

Blandford NHSRF Programme February 2026 to January 2027
10.15am Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion Blandford DT11 7DN unless otherwise stated.

(We may add further ad-hoc events to this programme.)

25th February 2026 - 12.00pm for 12.30pm
Lunch at 'The Charlton Inn' Charlton Marshall

11th March 2026 - Richard Hutley
"Bigfoot - Fact or Fiction?"

Bigfoot (otherwise known as Sasquatch) is a cryptic large half man, half ape creature reportedly roaming the forests, mountains and uninhabited wilderness of North America. Evidence suggests that these creatures exist, supported by Native American folklore stretching back long before the arrival of Europeans in the Americas. Denied by science, but witnessed by countless people, video footage, DNA and other supporting evidence. Make your mind up.

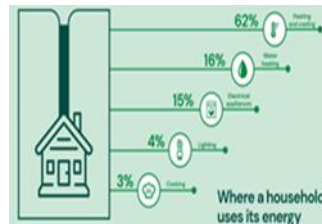


8th April 2026 - AGM

A collection box for group funds will be brought to this meeting. Donations optional, as much or as little as you are able to give.

13th May 2026 - Carla Ellery
"Citizens Advice Energy Team in Dorset/BCP"

An Energy Advisor talk giving lighter touch energy advice, explaining gas and electricity statements, helping residents to sign up for the Priority Service Register for extra support if there is an issue with power or water, giving carbon monoxide awareness and offering free CO monitors. (If required, a more in-depth energy phone advice appointment can be given by their Dorset Energy Advice Team.)



Thursday - 2nd July 2026 - 2.00pm

Garden Visit to Chantry Farm A series of gardens surrounding the C16 farmhouse and three renovated barns. Designed by Justin Spink there are colourful long borders, walled gardens, swimming pool area, cutting and vegetable gardens. Espalier fruit trees, pleached hornbeam and weeping pears divide the areas. Fields with mown paths and beautiful views. Seating and wheelchair access. Tea/coffee and cakes as well.

8th July 2026 - Jo Amey
"The Servant Question"

This looks at the changes in domestic service, especially the introduction of labour saving equipment, in the first half of the twentieth century.



August no meeting



9th September 2026 -Mike Davies
"Women Not Allowed" The history of working men's clubs which originated in the 19th century, primarily in industrial areas of Britain, to provide recreation and education for working-class men and their families.

End September beginning October 2026
Lunch or outing TBC

14th October 2026 - Hannah Bird
(Cyber Crime Protect and Prevention Officer Dorset Police)
Cyber Crime Protection. Phishing. Bank Fraud. Keeping personal details secure. Telephone scams etc.

11th November 2026 -Paula Harmon

'Research Rabbit Holes & Warrens – Come and hear about what Paula's has discovered when lost in research rabbit-holes. From the real purpose of Girl Guides via a surprise in her family history to how you could (but perhaps shouldn't) dye your hair or treat your poorly children, Paula will share some of the fascinating, and occasionally bizarre, facts she's uncovered.

No meeting in December

2nd December 2026 - 12.00pm for 12.30pm
Christmas Lunch at Ashley Wood Golf Club



13th January 2027

No speaker, just our usual cakes and chat meeting.