

WELCOME TO THE RSPB LINCOLN LOCAL GROUP

INDOOR MEETINGS start at 7.30 pm in the Robert Hardy Building, Bishop Grosseteste University, Longdales Road, Lincoln LN1 3DY. Admission charges: £4 for RSPB members and students, £5 for members of the public, free for children accompanied by an adult.

COACH TRIPS & HOLIDAYS must be booked in advance with Mike Willey T: 01526 321917. Sunday trips depart from Buildbase, Canwick Road, Lincoln LN5 8HG. By kind permission of Buildbase, you may, at your risk, leave cars free of charge in the Buildbase car park. Packed lunches are required on most trips. An adult must accompany children. You can book one free coach seat for a child (under 16) for each adult seat you pay for but any admission charges will still apply.

Nature Reserve Facilities are shown as follows:
C = Café, H = Hides, NT = Nature Trail, S = Shop,
VC = Visitor Centre, WC = Toilets.

RSPB Wildlife Explorers and RSPB Phoenix Groups for children and teenagers hold regular meetings at Boston, West Kesteven and Whisby.

WEEKEND EVENTS

FREE WALKS Birdwatching for All on the first Sunday of every month. Meet outside the Visitor Centre, Hartsholme Country Park, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome. Warm clothing and suitable footwear required for winter months. The walks last up to 2 hours.

A DATE WITH NATURE at Hartsholme Country Park to see the nesting herons. For three weekends from Saturday 18 April to Sunday 3 May. See the RSPB website in February for further details.

A DATE WITH NATURE at Lincoln Cathedral to see the nesting peregrines. Every weekend during June and July. See the RSPB website in April for further details.

JANUARY

9 INDOOR MEETING UK Wildlife by Ian Newton (www.iannewtonphotography.com). Sponsored by Carol Harvey in memory of her husband Alan Harvey.

11 - 13 THREE DAYS in Dumfries and Galloway visiting RSPB Campfield Marsh (Cumbria), RSPB Mersehead and WWT Caerlaverock. £160 in a

double or twin room or £190 in a single room. Cost includes all coach travel, entry to WWT and two nights half board at the Station Hotel, Dumfries. Deduct £6 from the above costs if you will have a valid WWT membership card at the time of travel. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

25 - 27 BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH The RSPB's nationwide event. See the winter issue of *Nature's Home* magazine or contact RSPB HQ T: 01767 680551.

FEBRUARY

13 INDOOR MEETING The Long, Wild Journey Down-under by Gianpiero Ferrari, ARPS. (You can watch a short video of Gianpiero's photo exhibition in Italy at [youtube.com/watch?v=OU9dChzw9FA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OU9dChzw9FA)) Sponsored by a Group member who wishes to remain anonymous.

16 COACH TRIP to The Lodge Nature Reserve and Gardens. Headquarters of the RSPB set in 220 hectares of woodland, heath and acid grassland. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £24. H, NT, S, WC.

MARCH

12 INDOOR MEETING Wild Ethiopia by Steve Cale (www.steve-cale-artist.net). Steve is a wildlife artist and nature photographer. Sponsored by London Camera Exchange, Lincoln.

15 COACH TRIP to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Attenborough Gravel Pits. Leave Lincoln 8.30 am. Leave reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £18. C, H, NT, VC, WC.

APRIL

9 INDOOR MEETING Spurn: A Magical Place by Rob Adams (www.spurnbirdobservatory.co.uk). Rob is Chairman of Spurn Bird Observatory. Sponsored by Michael Carter Travel.

19 COACH TRIP to RSPB Middleton Lakes. The River Tame meanders through the reserve, which is a mosaic of different habitats. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £22. C, H, NT, VC, WC.

