# **Friends of Weir Wood Newsletter**

Newsletter No. 103

# Welcome!

Winter 2023



#### **FRIENDS 2024 AGM**

Our AGM is all booked and will be on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 at our usual venue in Forest Row. We will start with the formal AGM business at 7:15pm followed by our guest speaker at 8pm. The AGM usual agenda will be:

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes
- 3. Matters arising
- 4. Chairman's Report
- 5. Membership Secretary & Website Editor Report
- 6. Treasurer's Report & Approval of 2023 Accounts and acceptance of the Auditor
- 7. Election of Officers and Committee
- 8. Any Other Business Any Questions.

Following the AGM formal business, I am very pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be Lydia Baxter who is the Sussex Wildlife Trust Project Officer for the "Wilder Ouse Project" which covers the river Ouse catchment area that flows eventually to Newhaven.

This project includes creating wildlife corridors, natural habitat restoration, and building partnerships with people for wildlife and it's protection. It is also supporting the delivery of the Weald to Waves Initiative. This talk neatly follows on from our previous AGM speaker from the Ashdown Forest. It should be an interesting talk.

Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5DZ
Tea & Coffee will be available in the break.
Admission - donations appreciated.
Everyone welcome

(Doors open 7pm)

## Autumn Walk & Fungi Foray on 28th October

14 braved the elements for the Friends annual autumn walk. In spite of the dire forecast, we were very fortunate with the weather, with watery sunshine persisting for most of the walk. Sadly, the weather forecast meant that we had to cancel our plans for bird ringing.

The recent heavy rain had resulted in very wet conditions under foot especially in Whillets Meadows. Wellies were definitely the order of the day!

We started as usual with a walk from the hide through the study area to Pintail Point. We were hoping to see plenty of fungi given the recent rain, but in the event there was not very much to see.

We were able to spot and identify a number of common species – Fly Agaric, The Deceiver, Amethyst Deceiver, Birch Bracket, Birch Bolete, Green Elf Cup, Stinkhorn, Dog Stinkhorn, Inkcap and Yellow Field Cap. There were a number of specimens that we were unable to identify many of which were small bonnet types of the *Mycena* family.

As we walked through the study area we were able to point out some of the habitat improvement work carried out by the work parties during the year, the main aim of which was to bring light into the area to encourage more wild flowers and butterflies. We talked about the high nest boxes and the successes this year with Tawny Owl, Mandarin Duck, Jackdaw and Stock Dove. We also found the remains of a wasps' nest in the ground destroyed by badgers.

At Pintail Point we enjoyed splendid views across the reservoir and the first of many flyovers by Redwings. We pointed out the nest box where a pair of Barn Owls had successfully raised four chicks this year. We also pointed out a hornet's nest in a box which had been used successfully by Mandarin Ducks earlier in the year. This was one of three hornets' nests in our nest boxes this year (more than usual).

After returning to the hide, we then headed towards Whillets Meadows taking time on route to look at the birdlife on the reservoir from the various viewing points along Legsheath Lane. As well as the usual large numbers of Greylag and Canada Geese and increasingly, Egyptian Geese, we spotted Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Teal, Shoveler, Gadwall, Tufted Duck, Mallard, Grey Heron and Cormorant. Some of us were fortunate to see fleeting glimpses of a Kingfisher darting across the water and also a Grey Wagtail at the water's edge. The main aerial activity was provided by hundreds of "chukking" Jackdaws in flight above the high trees on the north bank of the reservoir.

On arrival at Whillets, we made our way across the soggy meadows towards Meadow Pond to see the new dipping platform. Apart from a few overflying Redwings, there was not much to see so we returned to the hide calling in on Whillets reed bed on the way through. We had hoped to see a few Reed Buntings coming into roost in the reeds, but the weather was against us so sadly we drew a blank.

#### **Membership Renewals:**

We would normally include a membership renewal reminder slip with our bank account details at this time, but we are in the process of changing our Friends of Weir Wood Society bank account provider. We expect to have completed this before the end of January.

Could we ask you please to delay paying your membership subscriptions until we can advise you of our new Metro Bank account details.

We will email everyone with the details of our new account once the change is complete and the account is "live". Membership renewals can then be paid as normal.

Red Throated Diver - 1 from 23/10 to 30/10.

Great Northern Diver - 1 on 5/11.

Little Grebe - 1 on 28/9, 28/10, 5/11 & 7/11, 3 on 31/10, 11/11 & 30/11, 2 on 4/12, 1 on 10/12, 19/12, 21/12 & 26/12.

