Loughborough RSPB Local Group

Programme 2013/2014

The RSPB has a network of local groups, like ours, run by volunteers who give large amounts of their time in supporting the main society. It is our aim to raise awareness of the RSPB’s conservation activities and raise funds to enable them to continue their work for wildlife. This we do by organising indoor presentations, field trips and other community activities that enable people to be involved at a local level with the natural world.

We would be very happy to welcome you to any of our events described briefly here. We promise you a warm welcome and always require volunteers to help in our activities.

We are short of committee members and really do need extra help to continue the success the group has enjoyed over the last thirty or so years. The difficulties that wildlife and the countryside face have never been greater and the more people that are prepared to speak out, the more chance that future generations will have the experience and enjoyment that we have had.

This newsletter is designed to be an introduction to the group and show the activities we engage in. Each page shows diary of the events and more detail is given on the website which is always up to date. However we are aware some do not have internet access and may wish for printed information which we will supply on request.

Please only print pages required, to be as green as possible.

www.rspb.org.uk/groups/loughborough

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Loughborough RSPB Local Group Indoor Meetings 2013-2014
Our indoor meetings are held at the university in a proper lecture theatre and it has adjacent, ample free parking. The meetings start at 7-45 pm and finish at 9-45 pm. Full description of the talks is available on request or on our website. The room is equipped with tiered seating, hearing loop and ramp access. We promise a warm welcome and the best speakers available!
Entrance price, Adults-£3.50, Local group Members £3.00.

11 October 2013 Fez to Fair Isle presented by Andy Warren.
Andy is a self-employed ecological consultant and previously worked as a conservation manager with Severn-Trent and a RSPB warden. His talk is about birding trips to Morocco and Fair Isle.

8 November 2013. Texas (from the gulf to the Rio Grande) presented by Colin Kirtland.
A keen birdwatcher and photographer, Colin speaks on a spring visit to witness the bird migration across the Gulf.

Danny, from Loughborough, started a journey 8 years ago to record the wildlife found to the north, through Scotland to the Arctic. Expect fantastic photographs.

10 January 2014. The RSPB’s Natural Secrets by Peter Holden.
Following on from his highly acclaimed lecture of 2012 Peter talks about the other wildlife of the RSPB reserves that benefit from the work to protect birds.

Matt is editor of Birdwatching magazine but his local patch is the Charnwood Forest.

The Group Leader of North Bucks. RSPB. Will tell us about feathers their form and function.

Another visit by Michael, one of the best naturalists in Leicestershire, to talk about the marine wildlife of Britain
Meeting starts at 7-30 to allow AGM to be completed before presentation.

Tim is almost a constant feature at Cossington Meadows and his pictures of its wildlife are outstanding a meeting not to be missed.

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All our Sunday Field Trips are by coach and are carefully planned to give a relaxed day in the countryside, allowing people to spend the day as they wish. Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn, dependent on the season. We have chosen our reserves for all interested in wildlife and photography as well as birds. This year, our coach operator of 30 years is retiring and we will be using a new local operator. We wish Graham Lester a long and happy retirement and hope he will join us as usual, but without having to drive! We will not have our usual flexibility, so booking is essential to allow us to operate properly; for RSPB sites please take your membership card.

29 September 2013 YWT. Potteric Carr. Doncaster. **Start time 8-30 am**
Potteric Carr is a reserve that offers a good range of birds and dragonflies, in September many migrants will be moving through and plenty of hides. **Entrance fee £3.00 Concession £2.50. Free for WT members. (Bring relevant cards)**

20 October 2013 Snettisham RSPB reserve **Start time 8-00 am**
The Norfolk coast in October can provide many unusual birds and other wildlife. This reserve is a very special place and is adjacent to a linear country park that usually turns up a rarity.

1 December 2013 RSPB Titchwell Marsh, Norfolk, PE31 8BB **Start time 7-30 am**
In December this is an ideal location the wildlife perfectly balanced by the facilities at hand. The brent geese will be obvious and over wintering harriers should be found.

2 March 2014 Martin Mere Fish Lane, Burscough, Lancashire L40 0TA **Start time 7-30 am**
A Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust reserve with wild swans and geese. Good facilities for winter weather. **Entrance fee £10.10 Concessions £7.40**

13 April 2014 RSPB Frampton Marsh, Boston, Lincolnshire. PE20 1AY **Start time 8-30 am**
The Lincolnshire coast at the start to spring provides the chance to see the first incoming migrants and residents taking up their breeding quarters.

11 May 2014 RSPB Bempton Cliffs, Bridlington, East Yorkshire YO15 1JF **Start time 7-30 am**
Seabirds on their breeding sites and great views of tree sparrows, possibly corn buntings.

15 June 2014 RSPB Nags Head, Lydney, Gloucestershire. Grid ref. SO606085. **Start time 7-30 am**
Woodland warblers and pied flycatchers, possibly hawfinch.

