



## Tower Habitats Calendar of Events

This is a list of wildlife-related events in Tower Hamlets. All are freely open to the public, no need to book, unless otherwise stated. Many of them are regular weekly or monthly events. To help pick them out, the more “special” events are in boxes.

New events are being arranged all the time, and many Tower Habitats partners also run events on their sites which are not wildlife-related. Click on the links to find out about all the events at [Victoria Park](#), [Mile End Park](#), [Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park](#), [Spitalfields City Farm](#), [Mudchute Park & Farm](#), and [Stepney City Farm](#), and events organised by [Thames21](#).

**Last updated 23 April 2018**

### April 2018

Tuesday 24 April 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

#### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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[How to get there](#)

Wednesday 25 April 2018, 5.30-8pm, Regent's Canal/Limehouse Cut

#### **Canal Clean-up**

Come and join the Lower Regents Coalition and Moo Canoes for a clean up on the Regents Canal or the Limehouse Cut. You can take a canoe or kayak and clear up floating litter on the canal. All safety equipment will be provided, just wear suitable clothing. If you don't fancy paddling, come and litter pick along the tow path. We will meet at Moo Headquarters which is under the DLR Bridge at Limehouse Basin. Don't worry about being a little late, turn up when you can. There is no need to respond re this event, just turn up.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 29 April 2018, 11.30am-1.30pm, Victoria Park

#### **Make your Mark on Vicky Park**

Join our Community Park Rangers to help carry out some practical conservation in the park. No need to book. For more information please [email the Community Park Rangers](#). Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 29 April 2018, 12 noon-2pm, Victoria Park

#### **National Gardening Week**

Using Royal Horticulture Society guidance we will explore basic advice on growing in any space. Organised by the Victoria Park Friends Group. No need to book, just turn up. Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road. For more information, [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

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## May 2018

Tuesday 1 May 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Saturday 5 May 2018, 10am-12.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Bird Barmy Army**

Bring your friends and family along to join local bird expert David Darrell-Lambert and discover what feathered friends are living in 'Vicky' Park. For more information please [email the Community Park Rangers](#). Meet at the Victoria & Alexandra Building.

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 5 May 2018, 12-2pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **BIRDS: A Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park SoundCamp 2018**

Please join us on International Dawn Chorus Day to listen to the bird life of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park while walking between three performances interpreting birds through speech, song and instrumentation. Featuring internationally acclaimed artists [Emma Bennet](#), [Laura Cannell](#) and [Hanna Tuulikki](#), this Soundcamp is part of a network of UK and international sites taking part in the Reveil radio broadcast, which circles the earth at sunrise on a network of live audio streams. Each soundcamp is a chance to explore a place of acoustic and ecological interest through workshops, performances and presentations. London events are continuing at SoundCamp, Stave Hill Ecological Park, Rotherhithe. Please see [soundtent.org](http://soundtent.org) for more information. Produced by Ella Finer for the QMUL Centre for Sound Cultures, directed by Rhiannon Moss and Kester Richardson. THCP Soundcamp is sponsored by the Queen Mary Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IHSS) with additional support from the School of English and Drama at QMUL and The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. The event is free but please register in advance via the [Eventbrite website](#). Tea, coffee and squash will be available for a small donation to The Friends.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 6 May 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Practical Nature Conservation Project**

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Sunday 6 May 2018, 12 noon-2pm, Victoria Park

### **Nature Study**

Join artist Jon George, sketch from life and then draw from observation. In partnership with Chisenhale Art Place. Suitable for all ages. Organised by the Victoria Park Friends Group. No need to book, just turn up. Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road. For more information, [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

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Tuesday 8 May 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Tuesday 8 May 2018, 6-8pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Evening Wildflower Walk 2**

One of a series of eight botanical walks in the park, looking in depth at selected wildflowers now in season, exploring the plant itself, its ecology and its human connections – to literature, folklore, medicine, food and drink and crafts. We will also look at other flowers more briefly. This session we will look at Wood Avens, Cowslip, Yellow Archangel, Crosswort, Sweet Woodruff. Event Leader Terry Lyle is a botanist who has over 20 years experience of environmental education in Tower Hamlets. **The event costs £12 (£10 concessions including Tower Hamlets residents) and booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 13 May 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Butterfly Walk**

Join the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park during national Cemeteries Week and celebrate Cemeteries as Nature Reserves. The Cemetery Park is rich in butterflies, largely as a result of many years targeted management. In sunny weather we'll see 10 to 12 species. We'll learn to identify them, and other urban butterflies now in season. We'll also learn about butterfly behaviour, nectar plants, larval food plants, other habitat requirements. **The event is free but numbers are limited so booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#).