Great Crested Grebe - Regular (counts over 12), 21 on 30/9, 33 on 1/10, 36 on 8/10, 27 on 15/10, 28 on 27/10, 39 on 30/10, 25 on 6/11, 14 on 17/11, 21 on 20/11, 17 on 21/11, 15 on 29/11, 14 on 2/12, 26 on 17/12, 14 on 21/12 & 27/12.

Mute Swan - Up to 8 from 25/9 to 1/10 then up to 6 until 10/10 then 2 regularly until 2/12 (counts over) 3 on 15/10 & 20/11, 5 on 19/10. 4 on 27/12.

Cormorant - Regular (counts over 15), 27 on 7/10, 20 on 15/10 & 22/10, 30 on 3/11, 36 on 7/11, 20 on 9/11, 53 on 14/11, 28 on 17/11, 68 on 20/11, 60 on 29/11, 71 on 2/12, 16 on 7/12, 17 on 12/12, 40 on 17/12, 51 on 21/12.

Little Egret - 2 on 15/10, 1 on 6/11, 21/11 & 29/11, 3 on 2/12, 1 on 3/12, 2 on 8/12, 1 on 9/12, 17/12 & 27/12.

Great White Egret - 1 on 13/10 & 19/10.

Grey Heron – Up to 2 regularly (counts over), 3 on 25/9 & 4/10, 7 on 28/9 & 30/9, 10 on 15/10, 4 on 20/11, 3 on 2/12, 17/12, 21/12 & 27/12.

Greylag Goose - Regular (counts over 16), 208 on 25/9, 62 on 15/10, 60 on 17/10, 83 on 19/10, 194 on 22/10, 213 on 23/10, 237 on 20/10, 189 on 3/11, 20 on 5/11, 32 on 17/11, 23 on 26/11, 17 on 28/11, 27 on 29/11, 25 on 17/12. Also 3 White Feral/Greylag hybrids on 3/11. White Farmyard Goose - 3 regularly.

Canada Goose - (counts over 10), 45 on 3/10, 14 on 19/10, 35 on 22/10, 76 on 23/10, 100 on 24/10, 15 on 5/11, 20 on 23/12. Brent Goose -3 on 13/10.

Egyptian Goose - Up to 5 regularly (counts over), 10 on 25/9 & 28/9, 13 on 3/10, 6 on 15/10, Up to 20 from 16/10 to 22/10, 12 on 30/10, 21 on 5/11, 18 on 6/11, 14 on 20/11, 7 on 17/12.

Mandarin – Up to 2 regularly until 4/12 (counts over) 5 on 25/9, 3 on 28/9 & 1/10, 6 on 30/9 & 3/10, 10 on 7/10, 3 on 8/10, 23 on 15/10, 3 on 5/11, 5 on 11/11, 4 on 3/12, 8 on 8/12, 4 on 17/12.

Wigeon - 5 on 24/10, 3 on 6/11 & 25/11, 2 on 14/12, 11 on 19/12, 2 on 21/12 & 26/12.

Ruddy Shelduck - 1 on 9/11.

**Shelduck –** 8 on 14/11.

Gadwall - 3 regularly from 17/10 to 24/10, Up to 6 from 27/10 to 21/11, 2 on 28/11, 1 on 29/11, up to 4 from 2/12 to 12/12 then 2 regularly until end of period.

Teal - 21 on 25/9, 8 on 28/9, 6 on 30/9, 16 on 1/10 & 3/10, 24 on 7/10, Up to 42 from 8/10 to 17/10, 44 on 19/10, 34 on 22/10, 29 on 27/10, 10 on 28/10, 6 on 30/10 (counts over 5), 7 on 6/11, 8 on 20/11, 7 on 14/12, 9 on 21/12.

Mallard - Resident (counts over 15), 20 on 30/9, 25 on 3/10, 39 on 8/10, 32 on 10/10, 48 on 15/10, 17 on 19/10, 26 on 30/10, 16 on 7/11, 23 on 14/11, 28 on 20/11, 20 on 4/12. White Feral Duck – 1 from 3/10 to 4/12.

Shoveler - 1 on 28/10, 4 on 2/12 & 3/12.

Pochard - 1 on 31/10 & 25/11, 3 on 26/11 & 28/11, up to 6 from 29/11 to 7/12, 7 on 10/12, 8 on 11/12 then up to 7 until 9 on 23/12 to 26/12, 10 on 27/12. Common Scoter - 1 on 17/10, 3 on 30/10.

