

November

Wednesday 20 November (2.30pm)

“Birdwatching & Wildlife in the Narbonne area”

* - An illustrated talk by Philippa Benson who has lived for 15 years in this outstanding area of Southern France which is on the Western Mediterranean flyway.

Meet at the Centre @ Halton.

Thursday 28 November (10am)

Middleton Sands & Sunderland Point – A walk along the coast to the village and harbour to watch the waders on the incoming tide.

Meet at Potts Corner Middleton (SD413571)

Leader Alan Smith

Saturday 30 November (10am)

Jumble Sale at Ingleton Community Centre (10am to set up and doors open at 2pm)

We have booked space at the Community Centre to hold a fund raising day. The weekly Ingleton “jumbler” will sort the jumble and man the sale stalls. We need to provide a raffle, a tombola and refreshments and man these stalls. All proceeds go to your RSPB local group. We would welcome donations of prizes and home baked cakes and offers of help on the day. Please contact committee members if you can help in any way. Meet at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton, LA6 3HG
Leaders David & Carol Mann

December

Thursday 12 December (9.30am)

Teal Bay – Our annual pre Christmas get together. As the high tide approaches a wader watch at the eastern end of Morecambe promenade.

Meet near 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

The RSPB is a registered charity in England & Wales 207076 in Scotland SC037654

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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.

The Centre @ Halton

This is the venue for our indoor meetings.

The Halton Centre is on Low Road, Halton post code LA2 6NB and grid reference SD 511650

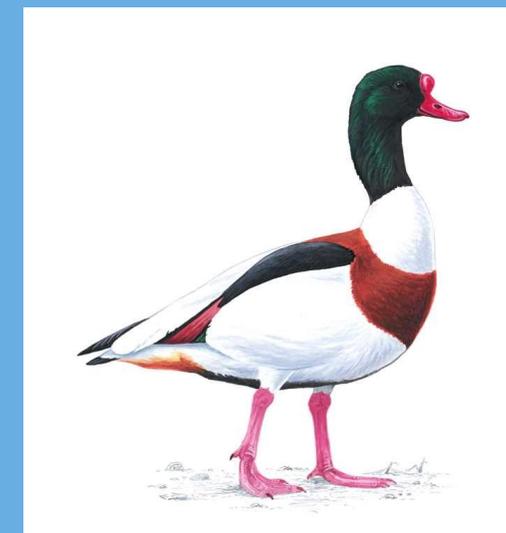
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January

Saturday 12 January (10am)

Condor Green and Glasson – Start the New Year with a breath of fresh air and a look at the waders and other wildlife on a circular walk on the Condor/Lune estuaries and adjacent farmland.

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

February

Tuesday 12 February (8am)

Sizergh and Brigsteer - We will look for hawfinch in the car park at Sizergh then walk through the fields and Brigsteer wood to the hide at Park End Moss to view the wildfowl and waders on the pools

Meet at Sizergh Castle car park (SD498878)
Leaders John & Christine Richardson

Wednesday 20 February (2.30pm)

“The Biking Birder Years” * - An illustrated talk by Gary Prescott about his travels as a green birder visiting all the RSPB and WWT reserves in his endeavors to beat the European Green Birding record
Meet at the Centre @ Halton.

March

Friday 8 March (10.30am)

Rossall Point Fleetwood – A visit to the Observation Tower then as the tide comes in a walk between the beach and the golf course looking for waders and birds on the sea and early migrants on the grassland
Meet at the Rossall Point car park (SD320480)
Leaders Andrew Cornall & Val Hall

Wednesday 20 March (2.30pm)

“From Mitilini to Antalya: my search for the Balkan ten” * - An illustrated talk by Mike McKavett about his quest to photograph his target birds in Lesvos and Turkey. Meet at the Centre @ Halton

April

Wednesday 10 April (10.30am)

Borrowdale Valley – Spring will be well underway as we walk along this pleasant and secluded valley that lies to the west of the Lune Gorge. Meet in the parking area at the Tebay end of the valley (NY607014) - Leader Michael Gardner



Wednesday 17 April (7.30pm)

“Birds without Borders” * - An illustrated talk by Peter Holden a wildlife author employed by the RSPB for many years, who also contributed to wildlife programmes on TV. He will speak about bird migration and new discoveries about the amazing journeys the birds undertake.
Meet in the main hall at the Centre @ Halton

May

Wednesday 15 May (7.30pm)

“Butterfly Conservation projects in Northern England” *
An illustrated talk by Chris Winnick showing us the species that can be found in England and how conservation work is helping their numbers to increase.
Meet at the Centre @ Halton.

Wednesday 22 May (10.am)

Warton Crag - A joint visit with the Lancashire Butterfly Conservation group to seek the butterfly species usually found here in May, to look at the conservation work done here, viewing spring flowers and possibly the peregrines that nest here
Meet at the quarry car park (SD494724)
Leader Chris Winnick

June

Saturday 15 June (10.30am)

Churchtown (Nr. Garstang) – A walk through the fields of this interesting area close to the river Wyre to look for summer wildlife. Distance about 5 miles.
Meet at The Horns Inn Churchtown (SD484429)
Leader Graham Thomas

July

Wednesday 10 July (9.30am)

A Moth Morning at Leighton Moss – We join moth expert Irene Mower for a moth trap opening to identify the moths that have been caught overnight in the moth trap. Why not have lunch in the cafe and join us for a walk around the reserve in the afternoon.
Meet at Leighton Moss car park (SD477750)

August

Tuesday 6 August (10.30am)

Osprey Boat Trip on Esthwaite Water – The best views of ospreys that nest here are from the water So we will hire self driven boats for a look around the lake. Members not wishing to take to the water will be able to view from the shore by the cafe or on the screen inside. Possible to extend the day with a walk to Beatrix Potter’s house at Hawkshead. **Booking essential for the boats** with Val by 31st May please. Meet at Esthwaite fishery car park (parking charge) (SD362954) – Leader Val Hall

Saturday 31 August (Drop in from 11am to 4pm)

A Visit to a Wildlife Garden – courtesy of Liz and Roger Neale Explore the garden areas, try pond dipping, view the geology collection, walk around an adjacent wood or up to a viewpoint calling in on an art work on the way, or just relax with a cuppa. Bring a packed lunch if you wish. Meet at Bank House, Westhouse, By Ingleton, LA6 3NP (SD677743)

September

Wednesday 18 September (7.30pm)

“The Wildlife of Uganda” * - An illustrated talk by Ken Harrison about the birds, mammals and primates that he saw on his recent journey through this East African country. Meet at The Holt, Leighton Moss RSPB reserve, Storrs Lane, Silverdale, LA5 0SW

This talk will follow the group AGM.

October

Wednesday 16 October (2.30pm)

“Pied flycatchers in SWT Castramon Wood” *-An illustrated talk by Brian Smith chairman of the North Solway ringing group, who has been monitoring the birds in this Galloway wood for over 20 years.
Meet at the Centre @ Halton

Tuesday 29 October (10am)

Knott End and Pilling area – A walk along the sea wall from Knott End to watch the waders and wildfowl on the incoming tide. After lunch we will search for pinkfooted geese and whooper swans in the farmland around Pilling.
Meet at Knott End car park.(SD345483)
Leader Ken Harrison