from scratch with school students from Queen Katharine Academy.

Together as project partners, we have:

- offered experience and skills in wildlife garden design, food-growing, gardening tool use, herbology, photography, story-telling, film-making, journalling, healthy cookery, horticulture & organic gardening, building outdoor furniture & structures, mural-making, binocular-use.
- worked with SEND and mainstream schools, youth clubs, scouts, community champions, in community gardens, libraries, school gardens, classrooms, and taken part in careers events.

We're looking forward to seeing what we achieve in the second year of the project.



“ They learnt how to plant micro greens which none of them had done before and it opened up ideas of what they are able to do, even from home.

They talked about the session for ages after and recently one of them asked me when we're going back, so it's clearly had a lasting impact.

Teacher,
Queen Katharine Academy



We held a public information event on Monday 13 April 4-7pm where we showed information and images on the new centre plans and had conversations with lots of interested neighbours, park visitors and keen climbers.

Please feel free to look at our FAQs on our website – nenepark.org.uk/activity-centre-faqs and scan the QR code to let us know what you think.

Fun in the sun (or rain!) at Nene Outdoors



Pay and play Watersports

Open Tuesday - Sunday (daily in school holidays) between 11am and 5pm (10am at weekends).

Pop along to our much-loved watersports centre at Lakeside in Ferry Meadows, to choose from a range of paddle craft.

Try out a dragon or swan pedalo, or pick a rowing boat, kayak, canoe or stand up paddle boards.

Book online to avoid the queues or just pop into the centre to join the fun.



Boat trips on Overton Lake

Our lake and river boat trips are back in action again.

Hop on our peaceful electrically-powered passenger boat for a relaxing cruise at weekends, or every day during the school holidays. Grab your tickets online or at the Visitor Centre when you arrive and keep an eye out for a wide range of wildlife as you glide along!

Look out for our specially extended Wildlife Boat Trips throughout the season - check our website events page for all the details.



Learn to Sail!

We have a number of RYA accredited sailing courses happening this May half term (and more during the summer holidays too).

Now's your chance to brush up your skills or set sail for the first time. Learning to sail is rewarding and exciting. All our RYA courses last for 2 days and promote a safe and fun learning environment.

The beginner courses take you through the basics of dinghy sailing, getting you to a standard where you are able to enjoy the freedom of sailing. Book your place via our website.

Upcoming dates

- Youth RYA Sailing - Stage 1: 26 & 27 May
- Youth RYA Sailing - Stage 2: 28 & 29 May
- Adult RYA Start Sailing - Level 1: 6 & 7 June
- Youth RYA Sailing - Stage 2: 5 & 6 August
- Adult RYA Start Sailing - Level 1: 15 & 16 August
- Youth RYA Sailing - Stage 3: 20 & 21 August
- Adult RYA Sailing Basic Skills - Level 2: 29 & 30 August

Book up your camping adventures

Fancy a night under the stars?

Our campsites at Nene Outdoors, right in the heart of Ferry Meadows, are now open for the season and ready for your stay.

Choose a Lakeview Bell Tent for a cosy, ready-made setup, or go for The Glade Pitch-Your-Own site if you love the full traditional camping experience.

Either way, you'll wake up surrounded by nature and with stunning views over Gunwade Lake.

Find out more at nenepark.org.uk/camping



Archery for Everyone!

Saturdays, 18 April, 9 May & 25 July

We're excited to welcome you to a friendly and inclusive day of archery, perfect for beginners and anyone curious to try something new.

Whether you're coming solo, with friends or as a family, there's a session designed just for you:

- LGBTQ+ community (led by a female instructor)
- Women-only (led by a female instructor)
- Families (age 8+)
- Adults-only (age 16+)
- Men-only sessions (led by a male instructor)

It's a space for everyone to feel comfortable, have fun and give archery a go in a supportive environment.

Go to nenepark.org.uk/events to book your place.



For more details about booking camping, activities or courses just go to nenepark.org.uk/nene-outdoors



Calling all toddlers and their carers! Have you discovered Nature Tots yet?

Our adventurous Nature Tots groups are perfect for toddlers age 2-5 and their grown-ups. Each session is filled with exciting nature crafts, outdoor play and plenty of time to explore the amazing wildlife around Ferry Meadows.

Led by friendly, experienced educators who love the outdoors, these sessions give children a chance to learn, play and connect with nature in a fun and hands-on way.

Our Monday and Friday groups meet every two weeks for plenty of outdoor fun!

