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Allan Gaunt library

Post-Covid Holiday Plans

Mrs. Penny Gaunt has presented her late husband, Allan's, birding library to the Society in the hope that it might raise funds for the Society but more particularly members might enjoy visiting worldwide locations which clearly meant so much to him. Anyone hoping to go birding overseas, eventually, should be tempted to dream and start the planning now. There are too many titles to list them in The Buzzard but I have prepared a supplement which is published with this edition. Please note that due to the overall task it will not be possible to offer delivery and books will be available for collection from the Membership Secretary at Much Wenlock (contact details inside front cover). Alternatively they may be reserved for when we are next able to meet at Bayston Hill. Please note that donations can be made on collection.

Announcements

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Annual General Meeting 2021

(incorporating the postponed A.G.M. for 2020)

Wednesday 15th September 2021

Bayston Hill Memorial Hall

(immediately following the Annual General Meeting of
Shropshire Ornithological Society to be held at 7.15 p.m.)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd April 2019.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Presentation and Approval of the Accounts for the 2 years ended 31st December 2020.
5. Appointment of Directors.
Mrs. A.P. Andrews, Mr. P.G. Deans, Mr. J. Almond and Mrs. J. Rickard retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
Mr. W.R. Watkins was co-opted as a Director during the year ended 31st December 2019 and is now eligible for election as a Director.
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner.
Following the retirement of Roy Westerman at 31st December 2018, James F. Baillie was Appointed by the Board of Directors. It is proposed by the Board that the appointment be confirmed for 2019 and 2020 and that James F. Baillie be re-appointed for 2021.
7. Any Other Business.

NOTE: If it is not possible to hold the meeting at Bayston Hill Memorial Hall it will be convened as a Zoom Meeting. Please check the SOS web-site to confirm the arrangements. Those members for whom we hold an e-mail address will be notified if the Bayston Hill Meeting is cancelled.

It is appreciated that there are some members who do not have a computer or for whom we do not hold an e-mail address. In that case, those wishing to attend but needing to check should telephone any Board Member (details in The Buzzard)

Brian Andrews
Company Secretary

Shropshire Ornithological Society Annual General Meeting

The 65th AGM of the Society will be held on Wednesday, 15 September 2021, at Bayston Hill Memorial Hall at 7.15pm, prior to the Indoor Meeting. Nominations for Officers and Management Board Members must be made in writing to the Secretary, by any two Members of the Society, at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

Any items notified to the Secretary for inclusion on the AGM Agenda are to be in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution.

Helen J Griffiths
Honorary Secretary

Getting Involved

SOS members, and other keen birders, are invited to help with two Raptor Group projects and surveys.

Everyone welcome!!!

If you want to help with either of them, see the SOS website, or contact Leo Smith leo@leosmith.org.uk 01694 720296.

Honey-buzzard survey

Honey-buzzards have bred in most counties between Devon and the Scottish Highland region, so they might breed anywhere with areas of large woodland. However, few are reported so the Rare Breeding Bird Panel is organising a survey. Here, the Raptor Group is leading its organisation, supported by Jonathan Groom (BTO regional rep) and John Martin (County Bird Recorder)

A pair bred in secret in Forestry Commission woods in south Shropshire from 1995 to 2006, and there have been several records of individual birds near suitable habitat in the breeding season (see species account in The Birds of Shropshire 2019), so good coverage of Shropshire is important.

Surveyors will be encouraged to find watch-points that give clear views over large areas of woodland. Some larger woods will require several watch-points to ensure full coverage. A typical watch should be of three-four hours duration in good weather during the period 1st July to 31st August. Two or preferably three visits at least a week apart over this period are necessary. It therefore requires patience!!! Honey-Buzzard is a Schedule 1 species, and prone to

disturbance and egg-collecting, so attempts to find nests are discouraged, and secrecy is essential.

Agreement will be reached with volunteers about which woodland to survey, and where from, to maximise effective coverage.

Red Kite

The Raptor Group is still trying to find all Kite nests, primarily to look for wing-tags on breeding birds. In 2019 we found 35 nests and five additional pairs: 21 were successful, producing 37 fledged young. In 2020, 29 nests were found, less than hoped for, because of the Covid-19 restrictions. In spite of this, the number of fledged young (48) was considerably higher than the previous highest (36 in 2011). A report for both years can be found on the SOS website.