Either book at our website or contact Bob Orton on 07961249625, text message is the easiest and preferred over phone call. I will confirm asap. Book on line, Text 07961249625 or email. robertorton97@btinternet.com,

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Loughborough Local RSPB Group Midweek Walks 2013 -2014

We also organise wildlife walks on a regular basis and details can be found on our website or by calling Bob Mudge on 01509 620966 or bobmudge@btinternet.com. Just turn up as there is no need to book, we meet at 10 am., we but if we know you are coming any alterations can be notified by e-mail. They are an ideal opportunity to meet members of the group in an informal manner, to find help with wildlife identification and equipment information. Further details can be provided, just ask! Full details of venues are given on the website.

18 September 2013
Rutland Water nature reserve, Egleton, Oakham. Fee payable SK 878072

15 October 2013
Attenborough nature reserve SK516339, Off A6005 between Long Eaton and Beeston.

15 November 2013
Charnwood Forest, meet at lower car park, Woodhouse rd.

16 December 2013
Watermead Water Park, sailing club car park (fee payable), Syston (Hope and Anchor end)

16 January 2014
Beacon Hill. lower car-park off Woodhouse Rd. SK521148. Good for winter birds.

17 February 2014
Ulverscroft Manor. meeting place to be decided, please website or phone.

19 March 2014
Cossington Meadows, car parking on Rothley Rd. Adjacent to the reserve entrance.

14 April 2014
Calke Park, meet at the ‘round’ car park at the Diminsdale end.SK375227

13 May 2014
Carr Vale Flash, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust reserve. SK459701

17 June 2014
Brandon Marsh, Coventry. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust reserve, SP386757

19 September 2014

Please ask for detailed meeting points and contact details, in week prior to event.

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Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation.

For several years now Loughborough RSPB Local Group has been working with the Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation providing volunteers to work with school children visiting the Yew Trail outdoor classroom, where "children of all ages, abilities and diverse ethnic and social backgrounds can explore, enjoy and experience the natural world through practical involvement."
The bird-hide on the trail is equipped with RSPB posters and flash cards. Volunteers work with visiting primary school groups helping them to identify the woodland birds they encounter during their visit and introducing them to the work of the RSPB.
The Loughborough Local Group also sponsors a prize for the children attending the Yew Trail classroom for the best piece of writing on a wildlife subject.

Currently Julia Wolfe and John Harper are volunteering at Shuttlewood Clarke and they would welcome more helpers.

Please get in touch with them if you are interested by contacting the website.

Coach trips.

As you may know our coach operator, Graham Lester of Lester's Coaches, is retiring and we wish him well and hope he and his wife will join us on future trips. Graham has provided coaches for our trips for about 30 years and has always been reliable and is considered a friend by all. We shall miss his good humour and his ability to always accommodate our changing requirements!
We have a new coach company for our trips and we hope to build a relationship with them over to coming season.

The RSPB is the country’s largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home. Together with our partners, we protect threatened birds and wildlife so our towns, coast and countryside will teem with life once again. We also play a leading role in a worldwide partnership of nature conservation organisations.
More details are available at www.rspb.org.uk/groups/loughborough or contact us:-

Group membership charges are Adult £2.00. Family £4.00.

Registering as members enables us to keep you informed of our activities and any programme changes.

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Loughborough RSPB Members Group Booking Form

Application for Membership 2013-2014

I enclose £2.00/£4.00 (single/family) membership subscription for the Loughborough & District RSPB Members Group. (Please note that membership runs from 1st September for 12 months).

Name

Address

Tel. No

E-mail address
(Please update if necessary)

I/we would be prepared to volunteer for occasional tasks. □

Please indicate

Membership can be renewed at indoor meetings with this completed form, or by completing an online form on the website. If you renew your membership by post you must enclose a stamped and addressed envelope. In all cases cheques should be made payable to RSPB Loughborough Members Group.

Please return, with a stamped and addressed envelope to –

Peter Farnworth,
14 Stonehill, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2LY.
Telephone: 01332 810061. lboro.rspb@virgin.net

Trip Booking requirements can also be handed in to any committee member at indoor meetings.

Field Trips 2013-2014

2013

September 29
Depart 8.30 am
YWT Potteric Carr _ places

October 20
Depart 8.00 am
Snettisham RSPB _ places

December 1
Depart 7.30 am
Titchwell Marsh RSPB _ places

2014

March 2
Depart 7.30 am
Martin Mere WWT _ places

April 13
Depart 8.30 am
Frampton Marsh _ places

May 11
Depart 7-30 am
Bempton Cliffs RSPB _ places

June 15
Depart 7.30 am
RSPB Nags Head _ places

Please note:-
We do not ask for a deposit prior to the trip but assess the viability of the trip from bookings made. We are a small group and our trips are a large financial risk to us, we would ask that any cancellations made within 14 days of the trip or failure to travel, incur a £10 payment per booked seat. This ensures we can continue to offer field trips at a reasonable cost and remain financially sound.

We will endeavor to fill any cancelled places and be sympathetic to exceptional circumstances.

Short notice bookings and cancellations to either,

Robert Orton 07961249625 (robertorton97@btinternet)
Peter Farnworth (lboro.rspb@virgin.net)

The RSPB Loughborough Local Group would like to keep your details to send you further information about group activities and the work of the RSPB. If you want to amend or update your details or you do not want us to use them in the way stated, please contact me at the above address.

If you wish to receive this information electronically, please confirm your e-mail address here ____________________

The Loughborough RSPB Members Group promise not to pass your details to anyone else.