



Birdwatching Group

Monthly Meetings 2020

Date	Organiser	Location	Departure Time	Notes
24 th January	Andrea Willett 01768864400	Caerlaverock	Rheged 9.00am	Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. Entrance charge for non-members. Cafe and hides. Whooper swan feeding.
28 th February	Bob Parkes 01768892230	Longtown/North Solway	Rheged 9.00am	Ducks, geese, waders
27 th March	Jill Saunders 01228530267	Ken Dee/Red Kites	Rheged 8.30am/Castle Douglas TBA	Geese, ducks, red kites, woodland birds
24 th April	David Jones 01768484170	Langholm	Rheged 9.00am	Moorland birds/raptors
22 nd May	Hedda Moore 07981321306	Geltsdale/Miltonrigg	Rheged 9.00am	Moorland and woodland birds, cuckoo
26 th June	Jane Boylan 01768867932	St Bees	Rheged 9.00am	Nesting seabirds. Fairly long walk from car park which has a wc.
24 th July	01768862461 & Keith Hodgson 01768865948	Washington WWT	Rheged 8.30am	entrance fee applies
21st August*	David Jones 01768484170	Morecambe/Heysham	Rheged 9.00am	Waders, seabirds
25 th September	01228530267 David Jones 01768484170	Northumberland Coast	TBA	
23 rd October	Dave Neale 07521295454	Walney CWT	Rheged 9.00am	entrance fee applies
27 th November	Hedda Moore 07981321306	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. 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.

4. 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 the Little Chef. 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.

5. 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.

6. Lunch

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

