

Birding

Please ring Leader if planning to attend. Meet at site at times stated.

Bring lunch where appropriate. More details/directions from Leader.

Oct 16 (Friday) **Staveley YWT Reserve**
Meet 10-30am at car park SE369630
Leader: Nigel Steels 07794 992189

Dec 10 (Thursday) **Harewood**
Meet 10am Church Lane near Village Hall SE320452. Paying car park Hall/Muddy Boots café. Bring lunch.
Leader: Andy Woodall 07725 819326

2027

Feb 20 (Saturday) **Ripon City Wetlands YWT Reserve**
Meet 2-00pm at car park to left of entrance
Leader: Nigel Steels 07794 992189

March 20 (Saturday) **Scar House Reservoir**
Meet 10.00am car park SE069766
In search of Wheatear (likely) and Ring Ouzel (difficult).
Leader: Helen Steward 07760 883865

April 10 (Sat) **Winterburn Reservoir**
Meet 10am in Hetton at end of Moor Lane (track) SD962590. A walk across farmland to the reservoir looking for groups of waders plus ducks & gulls. Distance 6 miles on stony/grassy tracks.
Leader: Iain Manfield - 07952 275440

Recorders – your sightings to the following please -

Amphibians and Reptiles - Denis O'Connor - 01943 465107 denisoconnor47@yahoo.co.uk 14 Riverside Avenue, Otley, LS21 2RT

Bees, Wasps and Ants - Catherine Burton - 07825 687193 catherine.catwasp@gmail.com

Birds - Phil Galtry - 07969 121956 philgaltry@gmail.com

Botany

- **Higher Plants, Ferns & Allies - Bruce Brown - 07397 093284** - brucenbrown3@gmail.com

- **Bryophytes - Gordon Haycock - 01943 968112** gordon.haycock@haycockandjay.co.uk

Butterflies - Nyree Fearnley - 07811 066971 david.nyree@btinternet.com

Dragonflies - David Alred - 01943 862930 joanalred@talktalk.net
41 Hall Drive, Burley-in-Wharfedale LS29 7LR

Fungi—Andy Woodall - 07725 819326 woodallandy69@gmail.com

Ladybirds - Anne Riley - 01943 862916 j.a.riley@btinternet.com

Mammals - Rachel Huxham - 07818 401619 mammals.wns@gmail.com. Address for postal records on request.

Moths (macro and micro) - Aidan Smith - 07712 156793 wharfedalemoths@gmail.com

Weather - Peter & Sheila Bancroft - 01943 864943 plbancroft@yahoo.co.uk

THE WHARFEDALE NATURALISTS SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 509241



Winter 2026 - 27

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WNS - Founded 1945 - Member YNU and YWT

Tuesday Evening Meetings 2026

Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley 7-30pm

Sept 22 'Amongst Local Reptiles and Amphibians' - **David Alred**, long-standing WNS Member and past President

Interval with Tea/Coffee

Oct 13 WEBINAR 'Wild Frontier: Landscapes and Wildlife of Alaska' - **Samantha Franks**, Senior Research Ecologist, BTO

Oct 27 'Wanderings in the Washburn Valley - the Landscape and Wildlife of a Minor Dale' - **Kelvin Smith**, Wildlife Photographer and WNS Member

Nov 10 'Bleak and Beautiful - Conservation in the South Pennines' - **Rosie Holdsworth**, Countryside Manager, National Trust

Nov 24 'Gair Wood - Creation of a Woodland for Biodiversity Research' - **Dr Cat Scott**, Associate Professor, Leeds University

Dec 8 'A Year in the Life of a Swift' - **Linda Jenkinson**, Leeds Swifts

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January 12 WEBINAR 'The Evolution, Ecology and Conservation of Britain's Seabirds' - **Jack Lucas**, Field Biologist and Marine Ecologist

January 26 'The Climate Crisis - What Does it Mean for Us?' - **John Marsham**, Professor of Atmospheric Science, Leeds University

***THURSDAY February 18 WEBINAR** 'Antarctica, The Falklands and South Georgia' - **Sara Frost**, Website & Marketing Manager and Tour Leader, Naturetrek
THIS IS ON A THURSDAY

February 23 'A Chance to See Every British Butterfly' - **Nyree Fearnley**, WNS Butterfly Recorder

March 9 **Recorders' Evening**
A selection of Recorders' Highlights

March 23 **AGM**

Interval with Tea/Coffee

'Twenty Thousand Years of Pennine Woodland History in Thirty Minutes' -

Keith Wilson, Retired Forester and WNS Member

Special Events 2026

October 24 (Thurs)

Fungus Foray

Meet 10am Thruscross Car Park SE153573
(parking charges apply)

Bring Lunch

Leader: Andy Woodall 07725 819326



November 3 (Tuesday)

Rodley Nature Reserve

Meet 10am at Reserve SE228363

Leaders: Peter and Barbara Murphy
01132 930188

November 28 (Saturday 6-00pm)

Winter Moth Night Walk at Danefield (Chevin Forest Park)

A torchlit walk to count the number of Winter Moths on Danefield, N.B. Steep terrain and rough underfoot. Warm clothes and torch required. Date will move in the event of bad weather. Email wharfedalemoths@gmail.com if interested/for more information.

Leader: Aidan Smith—07712 156793



N.B. Members are reminded that they attend events in this programme at their own risk and that they are responsible for their own safety and that of their property. Car sharing passengers contribute towards petrol cost