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Tuesday 15 May 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Friday 18 May 2018, times to be confirmed, Spitalfields City Farm

### **Fascination of Plants Day**

An international event that showcases how plants are essential to the food, pharma, fuels, and fibres integral to our daily lives and a sustainable environment. This year's theme will be the 'Power of Plants'. Previous days at the Farm have hosted plant scientists, herbalists, The Vegetarian Society, and other interesting people that are interested in plants. For more information or to get involved, please e-mail [michelle@spitalfieldscityfarm.org](mailto:michelle@spitalfieldscityfarm.org)

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 19 May 2018, 10.30am-12.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Spring Wild Flowers**

For many people, May is the most magical month of the year, combining the freshness of spring with the abundance of summer. Join resident expert Terry Lyle (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park) to enjoy the wealth of wild flowers in the park, and learn something of their wildlife value, folklore, and edibility or otherwise. Special flowers of the season include buttercups, red campion and germander speedwell. The event is free but places are limited so **booking is essential**. To book please call 020 7364 4504 or [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

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Saturday 19 May 2018, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Bow Beasties – Whittling & worm charming**

Experience the magic of woodlands and wildlife! Seasonal, outdoor, nature activities and games for children and families. Activities are suitable for children aged 3 to 12. It's FREE but numbers may need to be limited. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a maximum number of places dependent on a safe limit for the activity. Doors will open on the day at 10am and names taken on a clipboard for a prompt start at 10.30. Parents/carers must accompany children: maximum 4 children per adult. Please remember to dress for the weather as we are likely to be outside come rain or shine! Meet at the Soanes Centre.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 20 May 2018, 10am-3.30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Really Get to Know Your Wild Plants Through the Seasons – Buttercup Family**

A series of days looking at wild plants, including trees and shrubs. We will identify plants, get to know their ecology, examine their structure and how they fit into their plant family, their pollination and other wildlife values, and their connections to human culture. Each event stands alone, but also builds on previous ones. Suitable for beginners, and more experienced participants will be given extra challenges. Each time, as well as looking at a wide range of plants, we will give special attention to one major family. The focus is not just on identifying wild flowers, but in looking at the whole plant, and how it changes over time, how it competes in its habitat, how it's pollinated. We'll look a little at herbal and culinary uses, and folklore. We'll spend most of our time outside. Each session will pay particular, but by no means exclusive, attention to one of the larger plant families. Sessions run from 10am till 4pm, with an hour lunch break. Bring own packed lunch. Tea, coffee, biscuits supplied. This session will look at the buttercup family Ranunculaceae. Event Leader Terry Lyle is a botanist who has over 20 years' experience of environmental education in Tower Hamlets. **The event costs £30 (£25 concessions including Tower Hamlets residents) and booking is essential**. To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 20 May 2018, 12 noon-2pm, Victoria Park

### **Nature Study**

Join artist Jon George, sketch from life and then draw from observation. In partnership with Chisenhale Art Place. Suitable for all ages. Organised by the Victoria Park Friends Group. No need to book, just turn up. Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road. For more information, [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

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Sunday 20 May 2018, 1-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Awake in nature: practices to deepen our connection to the natural world**

Join outdoor educator, Jo Goldsmid, on this half-day experiential workshop. We'll be using our senses, memories, imagination and intuition to reconnect with a child-like wonder and appreciation of the natural world. Expect mindful meanderings and silent games off the beaten path and under the tree canopy. You won't learn lots of facts about the wildlife - there are plenty of other courses where you can do this - but you will come away with a renewed sense of vitality and a deeper sense of belonging on this beautiful planet we call home... Suitable for those aged 16 years or over. **The event costs £32 and booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#). Note there is a choice of dates for this course.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 20 May 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Guided Walk**

Join a member of the Friends for a guided tour of the park. Learn all about its fascinating history and/or its fabulous fauna and flora. Meet at the Soanes Centre.

