

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Scottish Charity No:
SC 005538

Eskrigg Reserve

January 2013 News Bulletin



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1. View of the pond taken on the 13th of January.

2. Confirmed wildlife sightings

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Jay, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Snipe, Sparrowhawk, Teal, Tree Creeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Fox, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Water Vole.

c. Fungi



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Auricularia mesenterica



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Trametes ochracea



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Hypochnicium vellereum

3. January Wildlife Pictures



Photographs: Jim Rae (JR), Bob Fitzsimmons (BF), Suzanne Storm (SS)

4. Activities at the Reserve during January

14.01.13 S4 Environmental Studies

Having sprayed the Spanish Hyacinths in 2012, the class are now planting Scottish “Bluebell” bulbs. They may not flower in 2013 but will hopefully become established and flower in the years to come.



5. Maintenance Work

09.01.13 Jim clearing ditch alongside Reserve path. This is done at least once each year in order to drain the surplus water away from the roots of the Sitka Spruce and so prevent root-rot. This helps to reduce the chances of the trees blowing over in strong winds.



19.01.13 Flood control measures put in place with the help of Campbell Grieve.

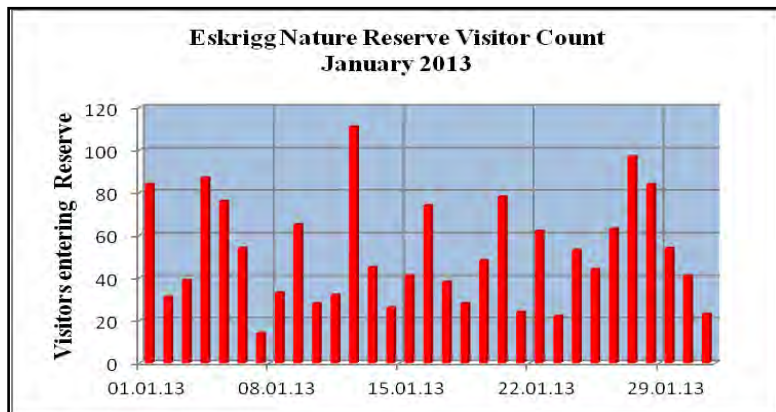
25.01.13 Since shooting started on the river Annan large numbers of Mallard have taken refuge at the Reserve and expect to be fed. Numbers have risen from twenty-four to approximately one hundred and twenty.



27.01.13 Working party having a rest at Pip’s Corner while clearing windblown debris from the woodland paths.

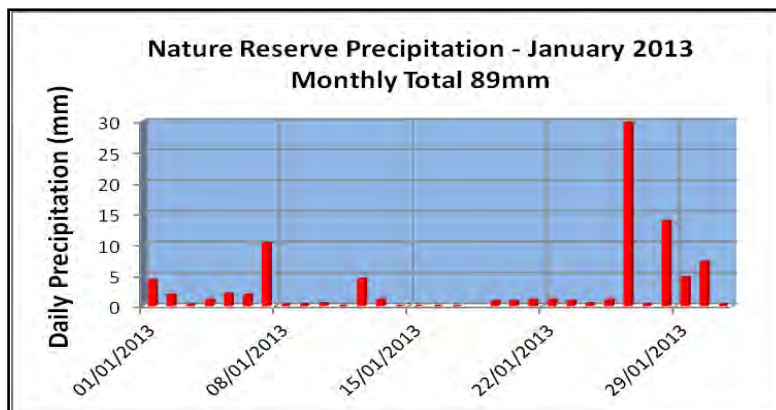
6. Visitor Records

Month	Total number of Visitors	Daily Average Visitors
Aug. 2012	1960	63
Sept. 2012	2384	79.5
Oct. 2012	2864	92
Nov. 2012	1911	63.7
Dec. 2012	1334	43
Jan. 2013	1599	52

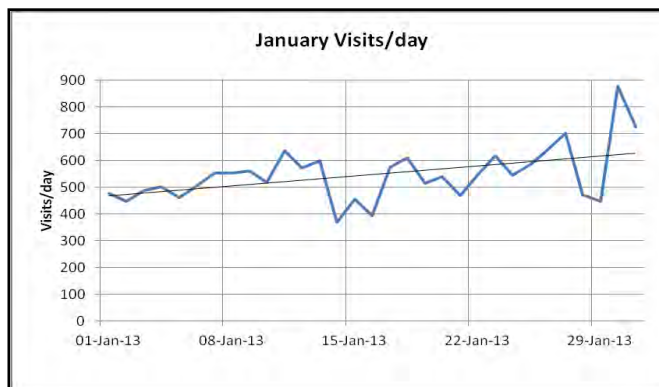
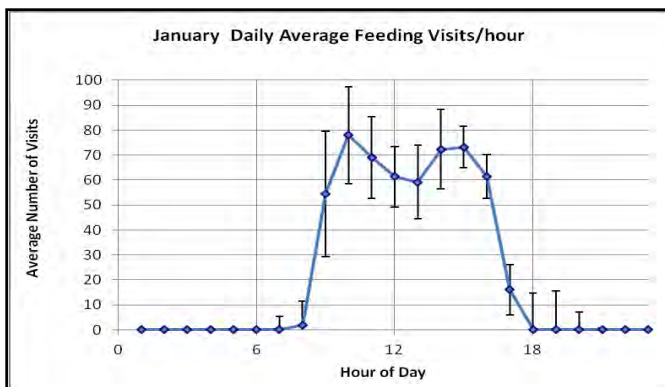


7. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
Aug. 2012	160.2
Sept. 2012	98.4
Oct. 2012	161.9
Nov. 2012	Not available
Dec. 2012	187.8
Jan. 2013	89



8. Monitoring Red Squirrel Feeding Behaviour



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