

## Holmedale Nature Network Talks, Events and Activities in 2025

Our provisional plans for 2025 are listed below. Keep an eye out for updates at:

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**New in 2025:** HNN Book Club led by Anne Baker – book list and dates to be confirmed soon! 📖 🍷

	EVENING TALKS & EVENTS	ACTIVITIES
January	<b>HNN Annual Social,</b> <i>Dalton &amp; Gayles Village Hall,</i> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 7:00-9:30pm	Tree & hedge planting volunteer sessions
February	<b>B-Lines and managing gardens and community green spaces for invertebrates,</b> <i>a talk by Rachel Richards, Buglife,</i> Dalton & Gayles Village Hall, Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm	<b>Birdsong Workshop,</b> <i>led by Andrew Lapworth,</i> Barningham Village Hall, Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 10:30am-12:30pm (suitable for 12+)  Tree & hedge planting volunteer sessions
March	<b>Helping Hedgehogs,</b> <i>a talk by Nicki Lancaster,</i> Newsham Village Hall, Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm	Tree & hedge planting volunteer sessions
April	<b>HNN Film Night – Wilding,</b> <i>a film about the rewilding of the Knepp Castle Estate,</i> Barningham Village Hall, Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm	<b>Great UK Water Blitz,</b> testing for nitrates & phosphates at 20 sites on Holmedale watercourses, 25-28 <sup>th</sup> April
May	None to be scheduled	Himalayan Balsam mapping & pulling volunteer sessions
June	Talk to be arranged	<b>Field trip to Heggs Castle Renaturing Project in Arkengarthdale with a picnic,</b> Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am – 1:30pm

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June (cont.)		Himalayan Balsam mapping & pulling volunteer sessions
July	None to be scheduled	<b>Family Nature Activity</b> , Catherine Mason, Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, Dalton & Gayles Village Hall, Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July, 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm sessions  Himalayan Balsam mapping & pulling volunteer sessions
August	None to be scheduled	Himalayan Balsam mapping & final pulling volunteer sessions
September	<b>Ecology topic</b> , a talk by Hannah Baker, Newsham Village Hall, Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 7:30 pm	<b>Great UK Water Blitz</b> , testing for nitrates & phosphates at 20 sites on Holmedale watercourses
October	<b>Healthy Hedgerows</b> , a talk by a Durham County Council Tree Officer, Barningham Village Hall, 7:30 pm	<b>Building hedgehog boxes</b> , workshop with Edmund Baker, Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October, Ravensworth Village Hall
November	<b>Nature Connectedness</b> , a talk by Lizzie Rumble, Dalton & Gayles Village Hall, 7:30pm	Tree & hedge planting site maintenance volunteer sessions
December	None to be scheduled	Tree & hedge planting site maintenance volunteer sessions