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Tuesday 22 May 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Sunday 27 May 2018, 11.30am-1.30pm, Victoria Park

**Make your Mark on Vicky Park**

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Tuesday 29 May 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Tuesday 29 May 2018, 10am-2pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**May Forest School**

Forest School returns for May half-term 2018. Forest School is made up of a very wide range of experiences and adventures, which can include bush craft skills, whittling, fire lighting and cooking on fires, through to bug hunts and bird watching. Children can also take part in tailored activities designed to help them connect to their environment through arts and crafts, games and science based investigation activities. The unique, natural environment of THCP is at the very heart of all the workshops and children will discover the wonderful habitats found through a choice of inspiring hands-on activities and games. Forest Schools are always run by a qualified practitioner (level 3 or above) who is experienced in working with children in an outdoor environment. Kenneth Greenway (Cemetery Park Manager) leads Forest School at THCP, with support from team members and other qualified forest school practitioners. All staff are DBS checked. Activities are suitable for

children aged 6 - 14 (younger children are welcome too, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the whole session). Please remember to dress for the weather as we are likely to be outside come rain or shine. **Forest School costs £30 per session or £80 for all three sessions this week. Booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#). Two subsidised places per session are available for Tower Hamlets parents/carers/guardians who are unemployed or on low income. This is on a first come, first served basis. Contact us for more info – 020 8983 1277. Meet at the Soanes Centre.

[How to get there](#)

Wednesday 30 May 2018, 11am-3pm, Victoria Park

### **Fishing Taster Day**

For all you budding anglers out there! Join the community park rangers to see what fish you can catch in our East Lake. You will be hooked! Coaching sessions available throughout the day. *This event is for ages 6+ only.* The event is free but places are limited so **booking is essential**. To book please call 020 7364 4504 or [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

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Wednesday 30 May 2018, 5.30-8pm, Regent's Canal/Limehouse Cut

### **Canal Clean-up**

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Thursday 31 May 2018, 10am-2pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **May Forest School**

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## June 2018

Friday 1 June 2018, 10am-2pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **May Forest School**

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Saturday 2 June 2018, 10am-12.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Junior Wildlife Club – Wildflower Seed Bombs**

Join the community park rangers to make your own seed bombs, then throw them in our wild meadow areas. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book. Please [email the Community Park Rangers](#) for more details. Meet at the Hub Building

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Sunday 3 June 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Practical Nature Conservation Project**

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Tuesday 5 June 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Saturday 9 June 2018, 10am-3pm, Ragged School Museum

**Training course: Leading a Waterway Cleanup – Day 1**

If you love your local waterways and want to make them even better, sign on for Thames21's 2-day 'Leading a Waterway Cleanup' training! This is the first day of the 2-day course, designed to help you build the knowledge, confidence and skills to lead safe, effective and fun waterway clean-up events. By the end of Day 1, you will be able to plan your own clean-up and show that you can select an appropriate site, spot hazards, ensure health and safety, organise tasks and equipment, and publicise your event. You will be provided with a workbook and other materials that will support your learning. The course is free but you must first register with the Thames21 Training Programme before you can book onto specific course dates. To register for the Training Programme, please go to [this link](#). If you have already registered and wish to book onto this date, click [here](#).

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 9 June 2018, 10am-3pm, Cranbrook Community Food Garden

**Garden Open Day**

Cranbrook Community Food Garden was designed and built in 2009 by residents of the estate and surrounding area. It consists of 21 raised beds, a shed, greenhouse, composting facilities and a patio area with seating and a living roof. The garden has received many awards and most recently was named an 'Outstanding' garden in 'London in Bloom' in 2016 and 2017. The residents are proud to be nestled within the iconic modernist Cranbrook Estate, designed by Skinner, Bailey & Lubetkin, completed in the 1960s, and home to Elizabeth Frink's sculpture *The Blind Beggar and his Dog*. Plants, seeds and garden products for sale, and preserves. Refreshments. All welcome. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 9 June 2018, 10am-5pm, Core Landscapes Community Plant Nursery & Garden

**Garden Open Day**

Core Landscapes transforms meanwhile spaces to promote positive mental health for all. We are a permanent movable garden and plant nursery using horticulture to improve peoples lives. This Whitechapel site in the heart of the East End is our third site move since 2009. Each move tightens the project and improves our ways to container grow – from salad leaves to hornbeams. There are a container-based orchards, herbaceous borders, pond, mini-allotment, garden and plant nursery. We also have a bus! Come and meet our fish – and buy some lovely plants... Tea, coffee, cold drinks and scrumptious cake for sale. Garden tours, music, arts and crafts activities, bargain plant hunting and more! Inspiration for container-growing anywhere. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

