

SOCIETY DIARY

Once again only a few societies have been in contact about events, some have planned meetings via Zoom which may be listed on their websites. Please note there have been several contact changes and details on Covid-safe walks added since the last publication of this list.

Please note that members of the Northwestern Naturalists' Union are welcome to attend the meetings of all the affiliated societies.

ACCRINGTON NATURALISTS' AND ANTIQUARIANS' SOCIETY

Meetings start at 2.30 pm at Antley Methodists' Church Hall, Blackburn Road, Accrington. Enquiries 01254 381236. Non-members welcome - £2.00 minimum lecture fee.

ALTRINCHAM AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The indoor meetings are held at Jubilee Community Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 2TQ at 7.30pm. Excursions leave from the Jubilee Centre car park at 6.30 pm or meet at the venue itself. Entrance charges: £2.00 members, £3.50 guests. Please contact us at least 3 days in advance if you wish to attend any of the excursions. <http://www.altnats.org.uk>, info@altnats.org.uk, 0161 865 0118

BLACKBURN & DISTRICT BIRD CLUB

Indoor meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month at Feniscowles Methodist Church, Preston Old Road, Blackburn, BB2 5ER at 7.30 pm. Outdoor meetings are held to observe and study birds in the field, and are usually led by a member of the committee.

CHESHIRE ACTIVE NATURALISTS

To find out more information about how to join Cheshire Active Naturalists visit www.cheshireactivenaturalists.org.uk or email Martyn at Martyn@czd.org.uk

CHORLEY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings September - April St Mary's Parish Centre Chorley.
See www.chorleynats.org.uk for details or contact Paul Brennan, 14 Merton Grove, Chorley, PR6 8UR

DERYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL RECORD CENTRE

Any queries contact: Steve Atkins, Local Record Centre Development Officer
E-Mail: Stephen.atkins@tameside.gov.uk, Mobile 07792 041 528

Greater Manchester Ecology Unit, Council Offices, Clarence Arcade, Ashton-under-Lyne
Tameside, OL6 7PT, Tel: 0161 342 4409

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Indoor meetings are at 7.30pm, unless indicated and are at Frodsham Community Centre,
Fluin Lane, Frodsham

LANCASHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST : CROAL-IRWELL GROUP

Indoor meetings are at the Creative Living Centre, 1A Rectory Lane, Prestwich, M25 1BP
(on the opposite side of the car park from Prestwich Library) on the first Wednesday of the
month, at 7.30pm. Admission and refreshments by £4 donation. Monthly field trips on
Sundays start at 10.30 am. Details of these at the indoor meetings or from listed telephone
numbers. Programme may be subject to change; please check before setting out. Stephen
Harris Mob: 07831 627208, Work: 0845 458 6680

LEIGH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Indoor meetings are in the Derby Room at Leigh Library. There is ample free car parking in
the car park next to the Library (but please note that you do park at your own risk). Meetings
are on Fridays at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Everyone is welcome free of charge but a small
donation to our funds from non-members would be gratefully accepted. A varied programme
of speakers and slideshows on wildlife subjects is organised, commencing in September
running through to May each year.

For all up-to-date information visit our website www.leighos.org.uk. A warm welcome is
guaranteed at any of our meetings.

LIVERPOOL BOTANICAL SOCIETY

Indoor meetings are held in the Clore Natural History Centre, World Museum, Liverpool,
starting at 11.00am. Unless otherwise stated field meetings begin at 10.30am.

Taking part in COVID-safe walks with LBS:

Due to COVID-19 we have to change the way walks are organised.

Members will need to pre-book with leaders and give contact details (phone number) to
support NHS contact tracing.

Equipment and books should not be shared or passed around and try to avoid touching gates
and stiles where possible. If you do - wash your hands as soon as you can. We recommend
carrying alcohol-based hand sanitiser and a face mask.

Members are asked to maintain a two-metre distance between each other where possible.
Members should be aware of their own risk level and the suitability of this activity.

Please do not come if you are showing any symptoms of Covid 19 or have recently been in
contact with anyone who has contracted Covid

Saturday 9 October : Dibbinsdale Fungus Foray

Steve Cross (07807 341220), Meet at visitor centre car park (off B5137, Spital Road (SJ345826) CH62 2BJ. Fungi and any late flowering plants.

MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT FIELD CLUB

Indoor meetings commence at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Roe Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6PH, maccfieldclub.org.uk.

MANCHESTER AND NORTH MIDLANDS FERN GROUP

All meetings at 10.30 unless otherwise stated

Field meetings organiser : Mike Canaway mikecanaway@gmail.com

For field meetings members must abide by the BPS Code of Conduct <https://ebps.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/BPS-Code-of-Conduct-2015.pdf> and https://ebps.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/BPS_Safety_Code_A42015.pdf - the Safety Code which covers responsibilities, clothing and equipment etc.

MANCHESTER FIELD CLUB

Indoor Meetings are held at Sale United Reformed Church Hall, Montague Road, Sale, M33 3BU, near Sale Metro station, commencing 7.00pm. Members £1.00, visitors £2.00.

Chair: Alan Hill, 24 Kingsfield Drive, Didsbury, M20 6JA; e-mail: awhill@globalnet.co.uk

Tel: 0161 215 0971; mobile 07719 659 689.

website: www.manchesterfieldclub.org.uk

MANCHESTER MICROSCOPICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

All meetings are held in the Stopford Building (Medical School) University of Manchester M13 9PT, corner of Oxford Road and Aker Street (next to the Holy Name Church), Manchester, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **All are welcome** – feel free to bring a friend or two. Non-members and members of other Societies are welcome. The Society's library will be available at all Stopford meetings and includes copies of our Newsletters and literature on microscopic history, as well as many books on microscopy and Natural History.

