



Events in the Lower Stour Valley

- [The 8th Preston Rally and East Kent Show](#) is a country show with a range of attractions, demonstrations, stalls and rides, including a newly built full-size steam railway. The Show takes place at Preston Court, next to St Mildred's Church on the outskirts of Preston and this year's dates are 26th & 27th June 2010.
- [BASH, Sandwich](#) – Bringing Alive Sandwich Heritage holds a series of concerts, wild food walks, medieval festivals & Rough Musicke (privately booked) – a band combining early music traditions and 'raucous percussion'.
- [Canterbury Environmental Education Centre](#) offers 30 acres of woodland, lakes and reed beds where you can follow nature trails and discover wildlife. The centre organises a wide range of activities for children such as making a clay hedgehog, brass rubbings and pond dipping.
- [Canterbury Festival](#) – 16th–30th October 2010 – alongside the many literary and musical events taking place over the two-week period, a series of guided walks are held both in and around Canterbury, led by local historians, conservationists and wildlife experts.
- [Fowlmead Country Park](#) – see the events calendar for details of the wide range of cycling events, walks and talks.
- [The Kentish Stour Countryside Project](#) looks after the River Stour from its source at Lenham through Canterbury and Fordwich and out to Pegwell Bay. The Project will lead group walks on request along both the Stour Valley Walk and Saxon Shore Way, taking in the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve. Minimum group size – 12, £donation agreed in advance.
- [The Littlebourne Barn](#) – open during the National Heritage Open Days and at various other times during the year. The local committee also organises events, Art shows and Craft Fairs, and can arrange for the hire of the Barn for charitable or non profit-making activities.
- Look out for [Screen on the Green](#) events taking place at Richborough Roman Fort & Amphitheatre. These are open-air cinema screenings. *(Dates for 2010 not yet publicised)*
- [The Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Field Centre](#) holds events and activities for all ages throughout the year. Regular evening walks and talks cover a wide range of natural history subjects which are set according to the seasons, monthly boat trips with the



Sandwich River Bus to see the birds in the estuary, photography workshops, pond dipping and Wildlife Explorers Group activities for children, Wine & Wisdom events and more. Non-members are welcome – please note you need to book your places on many events in advance. Call the field centre on 01304 617341 or email via the website.

- [St. Peter's Church, Sandwich](#) – a wide range of events takes place in this ancient church including art and sculpture exhibitions, craft fairs, organ recitals, floral displays and a festival of trees at Christmas time. Check the programme on their website.
- [St. Mary's Church, Sandwich](#) – music, drama and art events as well as private functions take place all year round in the oldest church in Sandwich. Download a copy of the programme from their website.
- The [Sandwich Festival](#) is an annual event held during August, culminating in a Jazz Festival on Bank Holiday Monday. The 2010 Festival takes place from 22nd–30th August.
- Several gardens in the area take part in the [Yellow Book Open Garden scheme](#).
- The [White Mill Rural Heritage Centre](#) at Sandwich opens specially over the National Mills Weekend in May and the National Heritage Weekend in September (dates vary), as well as over the August Bank Holiday weekend (all 3 days) as part of the Sandwich Festival.
- The Wickhambreaux Village Fete – on the village green on 26th June.
- The [Explore Kent Walking Festival](#) takes place between Saturday 24th April and Saturday 31st July 2010, giving you the opportunity to join guided walks throughout the county. We recommend signing up for the newsletter and updates prior to your visit so that you can get an idea of what will be taking place during your stay.