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Saturday 9 June 2018, 10am-6pm, Crossrail Place Roof Garden

**Garden Open Day**

The green oasis of Crossrail Place Roof Garden lies amongst the towering buildings of Canary Wharf, providing the perfect escape for those working nearby and the local communities. The exotic roof garden is filled with ferns, grasses of all kinds, and flowering shrubs chosen to reflect the parts of the world with which the West India Docks traded in the 19C and 20C, trade which is reflected in the area's name, Canary Wharf. The landscape matures each year, under a stunning curved roof - a 'must-visit' site! Music and children's activities (details on [website](#)). All welcome. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

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Saturday 9 June 2018, 12-4pm, Providence Row Rooftop Garden

### **Garden Open Day**

Providence Row is a charity supporting homeless and vulnerable people in East London and providing accredited gardening training. Just off bustling Brick Lane a large Gleditsia tree spans native woodland planting in the courtyard garden; raised beds of perennials are vibrant all year; and mobile planters provide greenery creating a flexible, therapeutic and attractive environment for the services and activities during the week. On the rooftop a secret garden with a wide range of fruit, vegetables, herbs and edible flowers supplies the kitchen which produces 30-50 breakfasts and lunches daily! A pond and wildflower planting increase the biodiversity of the site. Garden tours. Refreshments. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

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Saturday 9 June 2018, 2-5pm, St Peter's Bethnal Green Church & Vicarage Gardens

### **Garden Open Day**

St Peter's Bethnal Green and its adjacent vicarage were built in 1841. Over time, the church garden has been a parade ground, schoolyard and cholera pit! Today it is a thriving community garden. The gardens are bounded by 200 year old London plane trees, allotments and ornamental flowerbeds surround the church building, which are under the care mainly of volunteer gardeners. The Vicarage private garden is opening the 'secret garden door' again, leading into a haven of peace and place of meeting, brought back into use over the last six years. Pop-up café during the afternoon. Tours of the church and the crypt on request. Gardeners available to discuss planting. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

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Sunday 10 June 2018, 10am-3pm, Cranbrook Community Food Garden

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Sunday 10 June 2018, 10am-5pm, Winterton House Organic Garden

**Garden Open Day**

RHS Gold Award Garden! Over several years local residents Melvyn and Ken have created a prize-winning horticultural oasis from a rubbish dump. Instead of putting their feet up, they fashioned a varied garden with a pergola, gravel planting, climbers and roses, mixed herbaceous border and a pond. The rare-breed chickens and ducks eat juicy snails from the garden, and a small allotment area enables residents to grow fruit and vegetables. Are you wondering what to do in retirement? Come and be inspired by these imaginative gentlemen creating a haven for the residents of Winterton House and the local community. Guided tours; mammoth cut-price plant sale. Refreshments include homemade cakes and food. Music from popular top East London folk group The Mudlarks. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

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Sunday 10 June 2018, 10am-5pm, Arnold Circus

**Garden Open Day**

Arnold Circus is a unique garden and heritage asset in the 1890s Boundary Street Estate in east London. Designed as the centrepiece of Britain's first publicly funded social housing scheme, and intended to improve public health, promote exercise and be a 'stage' for the local community, it declined over the years. Today the Circus is beautiful again, restored and maintained by the Friends of Arnold Circus in partnership with Tower Hamlets. Major regeneration in 2010, led by LDA Design, used careful research and meticulous work to balance restoration and sustainability resulting in colourful planting, improved biodiversity, a bandstand with handmade roofing tiles, historic railings, new seating, and a rainwater-harvesting system with underground storage. The Friends of Arnold Circus will be available to chat and answer visitors' questions. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

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Sunday 10 June 2018, 10.30am-4pm, Cable Street Community Gardens

**Garden Open Day**

Everyone is warmly welcomed in this peaceful haven - a well-established community garden in the heart of an historic inner-city area. Over 50 plots are tended individually by members and their families, and there are also wildlife areas, several small ponds, a traditional British hedgerow and raised planters for elderly gardeners and those with limited mobility. The gardens are 100% organic, encouraging the bees to make lots of honey. Guided garden walks. Light refreshments. Homemade produce. Craft stalls. Children's activities. Live music. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Access to Cable Street Community Gardens will be free on the day, but tickets for the Open Garden Squares Weekend (£15 adults, £12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) will be available at the entrance.

