



The RSPB in Macclesfield

INDOOR MEETINGS

Everybody is welcome.

All meetings are normally held at the **Senior Citizens Hall, Duke Street Car Park, Macclesfield - (SK11 6UR)** - Doors are open from 7.00 pm, the talks start at 7.45 pm and continue until approximately 10.00 pm.

There is a free, well-lit, car park immediately outside the hall and disabled access if required.

Refreshments are available midway through each meeting.

A wide selection of bird food and RSPB sales goods are available at all meetings.

GROUP MEMBERSHIP: £10 per annum
Admission charges: Group Members - Free
Adults - £2.50
Under 18s - Free

HEALTH and SAFETY

Indoor Meetings

Members and guests are asked to be aware of their responsibilities under the Health and Safety Act. Please read and take note of the fire evacuation signs and notices within the Senior Citizens' Hall. If required, a first aid box is located in the kitchen area. If you have an accident while on the premises, please inform a member of the Committee, who will complete an Accident Report Form.

Outdoor Meetings

Please note that outdoor meetings and walks can be over rough or muddy ground and that the weather can change during the outing. Please ensure that you have comfortable, suitable footwear and clothing.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

For our Outdoor Meetings we usually meet at Duke Street Car Park at the times shown in the programme unless otherwise stated. There are always drivers willing to take passengers.

For all other events meet at the stated venue

For reports on past events please [click here](#) or on any of the titles that are underlined.

For more information and booking please contact Ray Evans 01625 432635
or E-mail: ray@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk

A Reminder

Please take care to ensure that items of value are not left in cars whilst they are unattended, especially on outings.

COACH TRIPS

Please note that all coach trips this season are courtesy of Wilmslow Guild Birdwatching Group (WGBG), who have once again kindly agreed to make spaces available to members of The RSPB, Macclesfield Local Group. Bookings open approximately two months before the trip date and, to avoid disappointment, should be made early with Tom Gibbons (01625 520317) or at any Indoor Meeting. The cost of each trip will be in the region of £10 to £15 per person, dependant upon numbers and distance travelled. A non-returnable deposit of £5 per person is required at the time of booking to secure your place.

If you do not have your own transport and wish to join any Coach Trip, please contact a member of the Committee about the possibility of a lift from Macclesfield to Wilmslow and return.

Programme 2011 – 2012

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SEPTEMBER

Sun. 11th Special Event: "WILDLIFE & OUTDOOR WORLD EXTRAVAGANZA".

Come and join the fun at Pikelow Farm, School Lane, Marton, SK11 9HD any time between 10:00 am & 5:00 pm for a family event of exhibits, craft stalls, demonstrations and activities for children. Adults £4, under 16s £2, Children under 5 FREE. Car parking is FREE.

Contact: Ray Evans 01625 432635 or Ian Taylor 01260 275248

Tues. 13th Indoor Meeting: SOME OF BRITAIN'S BIRDS OF PREY by David Webb.
Introduced by: David Tolliday 01625 432105

Sun. 25th Outdoor Meeting: POTTERIC CARR NATURE RESERVE.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Reserve covering 200 hectares on the outskirts of Doncaster. Habitats include open water, reedbed, woodland, marsh and small meadows, making it a good site for migrating waders at this time of year. Café facilities are available.

Meet Duke Street Car Park at 8:00 am. for an all day trip.

Leader: Ray Evans 01625 432635

OCTOBER

Sun. 9th Special Event: "FEED THE BIRDS DAY".

Join the RSPB Wildlife Explorers at Teggs Nose Country Park, Buxton Old Road, Macclesfield, SK11 0AP any time between 10:00 am & 12:00 noon for a family event making food for the birds. A birdwatching walk will be available for adults.

Grid Reference: SJ949732

Contact: Tina Hanak 07870 804413

Tues. 11th Indoor Meeting: AFRICA - NAMIBIA, RWANDA, KENYA & SOUTH AFRICA by Paul Hobson

Introduced by: Ray Evans 01625 432635

Sun. 16th Outdoor Meeting: CONWY RSPB RESERVE & NORTH WALES COAST.

Celebrate the 15th anniversary of the opening of the Macclesfield (now Cuddfan Carneddau) hide at Conwy Reserve. Please book your "big beef (or veggie) casserole" cake, tea & coffee for £6 with David Tolliday. Weather & time permitting we will visit other sites along the coast .

Meet Duke Street Car Park at 8:30 am for an all day trip

Leader: David Tolliday 01625 432105

Sun. 23rd Coach Trip: SPURN POINT N.N.R., North Humberside.

Depart at 7:30 am from Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street, Wilmslow.

Contact: Tom Gibbons 01625 520317

RSPB CHRISTMAS GOODS

Why not save on postage by buying your Christmas goods at one of the events below, or order in advance at one of our indoor meetings or by contacting Chris Revett on 01625 617384.