29 AFTERNOON VISIT to Mike's local patch. Meet at 1 pm at the Royal Oak, Brookside, Scopwick, LN4 3PA.

MAY

14 INDOOR MEETING Gardening for Wildlife by Jim and Joel Ashton - The Butterfly Brothers

(www.hazelwoodlandscapes.com). Jim and Joel are award winning wildlife gardeners who work with nature for nature. Sponsored by Group members who wish to remain anonymous.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Group's AGM will be held at 9 pm following the talk and break for refreshments. Free admission from 8.45 pm for people only attending the AGM.

17 COACH TRIP to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Potteric Carr. A reserve where all three species of woodpecker can be seen. Leave Lincoln 8.30 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. C, H, NT, VC, WC. Adults £21. Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust members £17.50.

23 AFTERNOON VISIT to Chambers Farm Wood. Meet at 1 pm in the car park.

JUNE

1 - 4 FOUR DAYS IN SOMERSET visiting NNR Shapwick Heath, RSPB Ham Wall, National Trust Horner Wood and WWT Slimbridge (Gloucestershire). The cost of £295 per person in a double or twin room or £390 in a single room includes all coach travel, entry to WWT and 3 nights half board at The Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton. Deduct £10 from the above costs if you will have a valid WWT membership card at the time of travel. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

7 COACH TRIP to RSPB Strumpshaw Fen. A good reserve to see swallowtail butterflies. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £26. H, NT, VC, WC.

17 EVENING VISIT to Riseholme College. A pleasant evening stroll through the grounds. Meet at 7 pm in the main building car park.

JULY

5 COACH TRIP to RSPB Bempton Cliffs and Flamborough Head. Up to a quarter of a million seabirds could be on the cliffs including some puffins. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £23. C, VC, WC.

AUGUST

16 COACH TRIP to RSPB Frampton Marsh. There should be plenty of waders including avocets on the marsh. Leave Lincoln 9 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £16. H, VC, WC.

21 - 23 BIRDFAIR 2020 at **Rutland Water**. Details from the Events Team at The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL. T: 01767 680551.

SEPTEMBER

10 INDOOR MEETING Hungarian Wildlife by **Geoff Trinder**. Sponsored by Shirley Warner in memory of her husband Peter Warner.

13 COACH TRIP to **RSPB Titchwell Marsh**. Autumn migration will be well underway at this time of the year. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £23. C, H, VC, WC.

OCTOBER

8 INDOOR MEETING Wings Over Wales by **Steve Magennis, ARPS** (www.stevemagennis.co.uk). This event is not sponsored. If you would like to sponsor it please contact us. Email: info@lincolnrspb.org.uk

11 or 18 (date to be advised) COACH TRIP to **Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Filey Dams and Filey Brigg**. Date to be confirmed. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £23. C, WC.

AGM AND MEMBERS' DAY. See the winter issue of *Nature's Home* magazine for date and time or contact RSPB HQ T: 01767 680551.

NOVEMBER

12 INDOOR MEETING A Fish with Feathers by **Michael Leach DSc, FLS, FRGS, FZS** (www.michael-leach.co.uk). A talk about penguins. Michael is a well known wildlife author, speaker and photographer. Sponsored by Just Audi VW.

15 COACH TRIP to **Ferry Meadows** and **RSPB Nene Washes** for a good selection of woodland and water birds. Leave Lincoln 8.30 am. Leave reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £20. C, H, VC, WC.

DECEMBER

10 INDOOR MEETING End of the Year Show. Details available in September. Sponsored by Janette Marshall in memory of her parents, Eileen and John White.

13 COACH TRIP to **Pitsford Reservoir**. At this time of the year there will be plenty of winter wildfowl to see. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £25, which includes the permit cost. H, WC.

INTRODUCTORY OFFER

For people who have never been on one of the Group's Sunday coach trips. Book your first Sunday trip at half price. Phone Mike for details: T: 01526 321917.

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Lincoln Local Group Programme of Events for 2020



Kingfisher by Tracy Robinson, RSPB Lincoln Local Group

A varied programme of events for you to enjoy including indoor meetings, field meetings, coach trips, holidays and free guided walks



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