

## Invertebrate Group Dates 2025

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

Braddan Church Hall, Douglas. Parking at church

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2pm

### **Mastering keys and improving identification skills**

Join us to hone your skills in the use of microscopes and key guides. Steve Crellin will talk you through identification of drone flies (hoverflies) and Kate Hawkins will guide you through snail identification. Feel free to bring along your own snails. Whatever stage you are at help is on hand!

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

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### **Mastering millipedes**

Sue will help steer us through the trickeries of millipede identification, we will be using microscopes and guides to help us, and Sue will help you focus on the anatomical features to guide you to the correct identification.

March 15<sup>th</sup>

Garey ny cloie, DEFA headquarters, St Johns. Parking on site.

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1.30pm

### **Hunting for the early invertebrates and stream dipping**

Join us in the hunt around the grounds of DEFA headquarters, there should be plenty of dead wood, leaf litter and also easy access to the stream for a spot of stream dipping.

Some steep slopes but you can remain on level ground if you wish. Wear wellies if you want to do kick sampling.

April 19<sup>th</sup>

Close Sartfield Nature Reserve near to Sulby

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2pm

### **The spider that got the fly**

There are lots of different microhabitats around this reserve from Curraghs to meadows woodpiles and compost heaps. We are hoping to find wolf spiders which should be actively courting now, and also flies to identify at this meeting.

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Ballagawne Farm, near Colby. We will advise about the best place to park nearer the time as it could be on a nearby field and so weather dependant.

2pm

### **Cow pats and Dung Beetles**

Details of where to park etc to be confirmed later. We will be there at the invitation of the farmer. This meeting is to check out the dung beetles in cow dung at this earlier time of year. Hopefully we will find some different species to compare with those we previously collected in autumn.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> (note date – this is a Sunday meeting to avoid the Parish Walk)

Glen Rushen ASSI, parking at Dalby reserve

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2pm

### **Beautiful Bogs**

Glen Rushen ASSI is a lovely unimproved acid grassland with mire, ditches and a small wooded stream at the bottom, situated near MWT's Dalby reserve. We might see damselflies, caddis flies, robber flies, bilberry bumblebees and plenty of beetles The reserve carpark is nearby so it's not a hike to get to.

Wear wellies and prepare to get muddy!

July 19<sup>th</sup>

Manx birdlife's Ayres reserve

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2pm

### **Manx birdlife's Ayres reserve Super bug Hunt**

What a treasure trove of delights this reserve was last year, with an elephant hawk moth caterpillar, damselflies, heath beeflies and butterflies galore.

August 16<sup>th</sup>

The Dhoor, just outside of Ramsey

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2pm

### **Dhoors Delights**

A new site to visit with meadow, pond and ditch with damselflies and water hog louse...intrigued? Come along with us and explore this area.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

Lower Ballabeg. Baldrine

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1.30pm

### **Wonderful Worms**

A visit to Lower Ballabeg near to Baldrine to see how many different sorts of worms we can find. Bring along a trowel and kneeling mats. This small holding is farmed in an organic way so we are hoping to find plenty of different species.

Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

Ballachrink Nature Reserve MWT near to Baldwin

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1.30pm

### **Ballachrink Bugs**

This beautiful MWT reserve has lakes, wooded areas and field which are grazed. There should be deadwood, leaf litter and fungus to explore,,there will definitely be slugs!

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

Wildlife Park or exploring recording websites. TBC