



Birdwatching Group

Monthly Meetings 2019

Date	Organiser	Location	Departure Time	Notes
25 January	Andrea Willett 01768864400	Caerlaverock	Rheged 9.00am	Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. Entrance charge for non-members. Cafe and hides. Whooper swan feeding.
22 February	Hedda Moore 07981321306	Workington area	Rheged 9.00am	Water birds / sea birds
22 March	Hedda Moore 07981321306	Geltsdale	Rheged 9.00am	To be confirmed with reserve
26 April	John Wheatley 01768362857	Teesdale	Rheged 9.00am	NNR (free). Nesting waders, black grouse lek, wildflowers. Leader will meet the group on road by Langdon Beck Hotel
24 May	Hedda Moore 07981321306	Haweswater-birdsong	Rheged 9.00am	To be confirmed with reserve
28 June	Dave Neale 07521295454	Walney CWT or Hodbarrow RSPB	Rheged 8.30am	Terns, wildflowers and insects
26 July	Jane Boylan 01768867932	St Bees	Rheged 9.00am	Nesting seabirds. Fairly long walk from car park which has a wc.
16 August*	David Jones 01768484170	Saltholme	Rheged 8.30am	RSPB reserve. Entrance charge for non-members. Cafe and hides. Also seals
27 September	David Jones 01768484170	NE coast- migration	Low Hauxley 10.00am	Northumberland WT reserve, meet at visitor centre. 2 hr drive, arrange own accommodation in NE Thurs night
25 October	Jill Saunders 01228530267	Leighton Moss	Rheged 9.00am	RSPB reserve. Entrance charge for non-members. Cafe and hides.
22 November	Jill Saunders 01228530267	South Solway	Rheged 9.00am	Barnacle geese, golden plover, waders, ducks

See notes overleaf for further information

Notes

1. Group convenor

Group convenor Hedda Moore Tel. 07981321306. Hedda has no email access and a poor mobile signal at home so it is best to text her (as texts get through better than a voice call). Alternatively call David Jones on 017684 84170.

2. Meeting dates

We usually meet on the 4th Friday of each month unless the date clashes with a Bank Holiday weekend when it is sometimes changed (starred*).

3. Organisers

All organisers are asked to contact reserves etc. in advance to inform them of the visit, check facilities are available and find out about recent sightings.

4. Binoculars/telescopes

Binoculars are desirable at all locations and telescopes are useful if you have one available (except for woodland). It may be possible to hire binoculars at some of the reserves.

5. Car sharing

We usually meet to arrange car sharing at the layby behind Rheged, Penrith. Leaving Penrith on the A66 west turn left onto the Redhills road by Travelodge/Burger King. Layby is about 1 mile on right.

We aim to leave promptly at the departure time, usually 9.00am but earlier times are shown in bold.

6. Travelling direct to the location

If you want to go to the location direct please contact the organiser for details of where to meet, unless stated.

7. Lunch

The monthly meetings usually last all day so bring a packed lunch.

8. Footwear and clothing

The terrain of the locations varies but the ground is often uneven so strong shoes/boots are advisable. We are usually outside so do dress in warm and waterproof clothing suitable for the time of year.

9. Wheelchairs and mobility scooters

Some of the locations are wheelchair accessible and some of the reserves have wheelchairs and mobility scooters available. Please check with the organiser or online. If you would like to use a wheelchair/mobility scooter you may need to book in advance with the reserve.

10. Bad weather

If the weather is bad we may have to relocate or cancel. We will try to email in advance but sometimes a decision has to be made on the day. Our usual back-up location is Leighton Moss RSPB reserve which has plenty of hides to shelter in.