Each wing-tag is unique, and the colours and letters or numbers tell us the bird's age, and its natal site. Reports are wanted, please, of a pair together in spring, or displaying, or one seen several times in the same place, or one going into a wood, any time between March and July. Reports of wing-tagged birds are wanted at any time too, please. All reports will be treated in absolute confidence. Kites are very shy, and they are legally protected. It is an offence to disturb them, but this monitoring is carried out under licence.

Save our Curlews Campaign

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the *Save our Curlews* Appeal. The proceeds, together with funds from the SOS's own resources, and grants from the National Trust's Stepping Stones Project (which benefitted from support received from players of People's Postcode Lottery), Shropshire Hills AONB Conservation Fund, British Birds Charitable Trust, Wader Quest, the Garreg Lwyd Windfarm Community Benefit Fund and Stretton Focus magazine Community Awards, have raised sufficient to implement our full plans for 2021.

Community Wildlife Group members located pairs that returned to each area during April.

Projects are now being carried out in three Community Wildlife Group areas, Upper Clun, Clee Hill and Strettons. In 2020, these areas held six to eight,, eight and seven to nine breeding pairs of Curlew, respectively. An excellent start has been made. In mid-May, after eight days of project work, 12 nests had been found – four in Upper Clun, four in Clee Hill and four in the Strettons area. Ten have been fenced, but the landowners refused permission in one

case, and the eggs were predated in the 24 hours between finding and fencing in another.

Nests are harder to find after incubation starts, but several other pairs have been located, so there is a good chance that more will be found. Well done the project team!!!

Subject to land-owners permission, all found nests will have an electric fence erected and maintained around them. When the eggs hatch, the chicks will be ringed and radio-tagged, and then tracked to see how they use the landscape, and what happens to them. Any chicks that approach fledging will be colour-ringed. Failure of chicks to survive and fledge is a major cause of the decline, and we need a better understanding of the reasons so we can develop effective conservation measures.

An update will appear in the next *Buzzard*, and a full report will be prepared and published for each of the three areas. The results will be sent to the South of England Curlew Forum, and the national Curlew Species Recovery Group, so the work will be an integral part of the case to Government for effective Curlew conservation measures.

It's not too late to help:

You can still join one of the Community Wildlife Group surveys, and if you see or hear a Curlew between last month and mid-August, please report it.

Also please check any Curlews you see for colour-rings

You can read more about what has been done since 2018, and future plans, on the SOS website www.shropshirebirds.com/save-our-curlews/

For further information, please contact Leo Smith
SOS Curlew Campaign Co-ordinator, email leo@leosmith.org.uk, or ring 01694 720296.

Breeding Birds of Conservation Concern in Shropshire and Species Recovery Action Plans

Issues of the *Buzzard* since last autumn have reported on SOS adoption of the Red and Amber lists of *Breeding Birds of Conservation Concern in Shropshire*, based on local long-term data published in *The Birds of Shropshire* (2019). Action Plans are being drawn up for many of these species, co-ordinated by a Species Champion. The lists, the Champions, and

progress to date on the Action Plans, can be found on the SOS website, www.shropshirebirds.com/species-recovery/

We are still looking for Champions for four of the first batch of Action Plans: Pochard, Shoveler, Teal and Great Crested Grebe, and would welcome volunteers. A description of the role can be found on the website. Once work is underway on all the first batch, we can begin finding Champions for the remainder, to start work in 2022.

Systematic Fieldwork and Surveying

We are now looking for lots of volunteers to help with survey work on specific species or sites. It's not too late to help with the following immediate needs

- Curlew, in the 10 Community Wildlife Group areas (see Save our Curlews on page 6), and anywhere else they occur
- Wood Warbler – suitable woodland at Brown Clee, Bury Ditches, Candy Valley, Clunton Coppice, Dowles Brook area of the Wyre Forest, Mortimer Forest, The Ercall, The Wrekin and Whitcliffe
- Willow and Marsh Tit, in woodland across the County
- Grasshopper Warbler, in open sites across the County
- Swift, locating nest sites, mainly in urban areas. The hour before sunset during June and July is usually most productive. A volunteer to co-ordinate survey work in each town with old buildings would be extremely useful.
- Corn Bunting and Yellow Wagtail, in north Shropshire.
- A survey of all listed species on each of the larger SWT reserves – if you live near one of these reserves, and visit it regularly, this might be ideal for you.

