

Important Information

Charges for Education Packages

Full and half-day sessions are available, and packages can be tailored to meet the requirements of your group. Please contact us for details of prices.

The Greensand Trust will invoice following the visit. Please supply us with an invoice address, and order number, if appropriate, when booking. Groups can discuss alternative means of payment with the Education Team.

Contact Us

Get in Touch!

Contact us by telephone on **01525 378101**

or by email to **info@greensandtrust.org**

Our Website

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Planning Your School Visits?

Unique Education Opportunities with The Greensand Trust

All About Us!

The Greensand Trust is an independent environmental charity that works with local communities and landowners to conserve and promote the distinctive landscape, wildlife and history of the Greensand Ridge and the wider surrounding area.

The Trust aims to inspire people to engage with the natural environment in their local area. We offer a variety of events and activities, from guided walks to fun family days, suitable for all ages and levels of interest, at sites across the Greensand area.

Our dedicated Education Team work with local schools and groups to deliver a wide range of programmes packed with fun activities, games and guided walks. These have good cross-curricular links, support national education initiatives and can be tailored to meet the needs of your group. Inspire your group with an exciting trip to discover the natural world!

Read on to find out more about what we can offer you, and how to contact us.



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Our Education Venues

- **Poplars Learning Zone and Wadelows Nature Reserve.** Located beside Poplars Garden Centre, near Toddington, the Learning Zone has facilities for exclusive use of visiting school groups and a nature reserve with no public access.
- **Rushmere Park.** Located just north of Leighton Buzzard, this popular park boasts a range of habitats, including woodland, meadows and heathland areas, and offers facilities for group visits, including a classroom.
- **Amphill Park.** A large expanse of landscaped parkland on the Greensand Ridge with a rich heritage, and range of habitats. There are limited facilities for group visits.
- **Other sites managed by the Greensand Trust.** We are involved in a number of sites along the Greensand Ridge, some of which might be on your doorstep! Contact us to discuss the possibilities.

Your School. We can deliver programmes in your classroom and school grounds, and link these with discovering your local wild places!

We can also arrange trips to working and restored sand quarries in and around Leighton Buzzard, which complement our *Sandtastic* programme.



Education Programme Menu

Tales for Tots – Pre-school to Year 2 (Ages 3-7)

A favourite story, either *The Gruffalo* or *Stick Man*, is the starting point exploring the nature reserve using all the senses on an exciting activity-packed walk.

Sensational Seasons – Reception to Year 2 (Ages 4-7)

Fun, interactive activities introduce the cycling of seasons and the important changes that take place throughout the year. Choose from *Spring into Spring*, *Fun in the Sun*, and *Awesome Autumn*.

Habitat Adventure – Year 1 to Year 3 (Ages 5-8)

An excellent introduction to the essential needs for life and how they help an animal survive. A minibeast hunt gets pupils close to the creatures in the wood and meadow habitats. There is an option to study a pond for this programme.

Habitat Explorers – Year 4 to 6 (Ages 9-11)

Explore the woodland and meadow habitats in-depth. Compare the creatures that live in these habitats, and discover the amazing adaptations that help them to survive. There is an option to study a pond habitat for this programme.

Sandtastic – Year 3 to 6 (Ages 8-11)

A classroom-based programme introducing pupils to rocks and geology, and the sand quarrying industry that developed in the Leighton Buzzard area. There is an option to visit a working sand quarry and/or restored former sandpit.

Flowers and Friends – Year 3 to 6 (Ages 8-11)

Discover the amazing world of plants and all the essential things they need to grow. Explore the role of flowers and find out just how brilliant bees help out.

Map Skills – Year 4 to 7 (Ages 9-12)

Maps are useful, maps are interesting, maps are beautiful, maps are marvellous! Pupils practice map reading, learn about symbols and try out orienteering and a scavenger hunt, working in teams

River Studies – Year 5 to 7 (Age 10-12)

Pupils learn about natural processes in action by carrying out geographical field work and investigations. Only available in certain locations.

Programmes for Keystages 3 and 4 can be arranged on request, as can visits based around themes and topics. Please contact us to discuss the possibilities.