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Sunday 10 June 2018, 12-4pm, Approach Gardens

### **Garden Open Day**

Frequently described as an oasis, Approach Gardens brings together many diverse local groups. This park-like Community Garden was rescued from an unloved and unused space by a resident-led committee a few years ago. They raised money and today have a thriving community food garden with 40 raised beds that are cherished by families from the estate, the local school and a day-care centre. The small, shared fruit orchard is abundant, and there is an award-winning wildlife area with a small pond (and frogs and toads), native hedgerow, a 'bug hotel', a wildflower meadow and lots of ivy for the bees! Plants for sale. Refreshments. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 10 June 2018, 12-6pm, Crossrail Place Roof Garden

### **Garden Open Day**

The green oasis of Crossrail Place Roof Garden lies amongst the towering buildings of Canary Wharf, providing the perfect escape for those working nearby and the local communities. The exotic roof garden is filled with ferns, grasses of all kinds, and flowering shrubs chosen to reflect the parts of the world with which the West India Docks traded in the 19C and 20C, trade which is reflected in the area's name, Canary Wharf. The landscape matures each year, under a stunning curved roof - a 'must-visit' site! Music and children's activities (details on [website](#)). All welcome. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 10 June 2018, 1-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Awake in nature: practices to deepen our connection to the natural world**

Join outdoor educator, Jo Goldsmid, on this half-day experiential workshop. We'll be using our senses, memories, imagination and intuition to reconnect with a child-like wonder and appreciation of the natural world. Expect mindful meanderings and silent games off the beaten path and under the tree canopy. You won't learn lots of facts about the wildlife - there are plenty of other courses where you can do this - but you will come away with a renewed sense of vitality and a deeper sense of belonging on this beautiful planet we call home... Suitable for those aged 16 years or over. **The event costs £32 and booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#). Note there is a choice of dates for this course.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 10 June 2018, 2-5pm, St Peter's Bethnal Green Church & Vicarage Gardens

### **Garden Open Day**

St Peter's Bethnal Green and its adjacent vicarage were built in 1841. Over time, the church garden has been a parade ground, schoolyard and cholera pit! Today it is a thriving community garden. The gardens are bounded by 200 year old London plane trees, allotments and ornamental flowerbeds surround the church building, which are under the care mainly of volunteer gardeners. The Vicarage private garden is opening the 'secret garden door' again, leading into a haven of peace and place of meeting, brought back into use over the last six years. Pop-up café during the afternoon. Tours of the church and the crypt on request. Gardeners available to discuss planting. Part of the [Open Garden Squares Weekend](#). Tickets cost £15 for the weekend (£12 students, £8 children 12-18, under-12s free) and are available from the [Open Gardens Squares website](#) or from the gardens on the day.

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 12 June 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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[How to get there](#)

Saturday 16 June 2018, 10am-3pm, Ragged School Museum

### **Training course: Leading a Waterway Cleanup – Day 2**

If you love your local waterways and want to make them even better, sign on for Thames21's 2-day 'Leading a Waterway Cleanup' training! This is the second day of the 2-day course, designed to help you build the knowledge, confidence and skills to lead safe, effective and fun waterway clean-up events. You need to have completed day 1 of the course first. By the end of Day 2, you will understand what it takes to support and lead a clean-up event. We will look at leadership responsibilities, focus on how to deliver a welcome/health and safety briefing, and talk about how to motivate individuals to come together and achieve common goals as a group. You will be provided with a workbook and other materials that will support your learning. The course is free but you must first register with the Thames21 Training Programme before you can book onto specific course dates. To register for the Training Programme, please go to [this link](#). If you have already registered and wish to book onto this date, click [here](#).

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 16 June 2018, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Bow Beasties – Wild food – wild green smoothie!**

Experience the magic of woodlands and wildlife! Seasonal, outdoor, nature activities and games for children and families. Activities are suitable for children aged 3 to 12. It's FREE but numbers may need to be limited. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a maximum number of places dependent on a safe limit for the activity. Doors will open on the day at 10am and names taken on a clipboard for a prompt start at 10.30. Parents/carers must accompany children: maximum 4 children per adult. Please remember to dress for the weather as we are likely to be outside come rain or shine! Meet at the Soanes Centre.

