

## 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 Jackson Buildbase, Canwick Road, Lincoln LN5 8HG. By kind permission of Jackson 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. 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 20 April to Sunday 5 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

**10 INDOOR MEETING** Shetland to Scilly: Birds of the British Isles by Ashley Grove ([www.ashleygrovewildimages.co.uk](http://www.ashleygrovewildimages.co.uk)). A journey from Shetland to The Isles of Scilly to see some of Britain's wonderful bird life. Sponsored by Carol Harvey in memory of her husband Alan Harvey.

### 12 - 14 THREE DAYS in Northumberland

visiting Druridge Bay Country Park, Chevington Marsh, NWT Hauxley and WWT Washington, £165 in a double or twin room or £205 in a single room. Cost includes all coach travel, entry to WWT and two nights half board at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

**26 - 28 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

**14 INDOOR MEETING** Varanger & Northern Finland in Summer by Graham Catley, one of Lincolnshire's best known birders and bird photographers. Sponsored by a Group member who wishes to remain anonymous.

**17 COACH TRIP** to Brandon Marsh. Headquarters of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust set in 220 acres, the Reserve is a SSSI. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £23 including admission charge. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

### MARCH

**14 INDOOR MEETING** Action in Nature by Mike Wilkes, FRPS. A welcome return of this popular nature photographer and lecturer. Sponsored by London Camera Exchange, Lincoln.

**17 COACH TRIP** to Yorkshire Water Tophill Low. Two reservoirs dominate the reserve and have SSSI status for their massive wildfowl numbers. 160+ bird species, with over 60 readily visible even in mid winter. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £22 including admission charge. H, NT, WC.

### APRIL

**11 INDOOR MEETING** Birds Without Borders; the Challenge of Migration by Peter Holden. Sponsored by Michael Carter Travel.

**14 COACH TRIP** to RSPB St Aiden's Nature Park. Have your camera at the ready to take advantage of the amazing views and wonderful wildlife including bitterns, avocets, black-necked grebes, skylarks and meadow pipits. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £20. NT, VC, WC.

### MAY

**5 DAWN CHORUS** at Whisby Nature Park. Meet in the car park at 4.30 am. The walk is free and need not be booked in advance. An optional breakfast at 8 am costs £5.50 but this must be booked and paid for in full by 25 April.

**9 INDOOR MEETING** The Garden by Paul Hobson ([www.paulhobson.co.uk](http://www.paulhobson.co.uk)). A look at how successful Britain's gardens can be for wildlife. A Sponsor is required for this talk.

**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.

**19 COACH TRIP** to RSPB Fowlmere and Ouse Fen. Fowlmere is one of the best reserves for breeding turtle doves. H, NT, VC, WC. Ouse Fen is still in its early stages but, when complete, it will be the biggest reedbed in the UK. Currently no on-site facilities but a toilet is available on the coach and we will have a comfort stop en route. Leave Lincoln 7.30 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £24.

### JUNE

**1 - 8 ONE WEEK IN WALES** visiting RSPB reserves at Conwy, Ynys Hir, South Stack and Lake Vyrnwy and North Wales Wildlife Trust Cemlyn Bay, with a free day mid-week. The cost of £455 per person in a double or twin room or £595 in a single room includes all coach travel, 7 nights B&B and 7 evening meals each with a £20 allowance from the menu at the Royal Goat Hotel, Beddgelert. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

**12 AFTERNOON BIRDWATCH** at RSPB Langford Lowfields. Meet at 1 pm in the reserve's car park.

**23 COACH TRIP** to Bolton Abbey Strid Wood, Wharfedale. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £26 including admission charge. C, VC, WC.

### JULY

**14 COACH TRIP** to Paxton Pits, a nature reserve famous for its nightingales. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £20. H, NT, VC, WC.

### AUGUST

**11 COACH TRIP** to Cley Marsh, Norfolk Wildlife Trust's oldest and best known nature reserve. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £29 including admission charge. C, H, NT, VC, WC.

**16 - 18 BIRDFAIR 2019** at Rutland Water. Details from the Events Team at The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL. T: 01767 680551.

## SEPTEMBER

**12 INDOOR MEETING** Butterbumps, Thick-knees and Tanglepickers by **Steve Rowland**. Sponsored by Shirley Warner in memory of her husband Peter Warner.

**15 COACH TRIP** to **Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Spurn Point**. The new visitor centre is now open. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £19. C, H, NT, VC, WC.

## OCTOBER

**10 INDOOR MEETING** Shetland Isles: a Northern Gem by **Danny Green** ([www.dannygreenphotography.com](http://www.dannygreenphotography.com)). Sponsored by Streets Chartered Accountants in memory of Carol Curtis, one of the Tax Partners who passed away recently.

**13 COACH TRIP** to **Suffolk Wildlife Trust Lackford Lakes**. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £29 including admission. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

## NOVEMBER

**14 INDOOR MEETING** Spring in Poland by **Peter Dunn** (<https://pjd43.zenfolio.com>). Sponsored by Just Audi VW.

**17 COACH TRIP** to **Anglian Water Rutland Water**. Leave Lincoln 8.30 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £22 including admission charge. H, NT, S, VC, WC.

**20 AFTERNOON BIRDWATCH** at **Woodland Waters**, Ancaster. Set in a 72 acre wooded valley. Meet at 10 am. Entrance fee £2 payable on entry. C, NT, WC.

## DECEMBER

**12 INDOOR MEETING** Gary Prescott, The Biking Birder. Gary has visited every RSPB nature reserve travelling entirely by bike. This evening he recalls some of his adventures, the people he has met and the wildlife he has seen. Sponsored by Janette Marshall in memory of her parents, Eileen and John White.

**15 COACH TRIP** to **RSPB Blacktoft Sands**. At this time of the year there will be plenty of winter wildfowl to see. Leave Lincoln 9 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £17. H, VC, 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 2019



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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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