Come and meet friendly, likeminded people in the SE Herts RSPB Local Group, while learning more about birds and wildlife.

Indoor Meetings and presentations are held at The United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane, Broxbourne, EN10 7BG on the last Tuesday of the month. (Wheelchair accessible) Doors open 19.30 for 20.00 start. Admission £3.00 RSPB members, £3.50 non-members. Refreshments available. Parking at rear of hall and Mill Lane.

Local Walks organiser is Mike Oakland. Contact se_herts_rspb@yahoo.co.uk
Note that a walk may be cancelled in very bad weather conditions.

Coach Outings organiser is Steve Kiln. Contact se_herts_rspb@yahoo.co.uk
You can also book at group meetings. We split into groups, each with a leader. Please bring food, drink, waterproofs and wear suitable footwear.

For more information, please visit:
rspb.org.uk/groups/SouthEastHertfordshire

South East Herts Local Group
Programme of visits and speakers 2017-18

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May 2018
Saturday 5 May
Local Walk: RSPB Fowlmere
Meet by 8.30 at the reserve car park just north of Fowlmere village. Turtle Doves here!
Leader – TBA. (T)

Saturday 12 May
Coach Trip: Discover RSPB Minsmere!
The charity’s flagship reserve, located on the Suffolk Coast. It is possible to see over 100 species of birds here in a single day. (T)
Coach departs Broxbourne 7.30, Ware 7.45
Contact Steve Kiln for more information.

Tuesday 29 May
Indoor Meeting: Paul Roper presents...
‘The Natural History of Lea Valley Park’.

June
Wednesday 6 June
Local Walk: River Beane and Stapleford
Meet at High Road / Church Lane, Stapleford, off A119, north of Hertford, SG14 3NW. 9.30 start.
Leader – Stan Kitchiner

Saturday 16 June
Car Trip: Discover the Brecks!  Meet 12.00 at RSPB Lakenheath reserve. We will visit Weeting Heath for Stone Curlews and Santon Downham for Nightjars. TBC. See our website. (T)

Tuesday 26 June
Indoor Meeting: Richard Pople presents...
‘My South American Journey’
He will talk us through his wild adventures in this nature packed corner of the world.

July
Tuesday 10 July
Local Walk: Broxbourne Woods NNR.  Meet at 10 at West car park, Broxbourne woods, south of Brickendon. O/S TL 324071. Leader – Steve Kiln

September
Tuesday 25 September
Indoor Meeting: Andy Sands presents...
‘The Birds and the Bees’.
**September 2017**

**Tuesday 26 September**

*Indoor meeting:* Chris Ward presents...

‘Migration Mysteries’

Join us for an evening of astonishing tales about the wonders and dramas of bird migration.

**October**

**Wednesday 4 October**

*Local Walk:* LVRP Gunpowder Park. Meet 9.30 at Gunpowder Park Car Park, Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abby, EN9 3GP. (T)

Leader – Mike Oakland

**Sunday 15 to Wednesday 18 October**

*Group Holiday:* Explore the North Norfolk Coast! Join us for a three day wildlife break during the most exciting month of the Norfolk birding year, staying at the Le Strange Hotel, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk. Contact Phil Blatcher.

**Sunday 29 October**

*Coach Trip:* Discover RSPB Dungeness! Visit the Kent Coast with us as we aim to spot some of the best wildlife offerings at one of Britain’s most bizarre geographical landscapes.

Coach departs Ware 7.30, Broxbourne at 7.45. Contact Steve Kiln for more info.

**November**

**Sunday 5 November**

*Local Walk:* HMWT Kings Meads, Ware. Meet at 9.30 in the Library Car Park, Ware High Street, SG12 9AD. Leader – Ted Bell.

**Saturday 18 November**

*Public Transport Trip:* WWT London Wetlands. A true wildlife haven in the heart of our capital city! Contact Steve Kiln & see website.

**Tuesday 28 November**

*Indoor Meeting:* Gwyn Williams RSPB presents...

‘Securing Land for Nature – Past and Future’

**December**

**Saturday 2 December**

*Local Walk:* Amwell and RSPB Rye Meads. (T)

Meet 9.30 Amwell Lane, war memorial SG12 9SS. A full day walk, a great introduction to two of the best local wildlife hotspots. (T)

Leader – Mike Oakland

**Tuesday 19 December**

*Indoor Meeting:* Christmas Party!

This meeting features a ‘bring and share’ supper, a talk by Ron Hodgson on the Wildlife of The Shiant, a Christmas prize draw and a fun quiz.

Always popular so come and enjoy the festivities!

**January 2018**

**Sunday 7 January**

*New Year Walk:* Abberton Reservoir (T) then Tollesbury, to see wintering birds. Meet at 9.30 on Layer Breton causeway, Abberton, off the B1026. Map OS166 TL950165. Bring your New Year lunch. Leader – Phil Blatcher.

**Tuesday 30 January**

*Indoor Meeting:* Bruce Bennett presents...

‘The Highlands and Islands’. A brilliant talk featuring highlights from the Scottish wilderness.

**February**

**Saturday 3 February**

*QUIZ:* Come and test out your general knowledge skills in our Annual Quiz in aid of the RSPB.

Venue: URC Church Lane, Colney Heath, AL4 0NJ. Leader – Barrie Stockwell.

**Tuesday 27 February**

*Indoor Meeting:* Peter Holden presents...

‘Birds without Borders’

This RSPB author, speaker, naturalist and local group favourite, returns with his latest talk.

**March**

**Sunday 4 March**

*Local Walk:* 9.30 Tyttenhanger Gravel Pits. parking at water pumping station at the end of Church Lane, Colney Heath, AL4 0NJ. Leader – Stan Kitchiner

**Saturday 17 March**

*Car Trip:* TBC – see website for details.

**Tuesday 27 March**

*Indoor Meeting:* Andre Farrar presents....

‘Saving Special Places’. Hear directly from the RSPB’s strategy manager about the inner workings of the organisation.

**April**

**Sunday 8 April**

*Local Walk:* The Wildlife of Therfield Heath Meet at 9.30 in the Heath Sports Centre car park, off Baldock Road, Royston, SG8 5BG. Leader – Barrie Stockwell.

**Tuesday 24 April**

*Indoor meeting:* Bob Johnson presents....

‘European Raptors and Cranes’. Join us for our AGM as Bob showcases two of the world’s best avian families.

**Saturday 28 April**

*Car Trip:* Fingringhoe Wick (great for nightingales) then Abberton. TBC. See website for details.