This list will be added to as the Action Plans develop. The up to date list can be found on the website. If you know which species you want to help with, contact the Species Champion directly through the email address on the website.

If you want to help by surveying a specific site (your choice - not necessarily one of those listed above), or want to be offered opportunities that reflect your general interest or near where you live, please contact Jonathan Groom (bto.shropshire@gmail.com) with a note of the interest, species and / or sites that you want to help survey.

Casual Records - Every member can help

Casual records can add a lot to our knowledge, so we hope all members of SOS will seek out these species, and submit reports which include counts and evidence of breeding behaviour. Please send such records to the Champion in the first instance.

If you know of breeding sites for these species, in 2020 or in previous years, please let us know.

Please help with this important project

Leo Smith
SOS Species Recovery Working Party
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Viaduct and Aqueduct, Martins and Swifts

The House Martin text for 'The Birds of Shropshire' notes the disappearance of what had been sizable Martin colonies, some of them in historic places: 'In 2014 there were no nests on the Belvidere Railway Bridge (Shrewsbury), where there was a "large colony" in 1935; none on the old Atcham Bridge where there had been 335 in 1963; none at Haughmond Abbey, where 53 pairs were reported in 1973; and only eight intact, and possibly occupied nests, on the Chirk Railway Viaduct (shared between Shropshire and Wales), where H E Forrest reported "numbers of nests" in 1907, and 114 were counted in 1966'.

At Chirk, the Railway Viaduct of 1848 looks down impertinently on Thomas Telford's adjacent aqueduct on the Llangollen Canal (completed in 1801, the aqueduct was said then to be the tallest navigable waterway ever built). I have never seen any mention of House Martins nesting on the aqueduct and this was something I sought to check out on 15 July 2019, whilst seeing too whether House Martins were still nesting on the viaduct. Disappointingly, I could see no active Martin nests on either structure.

However, I had a welcome surprise: there were 20 or so Swifts swooping and screeching excitedly around the arches at the Shropshire end of the aqueduct and visiting gaps in the stonework which were clearly actual and potential nest sites. I was delighted to see them, but anxious too that their nest sites might be blocked in any future pointing work. In view of this I contacted the Canal and River Trust, which is responsible for the aqueduct, leading eventually to correspondence with their Senior Ecologist, Glyn Stewart. I hoped he would join me to visit the site in 2020; he was unable to, but I went myself on 14 July

when I saw Swifts visiting nest sites in the areas shown ringed in the photo. However, I was only there for a quarter of an hour, so it may be that any number of the other gaps on the façades and under the arches of the aqueduct were in use too.



A comprehensive pointing job on the aqueduct could wipe out what may be a significant nesting location for this fast-declining bird (we have lost more than half of our Swifts in the last 25 years). I will visit again this year, however, I live an hour away, so can't visit often, but if others can take a look, even if only once, and note where Swifts are going in and out, we would be better placed to propose a conservation strategy to the Canal and River Trust. If you contact me via walltom@hotmail.co.uk I can provide more detail and advice and we can devise a recording strategy. I hope to hear from you.

Tom Wall

Shropshire Rookeries Survey 20221

Survey work this year is completing the census begun in 2019/20. This year I divided the County into 161 patches, 125 requiring survey this year and around 80 volunteers are at the time of writing (late April) on target to complete the task of checking the situation at 427 rookeries. I will begin an analysis of the three censuses of 1975/6, 2008 and the current one later this year.

Meanwhile in the results for the discreet area around Shifnal are worth putting on record:

Rookeries in Shifnal, then and now

The 1975 BTO/SOS Shropshire Rookeries Survey reported nine sites in and around Shifnal and they contained between them 205 nests. The maps position the sites and the dots are approximately proportional in area to the number of nests; the largest, in 2008, contained 53. This year's five sites remain in more or less their 1975 positions and the 2021 data were determined during fieldwork kindly undertaken by Pauline Thomas.

