



Horncastle & Woodhall Spa Area Group Newsletter Autumn 2021

Welcome to the HWSAG Autumn edition of your newsletter

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to our Autumn and Winter Area Group programme after so many months of having to put group activities on hold.

After five years as Chairman of the Horncastle and Woodhall Spa Area Group, Mr Les Binns is leaving the area and has handed over interim responsibilities to Mrs Vivian Rhodie, until the next AGM. The HWSAG Committee members would like to thank Les for his unstinting commitment and inspirational work for the Area Group, over that time. Thanks to Les we have enjoyed many stimulating talks and visits and have been kept informed of key strategies and projects across the Wildlife Trust. Les is particularly known for his excellent photographs and time-lapsed films of the wildlife around us and has been involved in photographing specimens for the **LoveLincsPlants** project. We send Les our very best wishes for the future.

Forthcoming Events

We are pleased to announce the following Area Group Events:

Thursday October 21st, 2021, at 7.30pm, Community Centre, Horncastle. A talk on the Woodhall Spa Airfield: the first 5 years from Kevin James the Mid Lincs Warden.

Sunday November 21st, 2021, at 10.30am, Donna Nook Seal Colony. An opportunity to see the seals and hear about them from Matthew Blissett, Outer Humber, and Coast Warden. Open to everyone. Car parking fees may apply. Meet in the car park by the LWT sign. Please email Vivian Rhodie (details below) if you need transport.

Thursday January 13th or 20th 2022 (date tbc), Banovallum House, Horncastle. A talk to be announced.

Thursday February 17th, 2022, at 7.30pm, Banovallum House, Horncastle. A talk on Plastics and our Oceans by Vicki Bush, Senior Education Officer based at Gibraltar Point. The talk will be on the impact of ocean plastics on our wildlife, including the impacts we see in Lincolnshire, and what we can do about it.

All events are free and open to all. Please look on the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Website and visit the Horncastle and Woodhall Spa Area Group page. Or follow us on Facebook.

Reserve & Area Group News

Our Area Group had a stand at the Horncastle Plastic Free Hub event on the 31st July in the Community Centre. It was an interesting event and a number of people signed up to receive information about our local events. We will also put up a stand on different days in the Woodhall Spa and Horncastle Libraries, as part of National Libraries Week in October.

Wildlife Diary



Wildflowers at Candlesby Chalk Pit



Thurlby Fen SSSI

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