See also our Internet site at <http://www.manchestermicroscopical.org.uk>

MARPLE NATURALISTS

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm at United Reform Church, Hibbert Lane, Marple, SK6 7NN.

Visitors welcome: £4 for individual meetings, Children free. For further information:

Jane Michael 07917 434598 or Derek Clifford 427 4611 or Marple Naturalists Community page on www.marple-uk.com or www.facebook.com/marplenaturalists

*Outdoor meetings - arranged separately and announced at meetings.

MERSEYSIDE NATURALISTS ASSOCIATION

Full programme listings are on our website www.mnapage.info and reports of previous trips on our blog at www.NaturalistsNotebook.mnapage.info

NELSON NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

All meetings are held at Christ Church, Carr Road, Nelson BB9 7JX and start at 7.30pm. Enquiries and requests for copies of East Lancashire Butterfly Report and enquires contact David Nelson 01282 863012 davidnelson@btinternet.com Visitors welcome £2.50

NORTH WEST ENGLAND FERN GROUP

Field meetings organised with an indoor meeting in October at Holehird, Windermere. Contact: Robert Sykes r.sykes56@gmail.com

NORTHWESTERN NATURALISTS' UNION - BRYOPHYTE & LICHEN SECTION

All meetings on Saturdays, starting at 10.30 am and will commence whatever the weather. Bring food and clothing adequate for a full day in rough country and bad weather. Please check with section secretary a day or so before the meeting, in case of cancellation or changes.

“Beginners” are welcome any **ANY** meeting and there will always be a more experienced field bryologist present who will be more than happy to name and talk through the identification features of species encountered. There will not always be a Lichenologist present.

Section Secretary: Norman Bamforth, 1 Corporation Road, Audenshaw, Manchester. M34 5LY (0161 336 3914)

NORTHWESTERN NATURALISTS' UNION – VASCULAR PLANT SECTION

Contact: David Earl - david.earl@talktalk.net

NORTH WEST FUNGUS GROUP

Forays start at 10.30am and are planned so that they can continue into the afternoon. Please bring food and drink. Please contact the foray leader to confirm you attendance and for possible last minute details.

Beginners always welcome at all forays. Forays are not suitable for small children. No dogs. <http://fungus.org.uk/nwfg.htm>

OLDHAM MICROSCOPICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings at Werneth Centre, Oldham, at 7.30 pm for more information call Phil Whiteman 01612900722, philipwhiteman333@hotmail.com or <http://www.oldham-wildlife-link.org.uk/micro/>

PRESTON SOCIETY: BIRD WATCHING AND NATURAL HISTORY

The meetings are at St. Mary's Church, Church Avenue, Penwortham, PR1 0AH. All enquiries should be made to the Secretary, Janet Wall, who can be contacted on prestonwildlife@gmail.com or on 07565 497065.

Kayleigh Roebuck, who can be contacted on prestonwildlife@gmail.com or on 07713 975321. www.prestonsociety.co.uk. There is a charge of £3.00 on the door for any visitors.

ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

Given the difficulties in planning, due to Coronavirus, we are unable to give any details of events as far in advance as we would like. However we intend to run as many of our normal activities as possible under whatever restrictions are in place at the time. These will include local recording walks, car trips and Conservation & Education events.

Details will be posted on our website www.rochdalefieldnaturalists.org.uk and on our Facebook page.

If you would like any information about events or RFNS in general, email us at rfnspublicity@gmail.com or the Secretary (Jean Carter) at rfnsenquiries@talktalk.net.

SADDLEWORTH NATURALISTS

Indoor meetings are held at 7.30 pm at Saddleworth Conservative Club, 75 High Street, Uppermill OL3 6AP.

To assist with venue costs and speakers' expenses a small collection will be made - suggested donations: £2.00 for members, £2.50 for non-members. Guests are welcome - please introduce yourself at the start of the meeting.

More details at <http://www.oldham-wildlife-link.org.uk/saddleworth/>

SOUTH EAST CHESHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Indoor Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month from September to April, starting at 7.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available at the end of each indoor meeting. We meet at Ettiley Heath Church Community Centre; Elton Road, Ettiley Heath, Sandbach, CW11 3NE. Visitors are charged £3 and are welcome at any indoor meeting.

Field trips are held on one Sunday a month from September through to June and a long weekend meeting in March is very popular. More local field meetings are also held on the first Tuesday of each month and local evening walks in the summer. Travel is usually by car, or sometimes by bus or mini-bus, to sites of particular birding interest and will be led by experienced birdwatchers. Bookings for the trips are made at the indoor meetings. Further information is available at www.secos.org.uk or by telephone: MikeTonks (Chairman) 07484 306147.

WARRINGTON PLANT GROUP

<https://gailqb.wordpress.com/warrington-plant-group/>

WEST LANCASHIRE WILDLIFE

Meetings are held in Room B003 in the Business School Building, Edge Hill University, St Helen's Road, Ormskirk, L39 4QP. Please note that you can park in the car parks A & B in front of the main university buildings, and walk to the Business School Building. Please arrive by 19.15 for a prompt 19.30 start. Admission charge (including refreshments): £1.50

members, £2.50 non-members. More details at www.westlancswildlife.org.uk or contact 01704 83538. Membership Secretary: Hilary Bedford 01772 519090

WILMSLOW GUILD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Indoor meetings are held at Wilmslow Guild, 1 Bourne Street, Wilmslow, SK9 5HD
Monthly on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. from Sept to Apr and field trips Feb to Oct
Visitors welcome to indoor meetings (£5) and field trips (free)
Contact Steve Osborne on 01625 879087 steve.osborne42@gmail.com