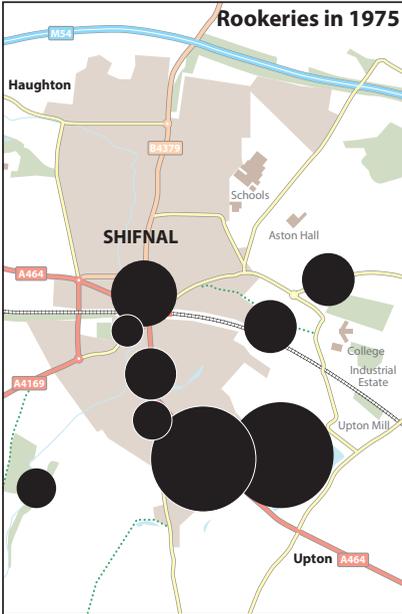
The 2008 survey reported four sites (possibly missing one) containing 122 nests, a loss of 41%.

At the four sites counted in 2008 and five this year the change is from 122 nests to 78, a loss in 13 years of 36% (a 62% loss since 1975).

The attention here is on one piece of semi-urban landscape and the situation for the County's rookeries overall may turn out to be quite different. The results of a comprehensive review of the whole County, 1975, 2008 and now, will appear in due course.

1975 Site N°	1975	2008	2021
244	51		
249	20		
250	5	53	26
251	11		
254	47	overlooked?	10
255	8	21	13
262	25	42	25
263	18		
264	20	6	4
Totals	205	122	78

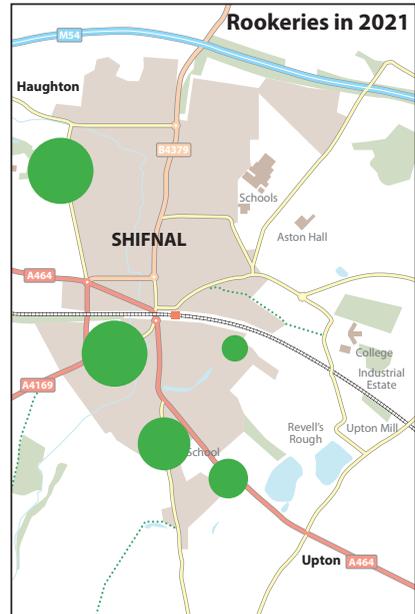
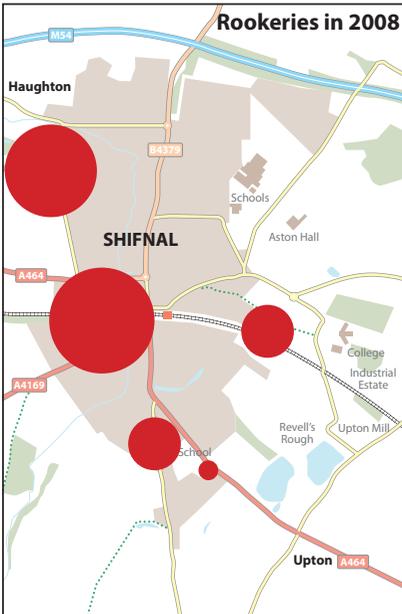
John Tucker



Rookeries in Shifnal

The positions and colony sizes of rookeries in the Shifnal area in surveys of 1975/6, 2008 and 2021.

Dot areas approx. proportional to nest counts; largest 53 in 2008.





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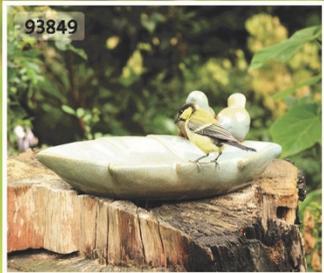
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BIRD NOTES

Jan, Feb and Mar 2021

Pink-footed Goose The year opened well with two seen at Coundlane and Eyton on Severn plus an amazing 290 feeding on a stubble field near Adderley on 1 Jan. Between 3– 6 Jan there were sightings of up to 110 over the north / west of the county. 200 were later present at Wall Farm on 10 Feb and finally one at Polemere on 13 and 21 Feb.

