

Teen Rangers is for young people aged 12—18 yrs and is run by West Rainton Green Group. We meet at Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve from 3-5pm on each Tuesday of the school holidays. **There is a charge of £1 per person to help cover our costs. Includes refreshments.**

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For more information or help with transport from West Rainton contact: Annette: 5842821 or Elizabeth 0191 3844759

Feb half term—Tues 17th Feb - Creature Feature Camera Fun. Take part in National Nest Box Week by building nesting boxes for mice and hedgehogs AND THEN putting cameras inside the boxes so that we can watch what goes on in them throughout the year. If you have any technical skills we need your help—if you haven't, come and learn!

Easter Holidays—Tues 7th April—Amphibian alert! Some will be visiting so now's your chance to check out how much you know. Do you know where to find them? Will there be any on the reserve?
Tues 14th April—Hard workers needed to build an amphibian hibernacula (look it up!) on the reserve. Wear old clothes and don't expect a cushy time!

Spring Half Term—Tues 26th May—Birds, Babies and Binoculars. Check out the nest box cameras for eggs, chicks and baby mice and the bird hides to see what's going on on the ponds. We'll be doing some water bird i.d so if you know loads come and help and if you don't, come and find out.

Summer Holidays—Tues 28th July—Pond life. Any good at freshwater mini-beast identification? If so, we need your help with the pond dipping and info for the indoor aquarium. If not, come and check it out.

Tues 4th August—Think you know the difference between a water vole and a rat? Have we got any at Rainton Meadows (water voles, that is)? How can you tell? Meet our water vole expert who'll take us around the reserve and answer any questions.

Tues 11th August—Owls are visiting. Not just the ones that live at Rainton Meadows, and we have all 5 native British species on the reserve, but owls from a sanctuary are visiting with their handlers who can answer any questions.

Tues 18th August and Tues 25th August- We've left these dates free for you to make your own suggestions for activities. There may be some conservation tasks need doing on the reserve that you'd like to help with or a particular animal or habitat you'd like to find out more about, or a campaign you'd like to get involved in (or start). Let us know at the start of the holidays and we'll do our best to help you sort something out.

Tues 1st September Meet at Seaham in the sea front car park at the harbour end for some rock-pooling and general sea-side fun before school starts again.

October half term—Tues 27th October—Bat walk with home made lanterns. Bring a jam jar (empty and clean!) or a pumpkin or a swede (or all 3). We'll provide bat detectors and a bat expert.

Xmas hols—Tues 22nd December—Help! Still haven't got all your Xmas pressies bought? Wrap up warm for a winter walk to collect ideas and things for making Christmas pressies and decorations.
Tues 29th Dec—Fat faces in the woods. Help the birds on the reserve to survive the winter but wear old clothes as it'll be a messy job.

Teen Rangers should be a fun place to be so if anyone behaves in a way that upsets you please tell the leader or phone the Watch Helpline on : 08450700065. The line is open between 9am and 5pm on weekdays