

# Watercress & Winterbournes

Free illustrated talk about water meadows



## The Myth and Magic of Water Meadows

Free lecture by Dr Kathy Stearne

Kathy, an experienced speaker and water meadow expert, will be talking about the history and ecological interest of water meadows, from 1600 to the present day.

There will be an opportunity to share your memories of these special places and to help shape activity to be delivered through the Watercress & Winterbournes HLF project. This will help to protect and celebrate these fascinating features of the chalk landscape.



We have 2 dates for you to choose from. There is no charge for these events.

### Dates:

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov; Perins School, Alresford.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov; Testbourne Community School, Whitchurch

Events are identical and run from 19:30 - 20:45

About our speaker

Dr Kathy Stearne has a doctorate in the study of water meadows and over 30yrs of experience working with farmers in the countryside. Together they conserve the ecological diversity and historical importance of our water meadows and the wider landscape.

Kathy has worked closely with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for many years.

Come and hear why Kathy feels “intensive integrated agricultural systems that have been important for over 400 years are still important today”



Booking is not essential, but if you have any questions please call Maggie Shelton on:  
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