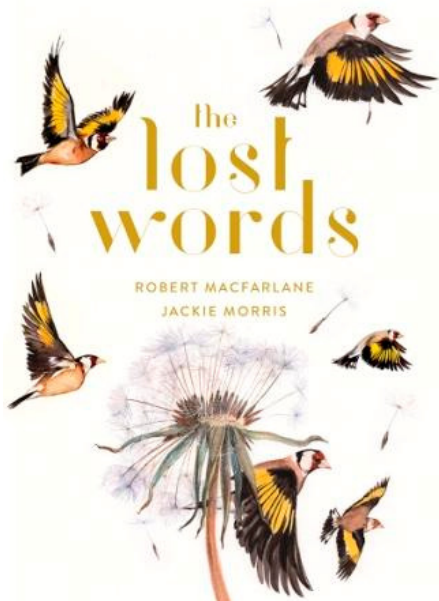


**Competition - Come and enjoy the *Lost Words* Trail at Thorncombe Wood near Dorchester  
Pick up a leaflet and let nature inspire your words...**



Various ferns grow in Thorncombe Wood. They are shade tolerant so thrive under the tree canopy.

Can you make a poem using the letters below.....?

F.....

E.....

R.....

N.....



## Fern

Hardy wrote a poem about his Childhood in the Ferns. Find it in our visitor centre.

At Thorncombe we have Harts Tongue, Broad Buckler, Hard Shield and bracken ferns all growing side by side.

How many ferns can you count around you?



Email your FERN poem to [hardysbirthplace@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:hardysbirthplace@dorsetcc.gov.uk) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April and tell us what you think of the trail for a chance to win a copy of the beautiful *The Lost Words* book by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.