Sat 19th Nov Macclesfield Charities Fair
St. Michael & All Angels Church 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop
Oct 29th to Dec 10th Wilmslow Library
Oct 29th to Dec 3rd Macclesfield Library

NOVEMBER

Tues. 8th Indoor meeting: A YEAR AT POTTERIC CARR by Allan Parker
Introduced by: Graham Palmer 01625 420179

Thu. 10th Special Event: RSPB COFFEE MORNING.
An opportunity to peruse the RSPB Christmas cards and gifts in comfort while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea with biscuits. A selection of homemade cakes and jams will be available to purchase as well as food for the birds.
Gawsworth Methodist Community Hall, Congleton Road, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, SK11 9QZ.
10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
Contact: Chris Revett 01625 617384

Sun. 20th Outdoor Meeting: ATTENBOROUGH RESERVE.
360 acre complex of former gravel pits make up this SSSI site where we should find winter wildfowl and migrating thrushes. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Reserve has an award winning Nature Centre and café.
Meet Duke Street Car Park at 9:00 am for an all day trip.
Leader: Ian Taylor 01260 275248

Sun. 27th Coach Trip: TREGARON, mid Wales.
Depart at 7:30 am from Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street, Wilmslow.
Contact: Tom Gibbons 01625 520317

DECEMBER

Sun. 4th Outdoor Meeting: TITTESWORTH RESERVOIR & CHRISTMAS LUNCH.
This local reservoir with a bird feeding station boasts a good species list plus an opportunity for Christmas lunch at the nearby Lazy Trout Inn. Come and join us for some winter birdwatching and festive fare? Please book your place with Lydia by the November indoor meeting.
Meet Duke Street Car Park at 9:00 am.
Leader: Lydia Taylor 01260 275248

Tues. 13th Indoor Meeting: FAIR ISLE - WILDLIFE ON BRITAIN'S REMOTEST ISLAND by Tim Melling.
Introduced by: Ian Taylor 01260 275248

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JANUARY

Tue. 10th Indoor Meeting: PETRELS, PADDYS & PENGUINS by Brian Anderson.
Introduced by: Ian Taylor 01260 275248

Sun. 15th Outdoor Meeting: MARSHSIDE RSPB & MARTIN MERE WWT RESERVES
Marshside Reserve on the Ribble Estuary should provide plenty of wintering waders & possibly owls or harriers on the salt marsh as we arrive a few hours ahead of high tide. We will move onto the WWT Reserve in time for the Whooper swan feeding in the late afternoon. Martin Mere has a new café if you don't fancy taking a packed lunch.
Meet Duke Street Car Park at 9:00 am for an all day visit. For non WWT members, groups of 12 or more pay an £8 admission fee (normally £8.95), concessions £6.20 (normally £6.64) into Martin Mere.
Leader: Philip Widdows 01625 262597

Sun. 29th Coach Trip: MERE SANDS WOOD & BROCKHOLES NATURE

RESERVES, Lancashire.

Depart at 8:00 am from Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street, Wilmslow.
Contact: Tom Gibbons 01625 520317

Sun. 29th National RSPB Event: BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH.

Join us for a birdwatching walk around Pikelow Farm, School Lane, Marton, SK11 9HD (LR Grid Ref: SJ856690), 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Contact: Tina Hanak 07870 804413

Tues. 31st Showing Birds to People: RIVERSIDE PARK, MACCLESFIELD.

Take a leisurely stroll looking for winter visitors with the Cheshire East Ranger, Jim Middlemass. 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.
Leader; Ray Evans 01625 432635 or Ian Taylor 01260 275248

FEBRUARY

Tues.14th Indoor Meeting: OUT & ABOUT - A BRILLIANT BIRDING YEAR by Jim Almond.

Plus "Bring & Buy" in aid of Group Funds.

Introduced by: Tom Gibbons 01625 520137

Fri. 24th to Sun. 26th Weekend Away: MORECAMBE BAY.

Come and join us for one or two nights at The Headway Hotel to explore the Morecambe Bay area for winter waders & sea duck. Further details can be obtained at Indoor Meetings or by contacting the leader.

Leader: Graham Palmer 01625 420179

Sat. 25th Special Event: CONSERVATION WORK AT RSPB COOMBES VALLEY.

Join us to undertake some important conservation work at our local reserve.

Meet in the Car Park (LR Grid Ref. SJ946845). 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Bring your own food for a BBQ lunch.

Contact: David Beer 01625 619861

MARCH

Tues. 13th Indoor Meeting: WHERE WILD BIRDS DRAW ME by John Power.

Introduced by: David Tolliday 01625 432105

Sun. 11th Coach Trip: WIRRAL, Merseyside.

Depart at 8:00 am from Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street, Wilmslow.

Contact: Tom Gibbons 01625 520317

Sun. 25th Outdoor Meeting: MOORE NATURE RESERVE.

Early spring migrants visit this 200 acre site near Warrington, which has five large lakes surrounded by extensive woodland, meadows & wetland.

Meet Duke Street Car Park at 8:00 am. for an all day visit.

