

## SOCIETY DIARY

**Very few Societies have been in contact so please check the details and visit websites and Facebook pages where they are given for further information.**

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

### **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](mailto:info@altnats.org.uk), 0161 865 0118

### **BLACKBURN 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.

### **CHORLEY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

### **CROAL-IRWELL LOCAL GROUP**

The Croal-Irwell Group was set up by local volunteers who wanted to protect nature and encourage people to value native plants and creatures under the guidance of the L.W.T. We have field trips to nature reserves and do practical conservation work in Summerseat. Please note indoor meetings are on Tuesdays and start at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Grace, The Cottage, Highfield Road, Prestwich M25 1AS. Admission and refreshments by £4 donation. Please bring your own cup. Please note field trips are on Wednesdays and start at 10.30am. Further details are available at the indoor meetings or by phoning 07377 539882.

### **GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL RECORD CENTRE**

Any queries contact: Steve Atkins, Local Record Centre Development Officer  
E-Mail: [Stephen.atkins@tameside.gov.uk](mailto: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

## **JOY OF WILDLIFE**

The group gets together weekly at sites around Shropshire to record the wildlife that we can find and identify. Outings are on a Wednesday, starting at 10.30am and finishing around 3.30pm. We meet as a group of friends out for the day together doing something we all enjoy. Everyone welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult, For further details contact Keith Fowler (vc40joyofwildlife@gmail.com). Follow our exploits at <https://wrekinforestvolunteers.blogspot.com/>.

## **LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

We meet twice per year – Spring and Autumn at World Museum for an afternoon of talks. Meetings are free to attend and membership of the society is currently free. Contact: Honorary Secretary: Gary Hedges [gary.hedges@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk](mailto:gary.hedges@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk)

LCES also have a page on the northwest invertebrates site:  
<https://www.northwestinvertebrates.org.uk/entomological-societies/lancashire-cheshire-entomological-society>

## **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](http://www.leighos.org.uk). A warm welcome is guaranteed at any of our meetings.

## **LIVERPOOL BOTANICAL SOCIETY**

Indoor meetings are held in the Weston Centre, World Museum, Liverpool, starting at 11.00am. Unless otherwise stated field meetings begin at 10.30am. Please check the website for details.

**Saturday 8 February : AGM + members' field meeting photos**

**Saturday 8 March : The 'Trees & Shrubs Online' Project**

Tim Baxter

## **MACCLESFIELD COUNTRYSIDE AND HERITAGE CLUB**

Indoor meetings commence at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Roe Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6PH, [maccfieldclub.org.uk](http://maccfieldclub.org.uk).

## **MANCHESTER AND NORTH MIDLANDS FERN GROUP**

This group is not meeting at present but for general information about British Pteridological Society field and regional meetings see <https://ebps.org.uk/ebps-org-uk/meetings/regional-groups/>

### **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 [gmicsch@gmail.com](mailto:gmicsch@gmail.com) or Deb Cavanagh 07810 450764 or <https://www.marple.website/community/community-groups-in-marple/marple-naturalists.html> or [www.facebook.com/marplenaturalists](http://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](http://www.mnapage.info) and reports of previous trips on our blog at [www.NaturalistsNotebook.mnapage.info](http://www.NaturalistsNotebook.mnapage.info)

### **NELSON NATURALISTS' SOCIETY**

All meetings are held at NELSON NATURALISTS' SOCIETY  
Indoor meetings are held at Higherford Methodist Church Hall BB9 6JZ and start at 7.30pm.  
Autumn meeting dates: 26 Oct. 9, 23 Nov. 7 Dec.  
Enquiries and requests for copies of East Lancashire Butterfly Report and enquires contact David Nelson 01282 863012 [davidnelson@btinternet.com](mailto:davidnelson@btinternet.com) Visitors welcome £4.

### **NORTH WEST FERN GROUP**

This group covers only Cumbria and Lancashire. Field meetings organised with an indoor meeting and AGM in October at Crosthwaite, Kendal.  
Contact: Roger Golding, Fell View, Bowness on Solway, Cumbria, CA7 5AF  
tel: 07718 290241. [NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk](mailto:NorthWest@eBPS.org.uk)

### **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: TBC

### **NORTHWESTERN NATURALISTS' UNION – VASCULAR PLANT SECTION**

Contact: David Earl - David.Earl@lancashire.gov.uk

### **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 your 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**

Lifelong Learning 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/>

**Saturday 12 April : World Microscope Day event at Oldham Central Library 11am - 3pm**

### **THE PRESTON SOCIETY: BIRD WATCHING AND NATURAL HISTORY**

The meetings are at St. Mary's Church, Church Avenue, Penwortham, PR1 0AH. Enquiries should be made by e-mail to [prestonwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:prestonwildlife@gmail.com), through our website [www.prestonsociety.co.uk](http://www.prestonsociety.co.uk), or by phone on 07565 497065.

There is a charge of £3.00 on the door for any visitors.

### **ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY**

Indoor meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from September to April at 7-30p.m. at Cutgate Baptist Church, Edenfield Road, Rochdale, OL11 5AQ. Coach trips and local walks are held each month. Details of all these events are on our website [www.rochdalefieldnaturalists.org.uk](http://www.rochdalefieldnaturalists.org.uk) and our Facebook page.

If you would like more information about events or RFNS in general, please email our Secretary (Ian Short) at [rfns\\_enquiries@btinternet.com](mailto:rfns_enquiries@btinternet.com)

### **SHROPSHIRE MOTH GROUP**

The Group organises a programme of moth trapping field trips on Friday nights from March to October. Observers, beginners and experienced trappers welcome, so why not join them? For further details please contact **Tony Jacques** (Shropshire County Butterfly and Macro-moth Recorder) at [vc40tj@gmail.com](mailto:vc40tj@gmail.com)

## **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](http://www.secos.org.uk) or by telephone: MikeTonks (Chairman) 07484 306147.

## **WARRINGTON PLANT GROUP**

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

## **WILMSLOW 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 September to April and field trips September to the following August. Visitors welcome to indoor meetings (£6) and field trips (£6) Contact Steve Osborne on 01625 879087 [steve.osborne42@gmail.com](mailto:steve.osborne42@gmail.com)

### **Thursday 20 February : Lake District Geology**

Peter Webb

### **Saturday 1 March : Dunham Massey Field Trip for Winter Garden**

### **Thursday 20 March : Kruger National Park**

David Tolliday

### **Saturday 12 April : Friden & Longdale Field Trip for Spring Flowers**

### **Thursday 1 May : AGM & Flowers of the Dolomites**

David Charlton

### **Thursday 5 June : Rostherne Mere evening field trip TBC**

### **Saturday 21 June : Llandudno & Great Orme Field Trip for Flowers & Butterflies**

### **Sunday 6 July : Hoe Grange Open Day Field Trip for Butterflies TBC**

**Saturday 16 August : Grinlow & Solomon's Tower Field Trip**

**WORLD MUSEUM LIVERPOOL**

Part of the Tanyptera Project/North-West Invertebrates. This is a regional project aimed at promoting the study and conservation of insects and other invertebrates. Contact [www.northwestinvertebrates.org.uk/events](http://www.northwestinvertebrates.org.uk/events) for booking instructions.