

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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## Eskrigg Reserve

### October 2018 News Bulletin

1.



Woodland edge in range of autumn colours.

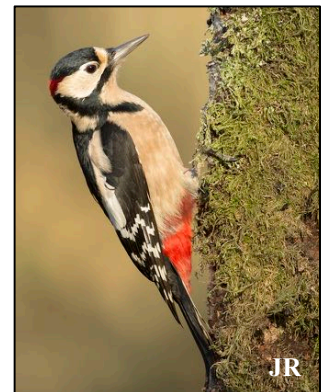


Swans on the pond at dawn.

#### 2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during October.

##### a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Brambling, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Treecreeper, Wood Pigeon, Wren, Yellowhammer.



##### b. Mammals

Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Woodmouse.



Photographs by Jim Rae (JR) - Squirrels by Andrina Laidler



### 3. October Photo Gallery



Row 1: Hazel Bolete - cap (JR), Hazel Bolete - sponge (JR), Hazel Bolete - stipe (JR).

Row 2: Fly Agaric (AL), 7-spot Ladybirds (JR), Turkeytail (AL).

Row 3: Bitter Bolete (JR), Crab Brittlegill (JR), Bay Bolete (JR).

Row 4: Clouded Funnel (JR), Wood Cauliflower (JR), Honey Fungus (JR)

### 4. Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford at Woodcock Air, Hoddon on 7<sup>th</sup> October

Due to the forestry operations in the woods around Eskrigg Reserve, there were fewer fungi than normal this year, so Jim attended Duncan's event in order to practise his identification skills.

| Common Name            | Scientific Name                | Common Name                | Scientific Name                 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Bitter Beech Bolete | <i>Boletus calopus</i>         | 11. A Grey Knight          | <i>Tricholoma sciodes</i>       |
| 2. Ochre Brittlegill   | <i>Russula ochroleuca</i>      | 12. Wood Hedgehog          | <i>Hydnum repandum</i>          |
| 3. Beech Sickener      | <i>Russula nobilis</i>         | 13. Black Bulgar           | <i>Bulgaria inquinans</i>       |
| 4. Blusher             | <i>Amanita rubescens</i>       | 14. Charcoal Burner        | <i>Russula cyanoxantha</i>      |
| 5. Fly agaric          | <i>Amanita muscaria</i>        | 15. Fleecy Milkcap         | <i>Lactarius vellereus</i>      |
| 6. Chanterelle         | <i>Cantharellus cibarius</i>   | 16. Summer Bolete          | <i>Boletus reticulatus</i>      |
| 7. Amethyst Deceiver   | <i>Laccaria amethystina</i>    | 17. Blackening Brittlegill | <i>Russula nigricans</i>        |
| 8. Purple Brittlegill  | <i>Russula atropurpurea</i>    | 18. Trumpet Chanterelle    | <i>Cantharellus tubaeformis</i> |
| 9. Bluefoot Bolete     | <i>Xerocomellus cisalpinus</i> | 19. Scarletina Bolete      | <i>Neoboletus luridiformis</i>  |
| 10. Beech Milkcap      | <i>Lactarius blennius</i>      | 20. Garlic Waxcap          | <i>Hygrocybe helobia</i>        |

Photographs by Andrina Laidler (AL) and Jim Rae (JR)



## 5. Planned Activities in October

**Thu. 18<sup>th</sup>** Four youngsters and two staff from **Mid-Annandale Playcare (MAP)** came down to the Reserve and followed a Tree Trail round the woods. The youngsters had excellent memories and rapidly learned to distinguish twenty tree species from their leaves, bark, fruits or cones and other features.



Photographs by Alison Wyllie

**Tue. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Visit by Eaglesfield Walking Group



## 6. Volunteer Activities in October



**Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Ross Gemmell** kindly came down to the Reserve to help with the new path and load the gravel into the quad bike trailer with his mini-digger.

**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>** **Neil Stewart** and **Anthony Ison** filling the trailer with gravel for the Northern Loop.



**Sun. 7<sup>th</sup>** **Jim** finished laying the type 1 sub-base round the Northern Loop.



**Tue. 9<sup>th</sup>** **Steven Jackson** putting the quad bike to bed, having helped **Jim** lay 10mm sub-base on the new path.

**Fri. 19<sup>th</sup>** **John Graham** helping **Jim** on the last stretch of the path.



**Sat. 20<sup>th</sup>** **Anthony Ison** and **Neil Stewart** helping with the path.

**Tue. 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Jim** finished the last section of the Northern Loop.



Photographs by Jim Rae



**Wed. 24<sup>th</sup>** **Ross Gemmell** used his skills with a chain saw to fell and cut up a wind-blown tree at the end of the boardwalk. Ross also cut willow branches that overlapped the southern boundary fence. He and Jim then cleared many of the logs and branches.

**Sun. 28<sup>th</sup>** **David Hughes** and **Jim Rae** spent the day raking up leaves from the Reserve and woodland paths.



**Tue. 30<sup>th</sup>** In the morning, **Steven Jackson** helped **Jim** clear the remaining logs and branches from the boardwalk and field.



In the afternoon, Jim attached safety strips to the ramp into the Red Squirrel Hide and the ramp and bridges along the Southern Loop, to make these structures more accessible for wheelchair users.

**There is now a 3km circuit of hard-core path from the Reserve car park, down through the Reserve, round the woods and back to the car park. This completes the 'Access For All' project.**

7. **Sun. 28<sup>th</sup>** **Sam Bowsher** installed the **Red Squirrel Chainsaw Carving** he been commissioned to complete for the Reserve.



Photographs by Jim Rae

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