

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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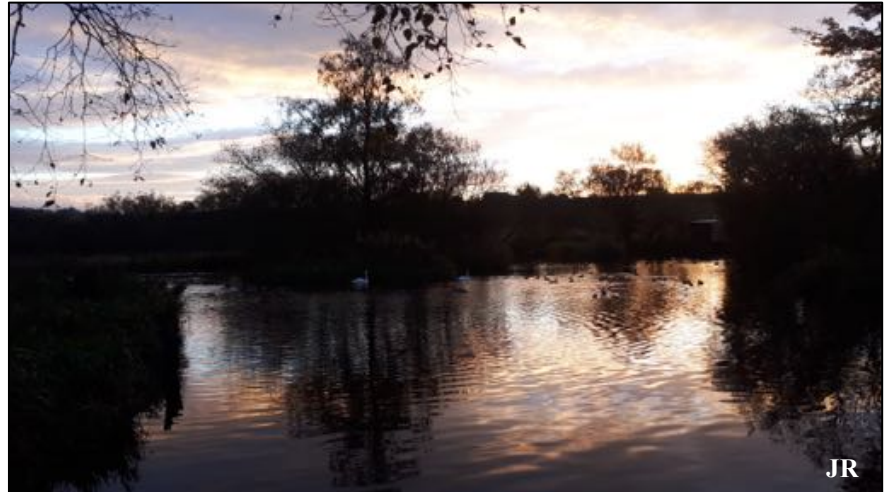
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## Eskrigg Reserve

### October 2020 News Bulletin

#### 1. Views of the Pond at Eskrigg Reserve.

Sunrise on the 14th of October.



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9.30 a.m. on the 29th of October

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

##### a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goshawk, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Jay, Kingfisher, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Mandarin, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Woodpigeon, Wren.

##### b. Mammals

Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Woodmouse.

##### c. Moths: November Moth



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Photographs by Jim Rae (JR) and Gary Shanks (GS)



### 3. Eskrigg Reserve - October 2020 Photo-gallery



- 1st Row: Primrose Brittlegill, Ugly Milkcap, Ugly Milkcap, Purple Brittlegill  
 2nd Row: Wood Cauliflower, Candlesnuff fungus, a coral fungus (*Ramariopsis robusta*?)  
 3rd Row: A Bonnet (*Mycena* sp.), **Sordid Blewit (*Lepista sordida*)\***, A Bonnet (*Mycena* sp.)  
 4th Row: Shaggy Scalycap, Common Puffball, Plums and Custard  
 5th Row: Wood Hedgehog, Unidentified Slime Mould, Fly Agaric

**\* New species for Eskrigg Reserve**

Photographs by Jim Rae



#### 4. October Activities at Eskrigg Reserve

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Steven Dalgliesh** helped **Jim Rae** treat the outside of the new hide with two coats of wood preservative.

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Jim** treated the inside of the hide with two coats of wood preservative.



**10<sup>th</sup> Scott McLean** (left), assisted by **Chris Taylor** (right), put the final touches to the hide's interior and attached right angle strips down the corners on the outside to cover and protect the ends of the boards.

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Jim** constructed ten hardwood display boards and fitted two escutcheons on the back and sunk four magnets into the front of each, ready for mounting on posts around the woodland trails for the Halloween Hunt at the end of the month.



**15<sup>th</sup> Steven Dalgliesh** helped **Jim** hammer the trail posts into place and fit the display boards.

**17<sup>th</sup> Jim** raked up the dead leaves from the path through the Reserve.



**21<sup>st</sup> Jim** fitted non-slip strips on to the steps up to the new hide in the morning and then **Steven Dalgliesh** helped him fill in the potholes on the Eskrigg Farm road in the afternoon.

#### 5. FAMILY HALLOWEEN HUNT - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Twenty-five families turned out for the Halloween Hunt in spite of the inclement weather. They arrived at the Reserve car park at pre-booked, ten-minute time slots between 10am and 3pm. After checking in at the 'Rotary Trailer' they had their photographs taken by Gary Shanks so that their costumes and lanterns could be judged later. They then set off round the 3km woodland trail in order to have a go at the Local Bird Quiz and try to spot the eleven 'hidden' Halloween items.

On completing the Hunt, the families were able to help themselves to fresh fruit, tablet and sweets that had been donated.

**Jim Rae** (Reserve Manager and Hunt Co-ordinator) would like to thank the members of Lockerbie and District Rotary Club and Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and friends who helped to supervise the Halloween event.



L to R: Gary Shanks (Photographer), Bryan Woods, Tom McGuinness, Dot McGuinness, Ian Potts and Alan Carmichael.

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### A. Answers to the Local Bird Quiz

Board 1: A. House Sparrow	B. Male Chaffinch	<b>C. Dunnock</b>	D. Tree Sparrow
Board 2: <b>A. Greylag Goose</b>	B. Goosander	C. Mute Swan	D. Cormorant
Board 3: A. Fieldfare	B. Redwing	C. Meadow Pipit	<b>D. Song Thrush</b>
Board 4: A. G. S. Woodpecker	<b>B. Nuthatch</b>	C. Jay	D. Treecreeper
Board 5: A. Grey Partridge	<b>B. Hen Pheasant</b>	C. Ptarmigan	D. Red Grouse
Board 6: A. Rook	B. Carrion Crow	<b>C. Raven</b>	D. Jackdaw
Board 7: <b>A. Goldfinch</b>	B. Wood Warbler	C. Siskin	D. Goldcrest
Board 8: A. Marsh Tit	B. Blue Tit	C. Great Tit	<b>D. Coal Tit</b>
Board 9: <b>A. Bullfinch</b>	B. Robin	C. Lesser Redpoll	D. Brambling

The two birds not seen locally (at Eskrigg) were **C. Ptarmigan** and **D. Red Grouse** on **Board 5**.

The two Halloween items not listed were a **WITCH** and a **HUMAN SKULL**.

### B. The winning family groups in the Local Bird Quiz were:

**1st.** Gp 31 - Libby Amos and family 24/25

**2nd.** Gp 20 - Louise Dunn and family 23/25

**3rd.** Gp 6 - Laura Kelly and family 21/25

These family groups all received wildlife books as prizes.

### C. The winning family groups in the Costume Competition were:

**1st.** Gp 22 - Greg Harkness and family - The Wizard of Oz theme Prize £20

**2nd.** Gp 9 - Mark Fell and family - Witch, Dragon and 'Tiger' Prize £10

**3rd.** Gp 8 - Susan Johnstone and family - The Three Little Pigs Prize £5

Highly commended: Gp 2 Marion Perry and family Gp 21 Lee Gorman and family



### D. The winning family groups in the Lantern Competition were:

**1st.** Gp 22 - Greg Harkness and family - The Tin Man

**2nd.** Gp 2 - Marion Perry and family - Covid-19

**3rd.** Gp 31 - Libby Amos and family - Green Ghouls

Prize LED Spotlight & Lantern

Prize LED Headlight

Prize LED Torch



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