White-fronted Goose (European) (image) Singles were present at Chelmarsh Reservoir on 1 - 2 Jan, then two at Polemere on 2 Jan. Amazing developments then followed at Melverley floods where a flock of 29, present on 23 Jan, which later flew over Maesbury heading towards Oswestry. Next day at least 57 were at Melverley and were seen flying around the area for much of the afternoon. Finally, a pair were seen near Wroxeter between 23 – 28 Jan.



Mute Swan Numerous reports from sites across the County. The largest gathering was 70+ reported at Melverley floods on 4 Jan. 36 were present at Venus Pool on 14 Feb.

Bewick's Swan A late adult was present at Venus Pool, commuting to nearby fields to feed between 14 - 30 Mar.

Whooper Swan Five were present at Coundlane and a single reported at Whixall floods on 1 Jan. All other sightings came from Melverley floods between 4 Jan – 8 Feb with up to 20 (on 3 Feb) seen.

Egyptian Goose Two were seen regularly near Edgmond between 3 – 27 Feb, then only one was visible on 7 Mar. A second observer noted nine recently hatched goslings on a nearby pool on 27 Mar. Two at VP on 14 Feb and one on 6 Mar. Four were present at Polemere on 27 Feb and one or two at Chetwynd Pool between 16 Jan – 21 Mar.

Shoveler Present at various locations throughout the quarter with the highest counts coming from Chetwynd Pool where a maximum of 88 were present, on 22 Feb.

Gadwall Most records came from Venus Pool with numbers peaking in February with a maximum count of 34 on 11th. Twelve were present at Dryton on 8 Mar.

Wigeon Good numbers at the usual sites. Highest counts were: Melverley Floods (250) on 4 Jan, Shavington (200) on 4 Jan, Coundmoor (138) on 4 Mar, Wall Farm (150) on 23 Jan and Venus Pool (120) on 11 Feb.

Pintail The highest number were at Melverley Floods on 4 Jan where at least 250 were recorded. 37 were present at Crudgington Moor on 5 Mar and an exceptional 35 at Venus Pool on 17 Jan.

Common Teal The highest counts came from: Melverley Floods (200+) on 4 Jan, Wall Farm (200+) on 3 Feb and Crudgington Moor (185) on 15 Feb.

Red-crested Pochard A drake was present at Priorslee Lake on 1 Jan.

Pochard Reported from just three locations, notably 19 at Venus Pool on 11 Mar and seven at Priorslee Lake on 11 Jan.

Scaup (image) The long staying female was present on The Mere, Ellesmere between 1 Jan and 19 Mar. A second female was present at Oss Mere on 1414 Feb.



Goldeneye Up to 49 were reported throughout the period from the North Shropshire meres.

Common Scoter One was at Priorslee Lake briefly on 18 Mar, when another was recorded calling at night over Cantlopgrove.

Smew A male and female were present at Chelmarsh Reservoir during the early morning of 1 Jan.

Great Northern Diver The long staying diver was still present at Chelmarsh Reservoir from 1 Jan and last reported on 21 Jan.

Black-necked Grebe One was present on Whitemere on 15 Mar.

Cattle Egret Up to three were present near Cross Lanes between 3 – 10 Feb.

Great White Egret Present throughout the quarter with a maximum of four in the Melverley area and up to three on Crudgington Moor. Other individual sightings came from Wroxeter on 2 Jan, Crosemere on 5 Feb, Aston Locks on 9 Mar and Wall fFrm on 31 Mar.

Little Egret Widely reported throughout the quarter with a conservative count of at least 26 in separate flocks from the Melverley floods area on 20 Mar.

Shag Two 3rd calendar year birds were briefly present on the fishing pool adjacent to Venus Pool on 11 Feb before flying round over the pool and leaving to the south.

Osprey One flew over Meaton Lane on 28 Mar and another over Bury Ditches on 30 Mar.

Marsh Harrier One was reported over Aston Coppice, Ercall on 15 Mar.

Hen Harrier A ringtail was seen in the Whixall Moss area on four occasions during the quarter and another ringtail was at Crosemere on 25 Feb.

Avocet One was reported at Wood Lane on 26 Mar.

Golden Plover Some large flocks were present during the period, in particular, 200+ at Hollywaste 17 Jan. 180 at Eyton on Severn on 24 Jan and 180 in a field off the B4380 near Shrewsbury.