All sessions this year are inspired by books as we tie in with the National Year of Reading. Examples so far this year have included A Busy Day for Birds, The Gruffalo's Child, Fox's Socks and Superworm!

Sessions are booked in blocks of 4 sessions for £20.



Book your holiday clubs

Get ready for May half term and the summer holidays!

Whether you're looking for a day of adventure or a whole week of excitement, we've got you covered. Places are booking up fast for May half term so don't hang about!

Oak Adventurers (ages 8-13)

- May half term: 26 - 29 May
- Every week day during the summer holidays.

For older children who love being active we have multi-adventure sessions, games and outdoor challenges down at Nene Outdoors.

£45 a day

or book a full 5-day week for £180 and **SAVE 20%**

Acorn Explorers (ages 5-8)

- 3-7 August and 10-14 August

Perfect for little explorers, expect plenty of outdoor discovery, crafts and nature-based activities over at Lynch Farm, Ferry Meadows

Each day in May half term has a different theme:

- Tuesday 26 May - Wild Wizards,
- Wednesday 27 May - Water World
- Thursday 28 May - Bugs
- Friday 29 May - NeneCraft

£40 a day

or book a full 5-day week for £160 and **SAVE 20%**

Book now at nenepark.org.uk/holiday-club



Upcoming events

Peterborough Celebrates Festival

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May

Back for its fifth year, this free-to-attend weekend festival at Ferry Meadows promises to be another fabulous celebration of our city and all the reasons we love it - our culture, our music, our diversity and our talented communities.

Find out more on page 4 - and come along and join in the fun.



Traitorish evening

Friday 15 May 7pm - 10pm
Ferry Meadows Event Tent
£20 per person (Ages 16+)

Hosted by RAW Theatre Productions, this exciting interactive experience brings the popular TV series, The Traitors, to life.

At every table, one player is secretly working against the rest, sabotaging challenges while others try to figure out who's behind it all.

Expect fun mini-games, unexpected twists, dramatic votes and plenty of laughs along the way. Voted out? Don't worry, The Rejects still have a chance to turn the game around and claim victory.

Bar hosted by Blind Tiger Taproom and Kitchen

Spaces are limited, so grab your tickets while you can from the Nene Park Trust website. Bring your friends along too - but do you trust them?



Craft workshops

Led by talented local experts, these workshops are a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and create one-of-a-kind pieces.

Here's what's coming up:

27 May
Paint Your Own Pottery Workshop

30 May
Needle Felting Workshop

6 June
Stained Glass Full Day Workshop

4 July
Clay Highland Cow Building Workshop

18 July
Stained Glass Suncatcher Workshop

25 July
Fused Glass Workshop - Dragonfly or Butterflies

26 July
Fused Glass Workshop - Decorative Dishes or Inclusion Coasters

Look ahead to a few of our Summer events...



**Foodie
Fridays**

at Ferry Meadows

Weekly from June - September

Foodie Fridays

Every Friday June - September

Join us for a summer of Foodie Fridays outside the Visitor Centre at Ferry Meadows, every week until September, from 5pm to 8pm.

Enjoy a delicious variety of street food, refreshing drinks and live music from talented local musicians and performers. It's the perfect way to kick off your weekend!

Each week brings something new, with different traders and performers popping up every Friday, so there's always a fresh flavour to try and a new sound to enjoy. Keep an eye out for special themed evenings too... more details coming soon.

Don't miss out on a fun-filled evening of food, drink and music at Ferry Meadows!

Please note, the 8pm finish time is weather permitting. Entry is free, usual parking charges apply.



Wild About Cambridgeshire Festival

Sunday 13 September

Come and celebrate the wild side of Cambridgeshire at Ferry Meadows for a brilliant family day out full of nature and discovery.

Wild About Cambridgeshire brings together a fantastic mix of environmental and wildlife organisations, community groups and the experts from Nene Park Trust, giving you the chance to meet the people making a real difference right on your doorstep and find out what's happening locally.

There'll be loads to get stuck into, from hands-on activities and interactive workshops to fascinating live displays and demonstrations. Add in plenty of fun for all ages, plus a great selection of food and drink, and you've got a relaxed, feel-good day in the Park.

Come along to get inspired, try something new and discover how small changes in everyday life can make a big difference for our local wildlife and the green spaces we all share.

Entry is free and no booking is required – we look forward to seeing you there!



Six Weeks of Summer

Keep an eye out for details of our 'Six Weeks of Summer' activities going on throughout the summer holidays. Summer Parklife (out in June) will contain more details of what's coming up.

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