



Whitby Naturalists' Club

Workshop and Outdoor Programme 2022

May	
Sun 1 10.30	Hairstreaks & Emperors on Jugger Howe with Graham Featherstone. This is the normal flight time for Green Hairstreaks and Emperor Moths. We will follow the Jugger Howe Nature Trail down to the beck, with a steep ascent to return. Meet in the layby west of the A171, NZ945003. The gate there will then be unlocked to enable closer parking. Bring binoculars and refreshments. Contact: WE.
Tue 3 09.00	Beginners' Birdsong Identification at May Beck/Falling Foss with Graham Oliver. A morning walk for a small group to listen to woodland birds and practise identification. Meet at May Beck car park, NZ893025. Walk to Falling Foss, the Hermitage, and return after refreshments at Midge Hall. Bring binoculars. Booking essential. Contact: GO.
Tue 10 07:30	Small Mammals at Robin Hood's Bay with Mike Bagshaw. An early morning inspection of traps laid out the previous night, to see what small mammals have been caught. Meet in Bay on Station Road, at the roundabout before the steep road down, NZ951053. Booking advised because event is weather dependent. Contact: WE.
Sat 14 10.00	Spring Wildflower Walk from Grosmont to Sleights with Marian Brockway. Following the Esk Valley Walk through ancient woodland with a beautiful display of spring flowers. The 95 bus to Lealholmside arrives in Grosmont from Whitby, Ruswarp, Sleights in time for the start of the walk at the end of the Toll Road, NZ823056. Bring refreshments to eat along the way; afternoon tea will be available at Perry's Garden Centre at the end. The 95 runs half hourly back to Ruswarp and Whitby. Contact: MB.
week starting 16 th	Swift Observation/Survey Training in Sleights with Steve Mills & Hilary Koll. An early evening walk to observe swift behaviour, and hopefully see them entering nests. Steve will explain how to record observations for the June/July swift survey. Park in the public car park on Coach Road opposite shops. Date and meeting time to be finalized later as dependent on good weather. Contact: WE.
Thu 26 13.20	Local History, Hawsker Cross and Rigg Mill with Jane Ellis & Bill Jagger. A 4 mile linear walk from Hawsker, taking in Hawsker Cross (11 th C) and Rigg Mill, and finishing near Sainsbury's. The route passes through ancient woodland at a good time for spring flowers. Some paths are steep with uneven ground; wear suitable footwear. Meet at the junction of Mill Lane with the A171, NZ926077. Start on arrival of X94 bus leaving Whitby Bus Station at 13.06. Parking for a few cars near the start. Bus into Whitby or back to Hawsker at the end. Bring refreshments. Contact: WE.
June	
Thu 9 th 20.30	Evening Wildlife Watch in Larpool Walled Garden with Elaine Hoyle. Whitby Area Development Trust has secured a long lease on the walled garden at Larpool Hall for their Well-Being Through Nature Project. Elaine will show us round and explain the restoration work in progress. At dusk we will watch and listen for owls, and observe the tumbledown orangery for emerging bats. Bring a bat detector if possible. A moth trap and bat recorder will be left on site to monitor overnight activity. Meet in Larpool Hall car park YO22 4ND. Contact: WE.
Mon 13 11.00	Flowers, Butterflies and a Medieval Village, Wharram Percy with Wendy English. Wendy will lead a morning visit to the Wharram Quarry YWT reserve well known for its butterflies and plants, including the Yorkshire Broomrape. Afternoon walk and visit to the medieval village at Wharram Percy. Bring refreshments. Booking essential to co-ordinate transport between sites. Contact: WE.
Thu 16 10.45	Seashore Search, Boggle Hole with Jane Pottas. Meet at Boggle Hole slipway, NZ955040. Parking available on Mill Lane, YO22 4UQ, 5 minutes' walk from the slipway. Refreshments available afterwards in YHA café. Wear footwear suitable for getting wet. Contact: JP.
Wed 22 14.00	Meadow Wildflowers & Beginners' Grass Identification with Wendy English. Kingston Field is the Fylingthorpe village green, bequeathed to the village by Pannett and managed as a hay meadow for years. All welcome to come and enjoy a walk round the meadow. Wendy will then lead a session on identification of common grasses, based on the FSC Grasses Guide. Access from Thorpe Bank NZ943050 Booking essential for grasses identification. Contact: WE.
Thu 30 21.30	Nightjar Evening in Harwood Dale Forest with John McEachen. We hope to hear and see nightjars and other nocturnal wildlife in the cleared forest. John will be setting up his mist net. Meet in layby W of A171, SE967989. Bring a torch, insect repellent and, if you have one, a protective face net - the midges bite! Contact: JMcE.
July	
Tue 5 12.30	Local History, Egton Bridge with Christiane Kroebe. An afternoon walk around the village learning about the history of the buildings and the people. Weather dependent. Meet at the train station, NZ804054. Contact: CK.
Sat 9 10.30	YNU VC62 Recording Meeting at Strensall. Club Members are welcome to attend. Contact: YNU.
Wed 13 10.00	Geology of Runswick Bay with Tim Burnhill. A morning walk along the shore studying the strata, with the chance of finding a piece of Whitby jet. Meet at the end of the road to the beach, NZ809160. Contact: TB.
August	
TBC Wed 3 10.00	Woodland Management, Junipers and Pond Dipping with Peter Woods and Alan Ritson. Peter owned and managed the woodland at Danby Intake for many years, and will lead a circular walk explaining the history and development. Peter was a key part of the National Park Juniper Project in 2004, and will show us some of the results of that work. Alan Ritson will investigate the aquatic wildlife in the pond on the route. Meet on West Lane at the junction with Intake drive NZ707094. Cars should be parked on the parking area south of West Lane at NZ708092. Contact: WE.