Curlew Reports came from 37 different locations throughout the County. The highest group count was seven, present near Bridges on 31 Mar.

Dunlin Four were present at Wall Farm on 10 Feb reducing to three on 12 Feb. Singles were seen at Venus Pool on 17 Feb and Crudgington Moor on 26 Feb.

Jack Snipe (image next page) Singles were present at Chelmarsh scrape on 1 Jan, wetlands near Church Stretton on 9 Jan, Lyneal Wharf on 10 Jan and Sweeny Fen on 24 Feb.



Common Snipe 70+ were present at Polemere on 8 Feb. There was an estimated 60+ at Burleydam on 16 Mar and 50+ at Wall Farm on 5 Feb.

Common Sandpiper Two early migrants were seen at Venus Pool on 30 Mar and one the following day.

Green Sandpiper Two were present on some flood water near Baschurch on 22 Jan. A single was seen at Venus Pool between 27 Jan and 25 Mar.

Common Redshank Singles were present at Venus Pool on 4 and 17 Mar. One was at Wall Farm on 22 Mar.

Black-headed Gull Reported throughout the County with the most impressive counts coming from The Mere, Ellesmere, peaking at 5,000 on 10 Mar. 2,000 were at Priorslee Lake on 21 Jan.

Mediterranean Gull Seven reports involving up to four birds were present in the roost at The Mere, Ellesmere between 17 Feb - 10 Mar.

Common Gull Most records came from the north of the County. The highest count was 350 at The Mere, Ellesmere on 4 Jan.

Great Black-backed Gull Up to fifteen were present at Holmer Lake and up to three at Priorslee Lake between 1 – 25 Jan. One or two were seen at The Mere, Ellesmere during Feb and Mar.

Herring Gull 280 were in the roost at The Mere, Ellesmere on 4 Jan. 200 were present at Priorslee Lake on 11 Jan.

Caspian Gull Holmer Lake, Telford produced a 2nd calendar year bird on 1 – 2 Jan, plus a 3rd calendar year on 2 Jan. Thereafter, virtually all sightings came from Priorslee Lake where up to four were occasionally seen between 2 Jan – 9 Mar. A 2nd calendar year was in the roost at The Mere, Ellesmere on 5 Mar.

Yellow-legged Gull (image) Up to six were seen most days at Priorslee Lake during January and February. Holmer Lake produced a few records and there were four in the roost at The Mere, Ellesmere on 10 Mar.



Lesser Black-backed Gull Reported widely throughout the period. The highest counts came from roost at The Mere, Ellesmere (1500) on 10 Mar and Priorslee Lake (700) on 15 Feb.

Barn Owl The lockdown had a negative impact on the number of sightings, nevertheless, 33 records were received from 21 locations.

Little Owl Just two records, one at Cantlopgrove on 18 Feb and another at Ford Heath on 27 Feb.

Short-eared Owl One was present at Burleydam on 8 Mar.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Singles at undisclosed locations and one report of two in the Wyre Forest in Feb / Mar.

Merlin Seven records from: Middleton Scriven, Ford, Pentre Cefn, Strefford, Coalbrookdale, Cantlopgrove and Frodesley.

Great Grey Shrike One was present near the summit of Brown Clee on 30 Mar.

Willow Tit Records of one or two birds came from nine locations.

Sand Martin Helped by southerly winds, the first reported bird was seen at Llanymynech on 28 Feb, nearly a month earlier than in 2020! Another followed, at Wood Lane on 4 Mar, but then cold winds returned, delaying further arrivals until 17 Mar when two were seen at Venus Pool.

House Martin The first was reported from Eardington on 27 Mar followed by another on 28 Mar at Priorslee Lake.

Swallow One was reported over Ruyton-XI-Towns on 25 Mar, another at VP on 27th, followed by daily sightings at five more sites of single birds to the end of the month and two at VP on 30th.

Cetti's Warbler Two were present at Shavington Park on 1 Jan. No reports received then until 6 Mar when one was reported at Venus Pool. Singing birds were heard or seen at Aston Locks on 9, 16 and 24 Mar and Monkmoor Pool on 22 Mar.

Willow Warbler The first returning bird reported was at Severn Valley Country Park on 28 Mar.

