

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Eskrigg Reserve December 2025 News Bulletin

1. Dawn on the 21st of December



2. Reported wildlife sightings at the Reserve during December

a. Birds:

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, 'Farm Duck', Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Egret, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Greylag, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Long-tailed Tit, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Redwing, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Snipe, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Treecreeper, Tree Sparrow, Tufted Duck, Woodpigeon, Wren

b. Mammals: Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel



Cormorant (PCo)

Photographs by Jim Rae (JR) & Pam Copeland (PCo)

3. Selection of December Wildlife photographs



Row 1: Great White Egret with Mute Swan (BT), Otter (PCu), Robin (JR)

Row 2: Red Squirrel (PCo), Cormorant (SW), Red Squirrel (JR)

Row 3 (SW): Female Mallard (Bubbles), Kingfisher, Male Mallard

Row 4 (SW): Greylag Geese, Blue Tit, Blackbird

Row 5 (PCo): Tufted Duck, Kestrel, Treecreeper

Photographs by Pam Copeland (PCo), Paul Cutting (PCu), Jim Rae (JR), Brian Taylor (BT), Sharon Watson (SW)

4. Generous Donation from Russell Roof Tiles

On Friday, 12th of December, the Reserve was visited by representatives from **Russell Roof Tiles: Bruce Laidlaw, Ian Jones and Colin Varrie**. They presented a cheque for **£4,701.53** to **David Hughes** (Chairman of Lockerbie Wildlife Trust) and **Jim Rae** (Manager of Eskrigg Nature Reserve). **The Trust greatly appreciates the support of all the staff at Russell Roof Tiles.**

(LtoR: Ian Jones, Jim Rae, David Hughes, Bruce Laidlaw)



5. Maintenance Work

Mon. 08/Tue. 09 Heavy rain over two days caused the small stream in the field to the south of the path down from the car park to overflow and flood the path, washing away much of the gravel. It also flooded the field on the northern side of the path. **Jim** decided to contact **Colin Paterson**, who farms the fields on either side of the path, and ask him to dig out the stream.



Fri. 12 **Derek Campbell and Richard Arnott** helped **Jim** to fill in the potholes on the Forest Road.

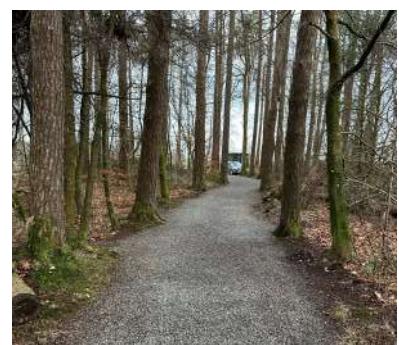
Mon. 15 **Colin Paterson** kindly dug out the stream running parallel to the path from the car park to the Reserve.

Wed. 17 **Jim** raked up the mud and leaves from the Forest Road between the storage containers.



Sat. 20 **Jim** resurfaced the section of path where the gravel had been washed away.

Sun. 21 **Jim** raked some of the Reserve and Woodland Walks.



Photographs by Jim Rae

Total people count for December = 1,400 - Average number per day = 45
Busiest day: Sunday 28th = 107

Happy New Year Everyone

Jim Rae (Eskrigg Reserve Manager)

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