

October

Saturday 17 October (10.30am)

A Walk and Exercise at Williamson Park - In the morning we will take a walk through Fenham Carr to look for birds on the feeders, in the woodland and on the reservoir. After lunch we meet with Helen Dixon a qualified instructor in Nordic Walking who will show us the techniques in a free taster session. Meet at the Quernmore Road car park (SD492615) Leader Val Hall **Booking needed for the Nordic Walking session.** Come along and have a try.

Tuesday 27 October (2.30pm)

“The BASC Osprey Project and Conservation” *

An illustrated talk by regional officer Mike Thornley who has been looking after ospreys in the South Lakes for many years. This new project has formed to help landowners manage the spread of ospreys. Meet at Sefton Road URC Church, Heysham

November

Monday 16 November (10.00am)

Lane Ends and Pilling – Our annual visit to see the thousands of wintering geese and waders that congregate in this southern end of Morecambe Bay. Meet at Lane Ends picnic area, Pilling (SD414494) Leader Ken Harrison

Tuesday 24 November (2.30pm)

“The Wild Brown Bears of Finland” * - An illustrated talk by Steve Lovell about this unspoilt and peaceful land inside the Arctic Circle. The stronghold of this wonderful creature and home to a host of birds and other animals. & a remarkable coastal capital city. Meet at Sefton Road URC Church, Heysham

December

Wednesday 16 December (10.30am)

Teal Bay – Our annual pre-Christmas get together. A wader watch as the high tide approaches, Meet at the eastern end of Morecambe promenade by the VVV Health club (SD 461659). Followed by mince pies and refreshments at Heysham. - Leaders - Chris and Bill Ashby

For more information visit
rspb.org.uk/groups/lancaster

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Stout footwear, warm clothing and packed lunches are recommended for field outings.

If weather forecasts are poor, please ring 07542 117064 the previous evening before 9pm. The leader has discretion to cancel an event if the weather conditions are unfavorable.

We hope that members will aim to reduce car use by car-sharing as much as possible.

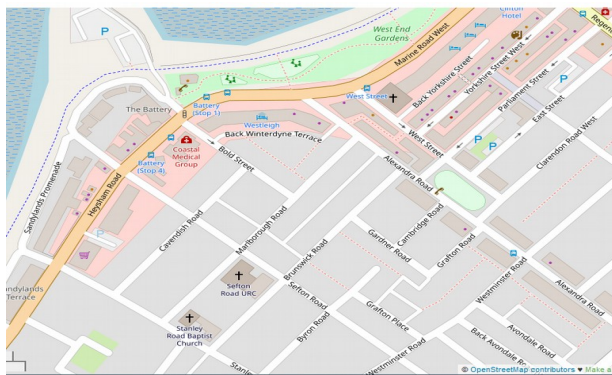
If help is required to attend a meeting please email rsplancaster@gmail.com and we will do our best to assist.

At indoor meetings marked * we request a donation to help cover the cost of the event.

This is the venue for our indoor meetings

Sefton Road URC Church, 39 Sefton Road, Heysham, Morecambe LA3 1TZ

Sefton Road is at the southern end of the Morecambe promenade, on the left just after the point where the main road turns inland by the Battery towards Heysham. The venue can be accessed from all directions. There is a good bus service in the area with a bus stop at the end of Sefton Road on the A589.



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LANCASTER Local Group

Programme
of visits and speakers
2020

January

Saturday 11 January (9.30am)

Condor Green to Aldcliffe - Start the New Year with a breath of fresh air as we walk upstream towards Aldcliffe Lane. Looking for farmland birds on the fields and hedgerows, wintering wildfowl and waders on the river. Returning by the same route.

Meet at the Condor Green picnic area car park (SD456562) - Leader Michael Gardner

February

Tuesday 11 February (10.30am)

Hesketh Out Marsh - A visit to this RSPB reserve on the Ribble Estuary. In the morning we will have a guided walk down to the river through an area usually out of bounds to the public
Cost £4 RSPB members or £5 non members.
After lunch we can look for waders and wildfowl on the pools, walking back through the fields looking for farmland birds or go on to Marshside.
Meet in the reserve car park Dib Lane (SD498878)
Leader Val Hall

Tuesday 25 February (2.30pm)

“My Life with Birds” * - An illustrated talk by Andre Farrar who worked for the RSPB in a number of roles in Lancashire before moving to the head office..He will speak of hen harriers, red kites and waders and his connections to their stories
Meet at Sefton Road URC Church, Heysham

