

# South Derbyshire parklife

activities for all in the open air

## May

Thursday 28th May

### Famous Women Explorers Historical Trail

11.00am – 1.00pm

Meet at the Bandstand at Maurice Lea Memorial Park  
Part of the National Forest Walking Festival including Craft Activity.

## June

Tuesday 2nd June

### TCV Conservation Action Day

10.00am – Swadlincote Woodlands

Meet in the Car Park.



Maurice Lea Memorial Park Church Gresley

Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 June  
11:30am - 5.00pm

## FESTIVAL OF LEISURE

A fun filled weekend for all the family.  
Enjoy main arena entertainment, fairground rides, music, craft stalls, theatre performances and more in the idyllic surroundings of Maurice Lea Memorial Park.

## July

Tuesday 7th July

### TCV Conservation Action Day

10.00am – Swadlincote Woodlands

Meet in the Car Park.



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## LOVE PARKS WEEK

Friday 24 July – Sunday 2 August

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Monday 27th July

### Play, Adventure & Sports Mobile Launch

1.00pm to 4.00pm – Eureka Park

Wednesday 29th July

### Music in the Park

2.00pm to 4.00pm – Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Enjoy an afternoon of live music on the bandstand.  
Icecream and refreshments will be available at the event.  
Bring picnics, rugs and chairs to enjoy the music at its best.

Thursday 30th July

### Adventure Mobile

10.00am to 12.00pm – Newhall Park

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### Beautiful Butterflies

1.30pm to 3.30pm – Swadlincote Woodlands

Family activities – Led walk and then take part in our butterfly crafts.

## August

Sunday 2nd August

### Music in the Park

2.00pm to 4.00pm – Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Enjoy an afternoon of live music on the bandstand.  
Icecream and refreshments will be available at the event.  
Bring picnics, rugs and chairs to enjoy the music at its best.

Monday 3rd August

### SEND Session

### Play and Sports Mobile

10.00am to 12.00pm – Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Tuesday 4th August

### TCV Conservation Action Day

10.00am – Swadlincote Woodlands

Meet in the Car Park.

Wednesday 5th August

### Sports Mobile

2.00pm to 4.00pm – Maurice Lea Memorial Park



Maurice Lea Memorial Park Church Gresley

Sunday 9 August 2pm to 4pm

## PROMS IN THE PARK

Bring along your picnics, as afternoon of music from big brass bands.  
Hot food, ice cream and other refreshments available.

Monday 10th August

### Adventure and Sports Mobile

10.00am to 12.00pm – Eureka Park

Wednesday 12th August

### Wacky Wednesday

### Play, Adventure and Sports Mobile along with Music in the Park

1.00pm to 4.00pm – Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Perfect for families. Live music and a fun afternoon with lots of Free children's entertainment.

Hot food and drinks available.

Thursday 13th August

### Bat Walk

8.00pm to 10.00pm – Swadlincote Woodlands

Led Bat walk with Bat expert Beverley Rhodes.

£5 charge per person – Booking Essential

Monday 17th August

### Adventure Mobile

10.00am to 12.00pm – Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Tuesday 18th August

### Adventure and Sports Mobile

2.00pm to 4.00pm – Newhall Park

Wednesday 19th August

### Hedgehog Family Themed Event

1.00pm to 3.00pm – Eureka Park



Swadlincote Woodlands

Friday 21st August 1.00pm - 3.00pm

## Come and Try Orienteering

Family Event. Try the short, medium or long challenge  
£2.00 fee payable for your map and Record Card for your first course  
Derwent Valley Orienteers

Thursday 27th August

### Family Xplorer Event

1.00pm to 3.00pm – Cadley Park

Learn about English Inventors along a historical fun trail.

## September

Tuesday 1st September

### TCV Conservation Action Day

10.00am – Swadlincote Woodlands

Meet in the Car Park.

## October

Tuesday 6th October

### TCV Conservation Action Day

10.00am – Swadlincote Woodlands

Meet in the Car Park.

Thursday 29th October 2026

### Halloween Trail and Craft Activity

1.00pm to 3.00pm – Newhall Park

Family Explorer Trail with Halloween Craft.