Yellow-browed Warbler One was reported in Ercall Wood from 10 to 15 Jan.

Ring Ouzel The first seen was at Brown Clee on 30 Mar, then four were present on Caradoc on 30 Mar. Up to five were present on the Long Mynd / Titterstone Clee on 31 Mar.

Fieldfare Plentiful throughout the period, there were many three-figure counts. The largest groups were 1,000 at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury on 2 Feb, 550 at Eyton on Severn on 25 Jan and 500 at Cantlopgrove on 28 Jan.

Redwing Numerous reports from around the County. There were several three-figure counts, topped by 300 at Cantlopgrove on 9 Jan.

Pied Flycatcher Just one record of two very early males at Craig Sychtyn on 23 Mar.

Black Redstart One was present in Kynnersley on 6 Mar.

Wheatear The first record was a single present at Venus Pool on 25 Mar. More soon followed at the usual locations with 4+ on Titterstone Clee on 30 Mar.

Tree Sparrow Most records came from the south of the County throughout the period with up to 32 seen daily at Newcastle, 10 at Clunbury and up to seven at Oakley Mynd.

Brambling Reported from many locations throughout the quarter with a highest count of up to fifty at Bury Ditches.

Tree Pipit Two were seen at Meaton Lane on 28 Mar.

Hawfinch Up to seven were seen near Horderley between 16 Jan – 20 Mar.

Common Crossbill The highest count of eighteen came from Eardington on 1 Jan. Other double-figure counts were from Lower Overton (16 on 21 Mar) and Meaton Lane (12 on 28 Mar).



Corn Bunting Most records came from the Tibberton area with up to 50 there on 20 Jan.

Little Bunting A male was photographed in a private garden at Ditton Priors on 22 Feb and seen again there on 9 Mar. The first County record. (Below – David Munn image)



Some sightings are subject to acceptance by the records committee

Records for Bird Notes are extracted from the quarterly Birdtrack report for Shropshire. Due to the volume of records produced, common species are not normally included. Records must be recorded by observers in Birdtrack by the 10th of the month following the end of each quarter to ensure consideration for inclusion. Given the short timescale for processing 'Bird Notes' it is not always possible to process personal lists. All rarities should either be entered into Birdtrack or submitted to the county recorder.

(Text and image unless otherwise stated) **Jim Almond**

Indoor Meetings

Indoor meeting venue (subject to change)

**Bayston Hill Memorial Hall, Lyth Hill Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury
at 7:15pm**

Please monitor the SOS website ([under "Breaking News"](#)) for confirmation of the arrangements under which each talk will be held, including the use of Zoom.

For more details visit: <http://www.shropshirebirds.com/indoor-meetings/>

Wednesday, 15 September 2021

Annual General Meetings

We hope to arrange a presentation to follow the AGMs. Please monitor our website for the latest information.

<http://www.shropshirebirds.com>

Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Diane Monether

Feed the Birds

Taking us through a Shropshire Wildlife Trust initiative to encourage people of all ages and settings to care for our feathered friends and showcasing some of the benefits and successes.

Wednesday, 3 November 2021

Jeff Clarke

Cruisers Go Wild

A fascinating look at the vast array of birds and mammals that can be seen on regular cruise trips with tips on locations, time of year etc., to get the best of both worlds - cruise holidays and wildlife watching.

Wednesday, 1 December 2021

Mike Lane

A Lane in Eastern Europe

A look at the diverse wildlife across several Eastern European countries.

Field Trips

Sunday, 22 August

Bird Fair 2021 at Rutland Water (with RSPB Local Group) - By Coach
Organiser: Sue Brealey

The 2021 Bird Fair has been cancelled so this trip will not be held.

Sunday, 19t September

RSPB Conwy – By Car

Organiser: Sue Brealey Full Day, Meet at Car Park at 10am,

Postcode for SatNav: LL31 9XZ

- Directions: From the A55, take junction 18 (signposted Conwy and Deganwy) and follow the brown RSPB signs. The reserve is on the south side of the roundabout.
- See: www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/conwy/

Provisionally Cancelled (see 'Breaking News' on home page of SOS website) for latest news on this event).

For updates, please check
Breaking News on our website
<http://www.shropshirebirds.com>

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