Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Eskrigg Reserve December 2014 News Bulletin



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1. View of the pond taken on the 7th of December.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in December.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.



b. Mammals

Bandit Pipistrelle, Common Shrew, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Woodmouse.

Photographs: Bob Little (BL), Jim Rae (JR)



3. December Fungi



4. Planned Activities

1st & 2nd. LWT Stall at Tesco

The Trust was given permission to set up a stall at the local Tesco store in Lockerbie. In addition to a display, showing the various activities of the Trust, there were a number of items on sale to help raise funds for our work at Eskrigg Reserve. These included Nature Notelets, Christmas Cards, Gift Tags and our 2015 Wildlife Calendar.



Photographs: Jim Rae

5. Youth Volunteers

6th. Keir Sewart (L) and Michael Kerr (R) fixed wire netting to the bridge on the path opposite the Cemetery Lodge in order to make it safer for ramblers. They then helped to collect a garden roller, donated by Betty Smith, for use when laying fresh gravel on the woodland walks.

9th. Thomas Gibbs assisted at the Reserve for a couple of hours before having to stop due to the bad weather.



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13th. The Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers, Michael Kerr, Keir Stewart and Patrick Malone dug out a muddy section of woodland path and laid terram membrane and gravel.

16th. Thomas Gibbs helped to collect timber from Hutton Primary, take the generator to R. C. Dalgliesh Ltd. for servicing and then resurfaced another section of woodland path.





20th. Angus Johnstone, Micheal Kerr and Keir Stewart helped to lay another section of woodland path.

At the end of the month **Angus** and **Michael** also helped greatly by topping up the bird feeders while I was away in Germany.

6. Adult Volunteers

I am very grateful to Bob Glaister and David Hughes who kept an eye on the Reserve, recorded the wildlife sightings and opened and closed the Centre each day during my absence from the 29th of December to the 5th of January 2015.

7. Maintenance Day – 28th The Reserve path was raked and the Centre tidied up.

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Happy New Year

For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.

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