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Eskrigg Reserve

December 2018 News Bulletin

30th Anniversary Edition

1. Eskrigg pond on the 31st of December 2018.



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2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during December.

a. Birds

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



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b. Mammals

Badger, Bank Vole, Fox, Mole, Pipistrelle Bat, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Woodmouse.



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Photographs by Jim Rae (JR), Hazel Caldwell (HC), Sybille Spägle (SS),

3. In the Beginning



Public Meeting held in September 1987 to outline plans for the new reserve



October 1987 CONSERVATION AREA GETS UNDERWAY

Lockerbie Cubs, leaders and helpers clear 170 yards of ditch to ensure a supply of fresh water to the pond that was to be created six months later.

Back row (LtoR): Esther Wilson, Jennifer Fountain, Alison Rae, James Dalziel.

Middle Row: Alan Hughes, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Black, David Kerr, Neil Munford, Ross Carlyle, Andrew Brown, Kevin Beattie.

Front Row: Tom Bell, Jim Rae, Douglas Fountain, Andrew Kerr, David Edwards.



October 1987 Sponsored Cycle Relay

The Old Curling Pond Management Group took part in a 100 mile cycle relay round Lockerbie Academy's 19 feeder primary schools and the Barony College to raise the £1,100 required to dig out the pond.

LtoR: Gideon McGarr, Karen Gibson, Colin Walker, James Rae, Mark Henderson, Alasdair McEwan, Caroline Davidson, Douglas Fountain.



November 1987

Jim Bell, factory manager for Express Foods at Priestdykes 'Cheese Factory', presents a cheque for £250 to Eric Grierson to cover the cost of an outflow chamber at the old curling pond.

LtoR: Eric Grierson, Jim Bell, Jim Rae (project co-ordinator).

4. Eskrigg Reserve - Then and Now



February 1987

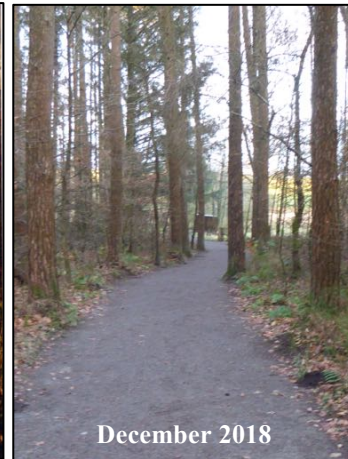


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View from position of present jetty



March 1987



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Path from forest road to Reserve entrance



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Entering the Reserve from the west



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Path through Reserve



Shelter built on the foundations of the curling hut

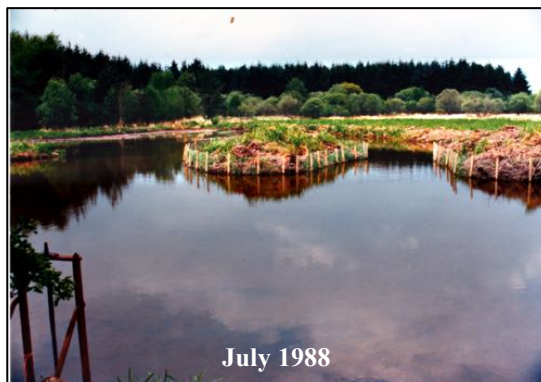
The site was cleared by the Lockerbie Scout Group.
The timber for the shelter was donated by John Beattie and Sons, Knockmains, Lockerbie.
The metalwork donated by A. Thomson, Blacksmith, Lockerbie
The construction was carried out by former pupils of Lockerbie Academy.
The bench seats were donated by Tom Laurie and Drumlock Insurance.



Pond area with Eskrigg Farm in the background

The pond was dug out by Jim Dalglish, Contractors, Moffat.
The sum quoted for the digging of the pond was £1,100.
On completion of the work the charges were waived by way of a donation to the project.

The pond was completed in May 1988 and the Reserve officially opened.



View of pond from the sluice

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