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 16 June 2018, 1-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Early Summer Bee ID Walk**

Join local bee recorder Mark Patterson and learn about the spring bees which make the cemetery park their home, how to identify bees in the field for beginners and how to submit your sightings to contribute to scientific understanding of bees in London. **The event is free but numbers are limited so booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 17 June 2018, 12 noon-2pm, Victoria Park

### **Herbs and their uses around the world**

Join local experts for a talk about the benefits of herbs and brew a cup of herbal tea. Organised by the Victoria Park Friends Group. No need to book, just turn up. Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road. For more information, [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 17 June 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Guided Walk**

Join a member of the Friends for a guided tour of the park. Learn all about its fascinating history and/or its fabulous fauna and flora. Meet at the Soanes Centre.

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 19 June 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Sunday 24 June 2018, 11.30am-1.30pm, Victoria Park

**Make your Mark on Vicky Park**

Join our Community Park Rangers to help carry out some practical conservation in the park. No need to book. For more information please [email the Community Park Rangers](#). Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road.

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 26 June 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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[How to get there](#)

Wednesday 27 June 2018, 5.30-8pm, Regent's Canal/Limehouse Cut

**Canal Clean-up**

Come and join the Lower Regents Coalition and Moo Canoes for a clean up on the Regents Canal or the Limehouse Cut. You can take a canoe or kayak and clear up floating litter on the canal. All safety equipment will be provided, just wear suitable clothing. If you don't fancy paddling, come and litter pick along the tow path. We will meet at Moo Headquarters which is under the DLR Bridge at Limehouse Basin. Don't worry about being a little late, turn up when you can. There is no need to respond re this event, just turn up.

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 30 June 2018, 12-5pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Summer Fair**

Come along to Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park's famous Summer Fair! Lots of fun for all the family, with stalls, food, games, guided walks and lots more. All welcome. More details nearer the time.

[How to get there](#)

## July 2018

Tuesday 3 July 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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[How to get there](#)

Saturday 7 July 2018, 10am-12.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Bird Barmy Army**

Bring your friends and family along to join local bird expert David Darrell-Lambert and discover what feathered friends are living in 'Vicky' Park. For more information please [email the Community Park Rangers](#). Meet at the Victoria & Alexandra Building.

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 7 July 2018, 10am-1pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Family Butterfly Morning**

Join us to celebrate [National Meadows Day](#). A family morning of outdoor fun exploring insects! Help us open our moth trap and learn to identify the moths before releasing them to flit away. Then we'll hunt through the park for butterflies and send our sightings to the London Natural History Society Butterfly Atlas project. Suitable for all ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult - maximum 3 children per adult. Led by May Webber, recent Biology graduate from Queen Mary University and now working at the Horniman Museum. This is a free event and is **weather dependent – please book** and we will confirm by email the day before. To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 8 July 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Practical Nature Conservation Project**

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[How to get there](#)

Sunday 8 July 2018, 12 noon-2pm, Victoria Park

### **Make wildlife sculpture from wood**

Join artist Kevin Harrison and make large, expressive flowers and insects, butterflies, spiders or ladybirds from recycled wood. The work will then be put on permanent display in the garden. In partnership with Chisenhale Art Place. Suitable for all ages. Organised by the Victoria Park Friends Group. No need to book, just turn up. Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road. For more information, [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 10 July 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Saturday 14 July 2018, 6am-12 noon, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Bird Ringing Demonstration**

See a professional ornithologist humanely capture birds, examine, ring and record them and help to release them safely into the park. You'll learn how the national ringing programme works and how tracking birds in this way aids their conservation and our knowledge of birds migratory patterns.

Participant feedback from last time we ran this event: "Thank you for an absolutely magical morning today, and I learnt loads". Event includes free coffee/tea and toast breakfast. **The event costs £20 and booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 15 July 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Guided Walk**

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Tuesday 17 July 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Thursday 19 July 2018, 6.30-8.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Botanical Cocktails**

An aromatic cocktail enjoyed outdoors is the epitome of summer. Join us for a demonstration of how to use herbs from the garden in alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails, and enjoy the results.