## Featured activity groups

### Swadlincote junior parkrun

A 2k run for juniors only (4-14 year olds).  
It is held every Sunday at 9am.

Venue - Maurice Lea Memorial Park

This is a free activity but please register at <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/swadlincote-juniors/> before your first run.

Don't forget to bring a printed copy of your barcode.  
Please come along and join in whatever your pace!



### Senior Adults Tennis Group

Free Tennis sessions for over 50s

every Tuesday morning between 10am and 12noon at Maurice Lea Memorial Park. Borrow kit for free or bring your own.

Friendly group of players of mixed ability.

New members always welcome.

For further information contact:

The Parklife Officer, Tel: 01283 228766

Email: [parksandgreenspaces@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:parksandgreenspaces@southderbyshire.gov.uk)



### Senior Adults Bowls Group

Free bowls sessions for over 50s

Thursday afternoons (summer) between 2pm and 4pm at Maurice Lea Memorial Park. Borrow kit for free or bring your own bowls.

Friendly group of players of mixed ability.

New members always welcome.

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### Wildlife Volunteer Events

Regular wildlife themed events for those volunteers with a wildlife interest, including Butterfly and Bee Wildlife surveys and identification sessions.

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### TCV Conservation Action Days

Join the Conservation Volunteers at Swadlincote Woodlands.

Tools and tea provided.

Please bring lunch and remember to wear suitable clothing.

Email Ben Woolley at TCV

for details at

[ben.woolley@tcv.org.uk](mailto:ben.woolley@tcv.org.uk).



### Seasonal monthly Gardening groups at Newhall Park and Eureka Park

All levels of experience welcome, Make friends and work together. All equipment and refreshments provided

For further information and to get involved

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## SUMMER SKATEBOARD COACHING

THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

SESSION TIMES: 12PM / 1PM / 2PM

SWADLINCOTE SKATE PARK,  
OFF COMMON RD, DE11 8EG.

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Places are limited per session and can be booked from mid-June.

For further information or to be notified when booking opens, please contact [Active.SD@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Active.SD@southderbyshire.gov.uk) or call 01283 595873

SUITABLE FOR AGES 5+, UNDER 8'S MUST ATTEND WITH A RESPONSIBLE ADULT  
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO BORROW




**Friday 24 July - Sunday 2 August**  
**LOVE PARKS WEEK**  
Get out and and enjoy your local parks!  
Check your local press for events that may be happening in the area.  
[www.loveparksweek.org.uk](http://www.loveparksweek.org.uk)

**NEWHALL**  
Newhall Park

**MIDWAY**  
Midway Road

**SWADLINCOTE**  
Civic Way

**CHURCH GRESLEY**  
York Road

**Other locations:** Eureka Park, Cadley Park, Swadlincote Woodlands, Maurice Lea Memorial Park.

**PROMS IN THE PARK**  
Sunday 9 August  
2pm - 4pm  
An afternoon of music from local bands in the park. Ice cream and other refreshments available.

**FESTIVAL OF LEISURE**  
Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 June  
11:30am - 5pm  
Maurice Lea Memorial Park  
A fun filled weekend for all the family  
Lots to see and do for all ages  
[www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/foI](http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/foI)

**Try our new trails**  
Follow the trail markers:  
Green Arrows = 0.5-mile  
Blue Arrows = 1-mile  
Pink Arrows = 2-mile

**Try our new trails**  
Come and have a go at **Orienteering** around Swadlincote Woodlands. Good area for beginners, families and youth groups. You can download a map and clues off our website [www.southderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk)

**Reporting problems** For crime or anti-social behaviour issues please phone the Police using the non-emergency number **101**. To report dog fouling problems to the Community Enforcement Team phone **01283 595943**.