August	
Sat 13 10.30	Railside Walk Whitby to Ruswarp with Wendy English. Study Esk Estuary habitats including the new saltmarsh creation scheme at Whitehall Landings. Complete a circular walk back by Fitt Steps, or finish at Ruswarp Station. Meet at the slipway near Coates Marine, NZ899104. Contact: WE.
Thu 18 TBC	Mildews and Rusts with David Minter. Learn about the life cycles of these fungal diseases that are often overlooked. Location and rendezvous time TBC. Contact: DM.
September	
Mon 12 10.30	Seashore Search, Saltwick Bay with Jane Pottas. Jane will lead an exploration of the rockpools and shoreline. Refreshments available in café afterwards. Meet at top of path to beach, NZ915108. Limited parking beside the road to Whitby Holiday Park, or walk along the Cleveland Way from Whitby. Wear footwear suitable for getting wet. Contact: JP.
Thu 15 10.30	Pebbles on the Beach at Stoupe Beck with Tony Kearsley. A walk along the beach to Stoupe Beck, to explore the origins and journeys made by a sample of the pebbles found there. Refreshments and review of findings and maps in the YHA café afterwards. Meet at Boggle Hole slipway, NZ955040. Contact: WE.
Fri 23 Time TBC	Village Bat Survey of Briggswath and Sleights with Nick Gibbons. Nick will bring additional detecting/recording equipment, so we can get a snapshot of bat activity on the Esk and surrounding area in a 2 hour period around dusk. Meet at Sleights Railway Station, NZ868081. Booking essential so that survey points can be planned & allocated. Contact: WE.
Tue 27 14.00	Green Energy and Fish Passes at Ruswarp Weir. Rory Newman will take us to visit the Archimedes screw hydroelectric generation plant on Ruswarp weir, explaining its operation, and show us the different fish passes. Meet in the Bata car park on Sneaton Lane, NZ889089. Suitable for less mobile members. Booking required. Contact: WE.
October	
Sat 8 Time TBC	Fungus Foray, East Arnecliff Woods with David Minter. A repeat of the Club's field trip in 1945 featured in the Esk Valley News Trees book. Starting at Beggar's Bridge, Glaisdale, NZ784056, we will follow the footpath through the woods, review the finds and then descend the lane from near Delves to the Horseshoe Inn at Egton Bridge for refreshments. Travel by train from Whitby. Contact: DM.
November	
TBC	Morning Conservation work in Uppang Ravine. Our annual grassland clearance on the bankside has resulted in clear improvement in the flora and dependent insects. Bring refreshments, tools and gardening gloves. Contact: WE.

Notes. Events may be cancelled at short notice if weather is unsuitable. Please use event Contact for enquiries, transport advice or to check weather situation. Car sharing is encouraged to minimise car use and parking space may be limited. Final details about events will be sent by e-mail nearer the time. Additional events may be organized at short notice. No dogs allowed.

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