Organised by the Victoria Park Friends Group. No need to book, just turn up. Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road. For more information, [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

[How to get there](#)

Saturday 21 July 2018, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Bow Beasties – Bug & spider safari**

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Monday 23 July 2018, 2-5pm, Millwall Drawdock

**Thames River Watch Isle of Dogs Community Hub family event**

Come down and enjoy the Thames! Find out more about London's great river and take part in our family friendly event. Join Thames21 to help clean-up the Thames foreshore and learn more about the citizen science work of our Thames River Watch project. During this event we will do a litter clean-up, carry out a foreshore litter survey, demonstrate our water quality monitoring and will have information you can explore about the health of London's great river. We will provide all the equipment needed, you just need to come along with enthusiasm and wearing clothes you don't mind getting a bit dirty! Millwall Drawdock is opposite the entrance to Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre on Westferry Road E14

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 24 July 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Wednesday 25 July 2018, 5.30-8pm, Regent's Canal/Limehouse Cut

**Canal Clean-up**

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[How to get there](#)

Sunday 29 July 2018, 11.30am-1.30pm, Victoria Park

**Make Your Mark on Vicky Park: Hedgehog Hunting**

Join the biodiversity officer to set up and monitor tunnels for hedgehogs while learning more about them. Opportunities are available to attend throughout the week to find out if hedgehogs do live in the park. The event is free but places are limited so **booking is essential**. To book please call 020 7364 4504 or [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 29 July 2018, 12 noon-2pm, Victoria Park

**Make wildlife sculpture from wood**

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Tuesday 31 July 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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## August 2018

Sunday 5 August 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Practical Nature Conservation Project**

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Tuesday 7 August 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Saturday 11 August 2018, 10.30am-12.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Summer Tree Walk**

Join Dan Hall (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park) for a walk and talk about some of the 4,000 trees in Victoria Park. Learn how to identify the many types of trees during the summer months. The event is free but places are limited so **booking is essential**. To book please call 020 7364 4504 or [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 14 August 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Thursday 16 August 2018, 10.30am-12.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Meadow Safari**

Join Ken Greenway (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park) on a stroll to explore our meadow areas and the many flowers and mini beasts that inhabit them. The event is free but places are limited so **booking is essential**. To book please call 020 7364 4504 or [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 19 August 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Guided Walk**

Join a member of the Friends for a guided tour of the park. Learn all about its fascinating history and/or its fabulous fauna and flora. Meet at the Soanes Centre.

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 21 August 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Sunday 26 August 2018, 11.30am-1.30pm, Victoria Park

**Make your Mark on Vicky Park**

Join our Community Park Rangers to help carry out some practical conservation in the park. No need to book. For more information please [email the Community Park Rangers](#). Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road.

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Tuesday 28 August 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Wednesday 29 August 2018, 5.30-8pm, Regent's Canal/Limehouse Cut

**Canal Clean-up**

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[How to get there](#)

## September 2018

Saturday 1 September 2018, 10am-12.30pm, Victoria Park

### **Bird Barmy Army**

Bring your friends and family along to join local bird expert David Darrell-Lambert and discover what feathered friends are living in 'Vicky' Park. For more information please [email the Community Park Rangers](#). Meet at the Victoria & Alexandra Building.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 2 September 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Practical Nature Conservation Project**

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[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 4 September 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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[How to get there](#)

Saturday 15 September 2018, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Bow Beasties – Bulb planting & seed gathering**

Experience the magic of woodlands and wildlife! Seasonal, outdoor, nature activities and games for children and families. Activities are suitable for children aged 3 to 12. It's FREE but numbers may need to be limited. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a maximum number of places dependent on a safe limit for the activity. Doors will open on the day at 10am and names taken on a clipboard for a prompt start at 10.30. Parents/carers must accompany children: maximum 4 children per adult. Please remember to dress for the weather as we are likely to be outside come rain or shine! Meet at the Soanes Centre.

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Saturday 15 September 2018, 1-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Awake in nature: practices to deepen our connection to the natural world**

Join outdoor educator, Jo Goldsmid, on this half-day experiential workshop. We'll be using our senses, memories, imagination and intuition to reconnect with a child-like wonder and appreciation of the natural world. Expect mindful meanderings and silent games off the beaten path and under the tree canopy. You won't learn lots of facts about the wildlife - there are plenty of other courses where you can do this - but you will come away with a renewed sense of vitality and a deeper sense of belonging on this beautiful planet we call home... Suitable for those aged 16 years or over. **The event costs £32 and booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#). Note there is a choice of dates for this course.

