



Welcome to The High Nature Centre

Spring News 2013

The High Nature Centre is a low impact rural enterprise located within the living working landscape of the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Centre welcomes visitors to the area and promotes the protection and preservation of the natural landscape and all those who live and work within it.

High Nature Provides:

- Workshop Space for Local Artisans & Crafts People
 - Unique Yurt Camping Nature Holidays
- Visitor Information & Light Refreshments
 - Naturally Grown Local Produce
 - Arts, Crafts & Well Being Activities



THE CENTRE OPENS SUMMER 2013
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News from High Nature

TUNNEL WORKSHOPS

At present there are 5 local people using and developing the workshop spaces here at the Centre. Moira Laidlaw - Felt Making, Andy Brown - Furniture Restoration, Justine Chinn - Upholstery, Doug Lane - Green Woodwork and Cat Middle - Art & Design.

YURT CAMPING

The Centre launches its Yurt Camp this year and is taking bookings for Summer 2013. 5 yurts are available to book, 2 Large Family Yurts (sleep up to 6 people), 2 Medium Yurts (sleep up to 5) and 1 x Small Yurt (sleeps 3). The yurts are beautifully hand-made and positioned within a carefully designed landscape.

TREES

Over 2000 hedgerow trees have been planted at the Centre this winter. The species include: Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Field Maple, Hazel, Dogwood, Spindle, Guelder Rose, Dog Rose, Common Gorse, Sea Buckthorn, and Rowan. There are some spare trees available for sale if anyone is interested.

WILD FLOWERS

Over 30 different wild flowers and grasses have been sown at the Centre this year as part of the landscaping plan to increase wild life habitat. We are looking forward to seeing what emerges this Summer.

BEEES

Bees are behind schedule this year due to the prolonged cold winter. The East Portlemouth bee hives and their colonies are due to arrive around mid May. Please check the website for updates.

EGGS

The High Nature hens and ducks are now in full egg production. Eggs are on sale at our front gate stall. Please contact us if you would like a regular order.

HERBS & SALADS

Freshly cut herbs and salad leaves will soon be available to visitors (picked to order) and local community members (pick your own).

Visit Us / Get Involved

LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

We are beginning to open up the Centre to the Local Community. If you are a permanent resident living in the Parishes of East Portlemouth, Chivelstone or Stokenham you are welcome to get involved in a number of ways:

- Take on a Workshop Space

Do you have a business idea or a hobby that you would like to develop? Or maybe you are simply looking for a desk space to use on a casual basis? The tunnel workshops at High Nature offer a unique working environment where you can explore new ideas and inspire others.

- Run a Workshop Session

We are currently looking for people to run arts, crafts and well-being workshop sessions for our yurt campers and day visitors (during August and half term), and for our school groups during Autumn 2013 and Spring 2014. We provide the space, you provide the sessions and arrange the pricing!

- Co-parenting Crèche

We are currently in the process of setting up a co-parenting crèche area for those with young children. Let us know if you are interested in helping to develop this idea.

- Livestock & Wild Life Care, Food Growing & Land Management

Perhaps you would like to add your own hen to the flock, help with harvesting the herbs and salads, or try growing your own chillies?

- Community Interest Company

Are you interested in becoming part of a Community Interest Company? The Centre is currently looking into the viability of setting up a social enterprise to steer the development of the tunnels for the benefit of the local community. Please contact us if you would like to join this Group.

- Drop in Community Open Days, 10am - 6pm, May - September 2013

SUNDAY Family Day - Drop in with friends and family... meet, rest and play.
WEDNESDAYS - Arts & Crafts Open Workshop Day (BYO tools & materials)

A QUICK VISIT? - Drop in MON - WED between 1-2pm or 6pm-7pm

The High Nature Centre is located between the villages of East Portlemouth and East Prawle (opposite High House Farm - OS ref SX 75911 37628). We can be reached by ferry from Salcombe, followed by a choice of three footpaths. Please check www.high-nature.co.uk/getting_here.html for more info.



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