March

Tuesday 10 March (10.30am)

Middleton Sands & Sunderland Point – A spring walk along this coastal promontory looking for flocks of waders on the incoming tide. Walking to the village and harbour, an area of Morecambe Bay steeped in natural and social history.
Meet at Potts Corner Middleton (SD413571)
Leader Alan Smith

Tuesday 24 March (2.30pm)

“Pineapple Peril for migrants and African woodland species.” * - An illustrated talk by Ann Scott showing how money raised through the Bob Scott Memorial Appeal is being used to save Kenyan coastal forests which are being cut down for pineapple growing for the western world
Meet at Sefton Road URC Church, Heysham



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April

Monday 20 April (10.0am)

Hutton Roof - A guided walk around this fascinating area of limestone woodland on the Lancashire/Cumbria boundary
Looking for spring migrants and other wildlife
Meet at the Plain Quarry car park Burton-in-Kendal. (SD 552761) Leader: Bryan Yorke

Tuesday 28 April (7.30pm)

“Belarus – Europe’s Secret Wildlife Wilderness” * - An illustrated talk by Barrie Cooper about this land of ancient forests, bogs and marshes. A place to find azure tit and aquatic warbler among a good selection of raptors, owls and woodpeckers along with numerous mammals
Meet at Sefton Road URC Church, Heysham

May

Tuesday 19 May (10.30am)

Lowick Common CWT Reserve A guided walk through this new reserve in the South Lakes being developed by the Cumbria Wildlife Trust. A mixed habitat of ponds, meres, fen, heath and grassland full of abundant wildlife. CWT reserves officer Pete Jones, will lead and explain their future plans
Meet at the layby opposite Beck Bottom on the unnamed road to the east of the reserve (SD293848). There is space in the layby for 3 or 4 cars and up the road for more cars.

Tuesday 26 May (7.30pm)

“RSPB Bird Crime Investigations.” * - An illustrated talk by Howard Jones, RSPB northern region investigations officer, telling us about his work in combating bird crime
Meet at Sefton Road URC Church, Heysham

June

Friday 12 June (10.30am)

Carr House Green Common, Inskip A walk to look for summer wildlife on this SSSI. A very important site as it is an example of what most of the Fylde would have looked like in the past before land was reclaimed.
Park at the Derby Arms, Inskip. PR4 0TJ (SD465374)
Leader Graham Thomas

July

Tuesday 7 July (10.30am)

Haybridge Nature Reserve – A visit to this private reserve that lies within the peaceful Rusland Valley. A mixed habitat including raised bog & coppiced woodland, with an interesting visitor/exhibition/ information centre. Ospreys nested here for the first time in 2017.
Meet in the reserve car park (SD336876)
Leader – Robert Metcalf

August

Tuesday 25 August (7.00pm)

A bat evening at Leighton Moss – We start with an illustrated talk about these interesting mammals by bat expert Gail Armstrong Then (weather permitting) a walk on the reserve as dusk approaches equipped with bat detectors to experience the thrill of hearing (on the detector) and then seeing the bats fly by
Meet at the Holt, Leighton Moss RSPB reserve, Storrs Lane, Silverdale, LA5 0SW (SD362954)

September

Friday 18 September (10.00am)

A Trumper Trek and walk at Wyre Estuary Country Park, Stannah, Blackpool

A chance for our less able bodied members to attend a bird watching outing. with us. Trampers are electric vehicles that can tackle rough ground, allowing everyone access to the countryside in comfort. There will be a number of these vehicles available at the country park for our members to use. The River Wyre is the southern boundary of Morecambe Bay. We will trek along the river towards Skippool, coming back through the fields. Walkers on foot welcome to join in
Meet at Wyre Estuary Country Park car park, River Rd. FY5 5LR (SD355431) - Leader Andrew Cornall
Booking with Val needed for the Trampers

Tuesday 22 September (7.30pm)

“Lancashire Wildlife” * -An illustrated talk by Martin Jump a local photographer well known across Lancashire for his superb images. He wants to get people outdoors to enjoy nature that is on their doorstep. His talk is a showcase of the wonderful wildlife around us
Meet at The Holt, Leighton Moss RSPB reserve, Storrs Lane, Silverdale, LA5 0SW

This talk will follow the group AGM.