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 16 September 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Guided Walk**

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Tuesday 18 September 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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[How to get there](#)

Sunday 23 September 2018, 11am-1pm, Victoria Park

**Wildfood Walk**

Join Ken Greenway (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park) on a walk where you will learn about and forage for seasonal wild food. See, taste, smell, collect and eat! The event is free but places are limited so **booking is essential**. To book please call 020 7364 4504 or [email the Community Park Rangers](#).

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Tuesday 25 September 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Wednesday 26 September 2018, 5.30-8pm, Regent's Canal/Limehouse Cut

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[How to get there](#)

Saturday 29 September 2018, 7.30am-12 noon, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Bird Ringing Demonstration**

See a professional ornithologist humanely capture birds, examine, ring and record them and help to release them safely into the park. You'll learn how the national ringing programme works and how tracking birds in this way aids their conservation and our knowledge of birds migratory patterns.

Participant feedback from last time we ran this event: "Thank you for an absolutely magical morning today, and I learnt loads". Event includes free coffee/tea and toast breakfast. **The event costs £20 and booking is essential.** To book visit [the Eventbrite website](#).

[How to get there](#)

Sunday 30 September 2018, 11.30am-1.30pm, Victoria Park

**Make your Mark on Vicky Park**

Join our Community Park Rangers to help carry out some practical conservation in the park. No need to book. For more information please [email the Community Park Rangers](#). Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road.

[How to get there](#)

## October 2018

Tuesday 2 October 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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[How to get there](#)

Sunday 7 October 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Practical Nature Conservation Project**

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Tuesday 9 October 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Tuesday 16 October 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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Sunday 21 October 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Guided Walk**

Join a member of the Friends for a guided tour of the park. Learn all about its fascinating history and/or its fabulous fauna and flora. Meet at the Soanes Centre.

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 23 October 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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Saturday 27 October 2018, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Bow Beasties – Pumpkin carving**

Experience the magic of woodlands and wildlife! Seasonal, outdoor, nature activities and games for children and families. This month it's pumpkin carving. **Please bring your own pumpkin!** Activities are suitable for children aged 3 to 12. It's FREE but numbers may need to be limited. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a maximum number of places dependent on a safe limit for the activity. Doors will open on the day at 10am and names taken on a clipboard for a prompt start at 10.30. Parents/carers must accompany children: maximum 4 children per adult. Please remember to dress for the weather as we are likely to be outside come rain or shine! Meet at the Soanes Centre.

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Sunday 29 October 2018, times to be confirmed, Spitalfields City Farm

**Apple Day**

Apple Day is an annual celebration of both the diversity of Britain's 2000 apple varieties and local distinctiveness in general. A fun family day with tea, cakes, apple tasting, music, poetry, the longest peel competition, apple pressing, Lutfun's delicious apple chutney and more. For more information please [the Spitalfields City Farm website](#).

[How to get there](#)

Tuesday 30 October 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

**Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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## November 2018

Sunday 4 November 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Practical Nature Conservation Project**

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Tuesday 6 November 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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Tuesday 13 November 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Saturday 17 November 2018, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Bow Beasties – Making bug hotels and bird feeders**

Experience the magic of woodlands and wildlife! Seasonal, outdoor, nature activities and games for children and families. Activities are suitable for children aged 3 to 12. It's FREE but numbers may need to be limited. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a maximum number of places dependent on a safe limit for the activity. Doors will open on the day at 10am and names taken on a clipboard for a prompt start at 10.30. Parents/carers must accompany children: maximum 4 children per adult. Please remember to dress for the weather as we are likely to be outside come rain or shine! Meet at the Soanes Centre.

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Sunday 18 November 2018, 2-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Guided Walk**

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Tuesday 20 November 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Weekly drop-in Volunteer Day**

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Tuesday 27 November 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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## December 2018

Sunday 2 December 2018, 10am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Tuesday 4 December 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Tuesday 11 December 2018, 9.30am-4pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Saturday 15 December 2018, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

### **Bow Beasties – Festive wreaths & tree decorations**

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