



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2023



PLEASE BOOK AND PAY FOR YOUR ACTIVITIES ASAP

A parent/carer must accompany their child/ren to all our holiday events, stay with them and be responsible for them at all times (except the Scarf 2 Christmas Party).

Here's our Christmas programme of activities over December! We hope you find something you'd like to do. Please book directly with Lucinda, scarfnewforest@gmail.com or telephone 07874 221249. Please read through our current Covid guidelines: <https://scarfnewforest.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Covid-19-Safety-Guidelines-for-Members-at-Scarf-Activities-from-Sept-2022.pdf>.

Sunday 3rd December, 3.30pm (for 3.45pm train)

Exbury Gardens Festive Express Train, Exbury Gardens, Southampton, SO45 1AZ

We have the steam train booked for 3.45pm – Scarf will have the train all to ourselves, enough for 85 passengers! You can arrive at Exbury Gardens any time during the day (it opens at 10am). The train departs from Exbury Central Station at 3.45pm, so be there for 3.30pm to meet the Scarf rep who will let you know where to sit. The trip lasts about 30 minutes and will have a festive Christmas theme – it's a great way to see around all the gardens. On the day families also get free access to the Christmas Fair and all around Exbury Gardens – there will be lots of stalls, festive music and carol singers, a festive family trail, Christmas wishing tree and the chance to write and post a Letter to Santa. <https://www.exbury.co.uk/events>.

£4 per person

Wednesday 13th December, 6.30-9pm

Scarf 2 Christmas Party, Hoburne Naish, Christchurch Rd, Barton, BH25 7RE

For Scarf 2 young people (Year 11 and above), we're having a Christmas Party at Hoburne Park. We're having a two course meal, followed by a disco. Don't forget to dress Christmassy if you'd like to and wear your Christmas hats or jumpers! Let us know asap if you'd like to come along (and music choices). Menu choices will be sent out in advance as we need to pre-order.

£20 per young person

Wednesday 13th December, 7.30-8.30pm

Storytime with Santa - The Imaginarium Bookshop, 10 Angel Courtyard, Lymington, SO41 9AP

Against the backdrop of this cosy independent bookshop, Santa will be reading "The Night Before Christmas", and then will meet each child individually. The session should take about an hour, with Santa reading to the children for about 20 minutes and then the rest of the time will be for the

children to have a 1 to 1 with Santa and a photo opportunity - every child/young person will get a gift of a book and some sweet goodies from Santa to take home with them. Room for 10-12 children plus ideally just one parent/carer per family (unless more are needed for support) as it's a small shop, so unfortunately no room for extended family. Aimed at younger members or any child/young person who would enjoy meeting Santa. Sorry it's a bit later in the evening than we would have liked for younger members, but Santa is very busy at this time or year so could only fit us in then! Have a look here for more details: <https://www.imaginariumbooks.co.uk/>.

£5 per child (12 children)

Sunday 17th December, 10am and 11am

Patrick's Patch Christmas Craft, High Street, Beaulieu, Hampshire, SO42 7YB

Come to Patrick's Patch, a beautiful community garden in Beaulieu, for a Christmas craft session – you'll be allocated a group to come along at either 10am or 11am and you'll be making Christmas table decorations out of natural materials. There's also the robin Christmas trail around the garden to do too. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Parking available at Fairweathers Garden Centre, just over the road. <https://fairweathers.co.uk/patricks-patch/>.

£3 per child (16 places available)

Monday 18th December, 11am-12.30pm

"Wish", The Cinema, Lymington Community Centre, New Street, Lymington SO41 9BQ.

Scarf are having a private viewing of the film "Wish" (PG) at the Cinema in Lymington. The film starts at 11am so please arrive by around 10.45am to take your seats – the duration is 1 hour, 32 minutes. You can bring your own snacks, but please take your rubbish with you when you leave. Remember parking can be difficult so leave extra time to find a space. Have a look at the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyRxxpD3yNw>.

£3 per person (extended family/friends welcome)

Wednesday 20th December, 6-7pm

Ringos, Snowtrax, Matchams Lane, Hurn, Christchurch, BH23 6AW

We are taking over the ski slopes at Snowtrax for an hour of fun on the ringos. We have 20 ringos, and I've heard that they have installed a new escalator to make getting ringos up the hill much easier. The café should be open for hot/cold drinks. Suitable for children age 5+ and must be over 1m tall (3ft 3"). All children will need to wear helmets during the session which can be borrowed, or you can bring your own (cycling or skiing helmets are fine). <https://www.snowtrax.eu/ringos/>.

£10 per child (20 places available, age 5+)

Thursday 21st December, 3-5pm

Jake Frost and the Guardians of Christmas, Applemore College, Roman Rd, Dibden Purlieu, Hythe, Southampton SO45 4RQ

This is for all those that love the magic of Christmas, a fun family event including family friendly Christmas challenges, competitions, crafts, live performances, refreshments and much more. We have booked this slot just for Scarf families. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities and work together to complete a series of challenges, to collect the magic tokens from the Guardians of Christmas! There will be live actors and small group challenges to work though including biscuit decorating, toy assembling, snowball throwing, music making, puzzle solving and lots, lots more. Here's a short promo to explain it all: <https://vimeo.com/884354622>

£3 per person (lots of places available for Scarf families – suitable for all ages)

How to Book:

- Choose your activities and email or call Scarf to make a booking (07874 221249 or scarfnewforest@gmail.com) – let us know exact numbers coming to the activity.
- For the Christmas programme, we are giving families the first week after the programme is released to put in their choices before places are allocated (to ensure places are allocated fairly rather than first-come-first-served). Further activities can be booked later on if places are available.
- You will receive an email either confirming your places or advising if you are on a waiting list. If you are on the waiting list where activities are over-subscribed you won't need to pay for this activity unless a place becomes available.
- Please pay for your confirmed activities in advance either by bank transfer (preferred method) or posting a cheque.
- For bank transfers - account name: Scarf, sort code: 30 92 02 (Lloyds Bank), account number: 02657039.
- Or cheques payable to Scarf – email Lucinda for the Treasurer's address for posting.

We remain committed to ensuring that Scarf is accessible to all, and have a concessions fund available to those experiencing financial hardship - do please apply (in confidence, to scarfnewforest@gmail.com or tel: 07874 221249, or approach one of our Committee Members) if you have genuine difficulty with accessing Scarf activities due to the cost and would like to access our hardship fund.

For further information contact Lucinda Dowson on 07874 221249 or email: scarfnewforest@gmail.com

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