Leader: Alan Brereton 01625 615628

APRIL

Sun. 1st Coach Trip: LEIGHTON MOSS, Lancashire.

Depart at 7:30 am from Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street, Wilmslow.

Contact Tom Gibbons 01625 520317

Tues. 10th Indoor Meeting: FIELD CRAFT & THE PHOTOGRAPHER by Jeff Clarke.

Introduced by: Graham Palmer 01625 420179

Thu. 12th Showing Birds to People: RIVERSIDE PARK, MACCLESFIELD.

Take a leisurely stroll looking for summer visitors with Cheshire East Ranger, Jim Middlemass. 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Leader; Ray Evans 01625 432635 or Ian Taylor 01260 275248

Sun. 22nd Outdoor Meeting: WIRRAL COAST.

Go wader & sea watching around high tide at multiple sites along the rivers Mersey & Dee from New Brighton to Parkgate.

Meet Duke Street Car Park at 8:00 am. for an all day trip.

Leader: Ray Evans 01625 432635

Tues. 24th Showing Birds to People: BIRDS OF THE GOYT VALLEY.

Take a walk through the Goyt looking for summer migrants with the Cheshire East Ranger, Paul Hughes. 7:00 am to 9:00 am.

Meet at Errwood Hall car park, Goyt Valley, (LR Grid Ref: SK012748).

N.B. Access to Goyt Valley from Errwood Dam end only.

Leader; Ray Evans 01625 432635 or Ian Taylor 01260 275248

Sun. 29th Coach Trip: BEMPTON CLIFFS & FLAMBOROUGH HEAD, Yorkshire.

Depart at 7:30 am from Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street, Wilmslow.

Contact: Tom Gibbons 01625 520317

MAY

Wed. 2nd Special Event: Dunge Valley Rhododendron Gardens

This is a new event

Charity Wednesdays 2.00pm until Dusk – On the five Wednesdays in May there will be a charity events with the entrance fee of £4 being shared equally between the charities. RSPB Macclesfield Local Group will be in attendance on 2nd May. If you can not make our event please attend one of the others on 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Kettleshulme, Nr Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7RF

Sat. 5th - Sorry, the Astbury Rectory Garden Party has been cancelled.

Tues. 8th Indoor Meeting: AGM & MEMBERS' DIGITAL PHOTOS & VIDEOS.

Each year our members produce some fine images depicting wildlife from both home and abroad, so do come and support the evening.

Contact: David Tolliday (01625 432105) before the meeting to bring up to 25 of your own digital images or a short video.

Thu. 10th Showing Birds to People: DAWN CHORUS AT THE BRICKWORKS.

A leisurely stroll listening for warblers singing with the Cheshire East Ranger, Pete Dowse. 6:00 am to 8:00 am.

Meet at Jackson's Brickworks car park, Pool House Road, Higher Poynton, (LR Grid Ref: SJ945844).

Leader; Ray Evans 01625 432635 or Ian Taylor 01260 275248

Sun. 13th Outdoor Meeting: WOOLSTON EYES NATURE RESERVE.

Courtesy of Woolston Eyes Conservation Group we have a permit to explore this reserve looking for warblers and black necked grebes. Please bring a suggested donation of £3 per person.

Meet Duke Street Car Park at 8:00 am for an all day visit.

Leader: Ian Taylor 01260 275248

Tue. 22nd Showing Birds to People: WOODLAND & WETLAND.

A walk in Northwich Woodlands searching for summer migrants & waders with the Cheshire East Rangers, Paul Hughes & Pete Dowse. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Meet at Witton Mill car park, off Old Warrington Road, Northwich, (LR Grid Ref: SJ663747).

Follow signs for "Household Waste Site".

Leader; Ray Evans 01625 432635 or Ian Taylor 01260 275248

JUNE

Fri. 8th to Sun. 10th Weekend Away: FARNE ISLANDS.

Based at the Bamburgh Castle Inn, Seahouses, come and join us for the weekend to include an all day trip by boat to the Farne Islands. Great birdwatching and photographic opportunities to watch seabirds and terns at close range. Further details can be obtained at Indoor Meetings or by contacting the leader.

Leader: Graham Palmer 01625 420179

AUGUST

Sun. 5th Outdoor Meeting: DRAGONFLY SAFARI.

Please note this is a changed date

Under the guidance of local expert, Stuart Burnet, we hope to visit a new site for us to find dragonflies. Meeting point details will be advised nearer the time and will be posted on the website. Bring a packed lunch. 10:00 to 3:00 pm.

Leader: Ray Evans 01625 432635

A PREVIEW OF NEXT SEASON

Tues. 11th September 2012 A LANE AROUND THE UK by Mike Lane.

Tues. 9th October 2012 THE WISDOM OF BIRDS by Professor Tim Birkhead.

Tues. 13th November 2012 ISLAY - QUEEN OF THE HEBRIDES by Gordon Yates.

Tues. 11th December 2012 WILDLIFE ON THE FARM by David Taylor.