**Local Walks in your parks**

- Monthly Bumblebee Walk**  
Second Thursday of the month 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Meet at Coronation Park Car Park
- The Green Bank Leisure Centre Walk**  
Wednesday at 10am which visits Eureka Park and Swadlincote Woodlands  
Meet in the Café area
- Coronation Park and Cadley Park Weekly Walk (up to 3 miles)**  
Thursdays 10.00 am to 11.00am  
Meet at Coronation Park Car Park
- Swad Joggers Walking Group**  
Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6.30pm (summer months)  
Meeting in Maurice Lea Memorial Park by the Bandstand

**Club Activities in your Parks**

- Eureka Park**  
**Bowls**  
Eureka Park Bowls  
Contact: Lee Fearn 07904 000743  
Email: [lee.fearnlf@googlemail.com](mailto:lee.fearnlf@googlemail.com)
- Newhall Park**  
**Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**  
Newhall 1st Squirrel Scouts (4-6yrs) - Saturday  
Newhall 1st Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) - Monday  
Newhall 1st Cub Scouts (8-10 years) - Monday  
Newhall 1st Scouts (10.5 - 14 years) - Thursday  
Contact: Ian Goodall  
Email: [info@1stnewhallscouts.co.uk](mailto:info@1stnewhallscouts.co.uk)
- Bowls**  
Lamb Inn Bowls Club  
Contact: Neal Dadswell 07426 007306
- Boxing**  
Royal Oak Amateur Boxing Club and Fitness Centre  
Opening Times:  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Sunday : 10:00am - 12:30pm  
Contact: George Balfour 07714 106562  
Email: [P2rgy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:P2rgy@yahoo.co.uk)

**Get involved in your park**

If you would like to join a Friends of the Park group or have ideas to improve your park, contact the Parklife Officer, 01283 228766

**Free Tennis**

You can play Tennis free of charge, 7 days a week, at Eureka Park and Maurice Lea Memorial Park.

**Pay and Play**

You can pay and play for activities on the following parks. Eureka Park - Crazy Golf and Bowls. Maurice Lea Memorial Park - Bowls. See [www.southderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk) for further details.

**Don't forget**

The parks in this leaflet are also a great place to have an informal picnic or kick around. Get a group of friends together and have fun! Remember they are free to visit.

**Use your Park!**

Hold your own event in one of the parks listed, or rent the Bandstand at Maurice Lea Memorial Park. Phone the South Derbyshire Parks and Green Spaces team on 01283 595782.

**Arts in the Parks**

Music, crafts, painting, drama and dance don't have to happen in big buildings - enjoy culture in the open air! Concerts, photography, theatre, exhibitions, performance, film-making, poetry, sculpture - use our great parks to get involved in creative activities. If you are inspired to organise your own arts events phone Parks and Green Spaces on 01283 595782 or email [parksandgreenspaces@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:parksandgreenspaces@southderbyshire.gov.uk)

**Outdoor Learning**

The parks are a great place to explore, discover, learn and have fun at the same time. Contact the Environmental Education Project team for outdoor learning ideas, resources, activities or teaching staff. We also have various themed outreach sessions and loans boxes available to use in the parks, woodlands and other outdoor spaces. Park packs include old maps and photographs, park information, activity ideas, self-led trails and information about the history of the parks. Phone: 01283 535039. Email: [rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:rosliston@southderbyshire.gov.uk) or follow our QR code for more information



**Heritage**

If you would like to discover more about the historical background of Swadlincote's public parks, then the "Magic Attic" at Sharpe's Pottery Museum is an excellent place to start. Phone: 01283 819020.

**Active South Derbyshire**

For other Sport and Health opportunities in South Derbyshire phone 01283 221000. Email [active.sd@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:active.sd@southderbyshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.southderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk)

**Rosliston Forestry Centre**

Something for everyone in The National Forest. Outdoor activity, environmental education, sculptures, ponds, lakes, woods, walk trails, log cabins. For details of the full programme of events and activities go to [www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk](http://www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk)

South Derbyshire **parklife** activities for all in the open air  
Eureka Park . Maurice Lea Memorial Park . Newhall Park . Swadlincote Woodlands . Cadley Park

**2026**

**Our parks are free to use make the most of them this summer**

**Visit our award-winning parks**

**free events unless otherwise stated**

