

Visits to Mottey Meadows National Nature Reserve

Mottey Meadows NNR near Wheaton Aston, Stafford is one of the finest botanical sites in the country. The site comprises a series of meadows which have been managed for the production of hay for centuries. The meadows support over 240 species of flowering plants, a number of invertebrates species & are home to many breeding birds.

- Friendly reserve staff will welcome you & your class to explore the natural surroundings on your doorstep.
- We offer a **FREE** & enjoyable countryside experience for school aged children by providing a range of Curriculum linked interactive games & activities.
- All of our activities have been designed to have strong links to the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2, however activities can be adapted to suit the age & needs of your own group.
- We can offer a safe & secure environment for your children.
- We invite you to visit the reserve to look around before bringing your class.
- All visits are led by Natural England members of staff who are fully CRB checked.
- Site specific risk assessments can be provided.



Schools Activity Programme

National Curriculum Links

SC2 1b, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e

Mottey Meadows NNR provides an inspirational environment for outdoor learning. The following activities aim to reinforce classroom learning from elements of the 'Life Processes and Living Things' section of the National Curriculum. All visits will start with a guided walk looking at the different habitats & species in & around the Meadows.

Parts of a Flower

Introduce the key parts of a flower through role play.
Draw & use simple charts to identify the meadow flowers.

Pollination & Fertilisation

Children become parts of a flower or insects to bring the process of insect pollination to life in a lively game.

Food Chains & Webs

Play our food web game to understand how living things are dependent on food chains in their environment.

Seed Dispersal

Investigate methods of seed dispersal & play our interactive seed dispersal game.

Mini Beast Safari

Investigate the mini-beasts of the meadows using a variety of survey methods & simple charts for identification.

We recommend you visit the meadows during May & June when the wildflowers are at their best and combine a half day visit with an adjacent educational access farm visit. Please see details overleaf.

For further information about the activities we can offer you please contact Caroline Dahn on 0300 060 0583 or e-mail caroline.dahn@naturalengland.org.uk



Farm Visits

Farms can be an inspirational environment & pupils of all ages can benefit from fun and educational activities led by farmers.

From a teaching point of view, the real beauty of a farm visit is that you can use your surroundings to teach so much of the National Curriculum, from science and geography, to literacy and art.

Farm visits are supported by Natural England as part of Higher Level Stewardship (HLS). Stewardship is a grant scheme which offers payments to farmers who help to enhance and conserve the English landscape, as well as improving habitats and helping to increase biodiversity. Educational Access is one part of this programme.



Sue Foxall
welcomes you to
Rookery Farm

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For several years Motte Meadows NNR has been twinned with Rookery Farm to offer unique joint school visits, demonstrating how farming and conservation can work together.

Rookery Farm is a mixed arable and beef farm owned & managed by Rob & Sue Foxall. Farm activities can help to teach about food production & a combined trip to Motte Meadows can also demonstrate how farmers help nature conservation.

There may also be the opportunity to handle and feed animals, explore the habitats along the farm trail, try pond dipping or learn another new skill. Sue is happy to tailor the day to meet your exact needs to ensure you get the most from your trip.

Facilities include toilets, a classroom, coach parking & a teachers information pack.

To arrange a visit contact Sue Foxall on:
0845 1307175.

