SOCIETY DIARY

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, 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.

BUXTON FIELD CLUB

We offer a programme of field visits (May-October), talks (October to March) and volunteering opportunities throughout the year. Talks with refreshments start at 7pm at Buxton Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street, Buxton, SK17 6HX. Attendance for non-members is £3. For details of our programme, how to join and information about local fauna and flora visit: https://buxtonfieldclub.org.uk/

CHESHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL RECORDS CENTRE (RECORD)

Any queries contact: Eric Fletcher info@record-lrc.co.uk

CHORLEY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings September to April St Mary's Parish Centre Chorley. 7:30 pm start.
See www.chorleynats.org.uk for details or contact the secretary Paul West 10 Birch Road Coppull, Nr Chorley Lancs. PR75BG, 07708336529, email secretary@chorleynats.org.uk

CROAL-IRWELL LOCAL GROUP

We are a local Wildlife Trust group in the North Manchester, Bury and Bolton areas, who have been supporting the Lancashire Wildlife Trust for over 30 years. As volunteers, we manage a nature reserve in Summerseat, enjoy monthly field trips to seasonally interesting sites, and run monthly indoor meetings with a speaker. All are welcome!

Indoor meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm, and take place at the Cottage, Our Lady of Grace, Highfield Road, Prestwich M251AS. Admission and refreshments by £5 donation. Please bring your own cup! To check/confirm details please message 07377 539882.

GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL RECORD CENTRE (GMLRC)

Any queries contact: Stuart Fraser, Local Record Centre Development Officer
E-Mail: Stuart.fraser@tameside.gov.uk

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

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

LANCASHIRE ENVIRONMENT RECORDS NETWORK (LERN)

Any queries contact:lern@lancashire.gov.uk

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

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 7.30 pm at United Reform Church, Hibbert Lane, Marple, SK6 7NN. Visitors welcome: £5 for individual meetings, Children free. For further information: Jane Michael 07917 434598 gmicsch@gmail.com or Deb Cavanagh 07810 450764 or https://www.marple.website/community/community-groups-in-marple/marple-naturalists.html or www.facebook.chom/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

Indoor meetings are held at Higherford Methodist Church Hall BB9 6JZ 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 £4.

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.
Contact: Phillip James - epiphyte17@gmail.com

NORTHWESTERN NATURALISTS' UNION – FERN SECTION

Contact: Mike Canaway – mikecanaway@gmail.com

NORTHWESTERN NATURALISTS' UNION – VASCULAR PLANT SECTION

Contact: David Earl - dpearlbsbi@gmail.com

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

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/

THE PRESTON SOCIETY: BIRD WATCHING AND NATURAL HISTORY

The meetings are at St Leonards Church, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA. Enquiries should be made by e-mail to prestonwildlife@gmail.com, through our website 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 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

SHROPSHIRE BOTANICAL SOCIETY

We will be offering a Mosses Workshop using microscopes sometime later in the season to make sure we get the chance to keep learning and networking on something meaningful. Do please keep some specimens in packets over the field season for checking and confirming later on, and keep an eye on the Society's website for more details.
Contact email: phwarden@sky.com

SOUTH EAST CHESHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

SECOS is a welcoming society open to birders of all levels, from novices to experts. Our field trips and events provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with like-minded people, explore beautiful natural settings, and share the joy of birdwatching. Whether you're looking to learn more about bird identification or simply enjoy the camaraderie of group birding, you'll find plenty to love at SECOS.

We host monthly indoor meetings from September to April, held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7.30 pm at Ettiley Heath Church Community Centre near Sandbach. These engaging talks are delivered by experienced birders, conservationists, and photographers, covering topics ranging from local species to global birding adventures. Visitors welcome £5 charge. Occasionally, we host talks via Zoom.

From October to May, we organise excursions to local reserves and birding hotspots on the first Tuesday of each month. Additionally, from September to May, we host Sunday trips to more distant locations. Please check our website for membership details: www.secos.org.uk.

We'd love to welcome you to the SECOS community and look forward to meeting you at one of our events.

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 February to October. Visitors welcome to indoor meetings (£6) and field trips (£6)
Contact Steve Osborne on 07922 283 017 steve.osborne42@gmail.com.

Thursday 15 October : Cheshire Basin Geology - Peter Webb DWT

Thursday19 November : North Wales – from Mountains to Coast - Mike Roberts

Thursday 17 December : Christmas Social & Quiz

Thursday 22 January 2027: The Plant Hunters - Anthony Brandreth

Thursday 18 February : Kenya - off the beaten track - Michael Turner

Thursday 18 March : British Butterflies - David Tolliday

Thursday 15 April : AGM followed by **The Roaches, Stafford WT** t.b.c.

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 for information on fees and booking instructions.