Pintail - 2 from 15/10 to 23/10, 1 on 24/10, 2 on 5/11, 1 on 6/11 & 9/11.

Goosander - 1 on 11/11, 2 from 2/12 to 7/12, 1 on 19/12 & 23/12, 5 on 24/12, 1 on 26/12, 2 on 27/12.

Tufted Duck - Up to 6 from 25/9 to 16/10 then up to 4 until 7 on 27/10, 13 on 30/10, 14 on 31/10, 12 on 5/11 then up to 10 until 14/11, 3 from 28/11 until 11 on 10/12, 17 on 11/12, 7 on 12/12 then up to 5 until 7 on 27/12.

Common Buzzard - 1 regularly (counts over), 3 from 3/10 to 8/10, 3 on 15/10 & 22/10, 6 on 5/11, 2 on 28/11, 3 on 5/12, 5 **Red Kite** – 1 on 28/9, 2 on 17/10, 1 on 5/11, 3 on 28/11, 1 on 7/12. on 17/12, 2 on 27/12.

Sparrowhawk - 1 on 8/10, 10/10, 25/10 & 5/11, 2 on 20/11 & 28/11, 1 on 4/12, 9/12 & 17/12.

**Kestrel** – 1 regularly from 3/10 to 10/10, 2 on 15/10 & 17/10, 1 on 24/10, 3 on 5/11, 2 on 20/11, 1 on 29/11 & 17/12.

Goshawk - 1 on 16/10 & 5/11. 1 on 17/12.

Peregrine - 1 on 24/10 & 5/11.

Osprey - 1 on 26/9 to 28/9, 1 on 3/10, 1 on 9/11. Marsh Harrier - 1 on 27/9, 15/10 & 5/11. Red Kite - 1 on 28/9, 2 on 17/10, 1 on 5/11, 3 on 28/11, 1 on 17/12.

Pheasant - Regular (counts over 5), 7 on 20/11.

Moorhen - Resident (Counts over 2), 4 on 4/10, 6 on 8/10, 7 on 15/10, 4 on 22/10 & 27/10, 9 on 20/11.

Water Rail - 2 on 20/11, 1 on 21/11, 28/11 & 5/12, 2 on 8/12 & 17/12.

Coot - Regular (Counts over 15), 19 on 25/9, 23 on 1/10, 19 on 7/10, 25 on 8/10, 22 on 15/10, 28 on 16/10, 19 on 17/10, 26 on 19/10, 21 on 27/10, 19 on 30/10 then up to 6 regularly (counts over), 7 on 17/11, 12 on 20/11, 9 on 29/11 & 2/12, 10 on 4/12, 8 on 10/12. Woodcock - 1 on 17/12.

Redshank - 31 on 10/10.

Oystercatcher - 1 on 2/10.

Dunlin - 1 on 29/9 & 2/10. Jack Snipe - 1 on 8/12.

Common Snipe - 1 on 25/9 & 28/9, 3 on 27/9, 2 on 3/10, 10/10 & 15/10, 4 on 11/10, 1 on 21/11.

Lapwing - up to 3 regularly until 19/10 (counts over), 8 on 1/10, 4 on 7/10, 8/10 & 10/10, 8 on 15/10, 7 on 16/10, 4 on 17/10, Green Sandpiper - 1 on 27/9, 2 on 13/10. 11 on 19/10.

Common Sandpiper - 1on 29/9, 2/10, 15/10 & 19/10.

Little Gull - 1 on 9/11. Black Headed Gull - (counts over 10), 17 on 25/9, 35 on 4/10, 28 on 8/10, 15 on 15/10, 300 on 28/10, 56 on 6/11, 15 on 17/11, 61 on 20/11, 19 on 21/11, 120 on 8/12, 33 on 10/12, 31 on 17/12, 23 on 21/12, 36 on 27/12.

Common Gull - 3 on 8/10, 1 on 15/10, 23/10 & 24/10, 4 on 5/11, 1 on 20/11, 5 on 17/12, 1 on 24/12.

Herring Gull – 1 on 3/10, 3 on 4/10 & 8/10, 2 on 15/10, 8 on 5/11, 1 on 17/12.

LBB Gull - 2 on 8/10, 10 on 25/10, 8 on 5/11, 4 on 20/11. GBB Gull - 1 on 25/9 & 31/10, 2 on 5/11.

Stock Dove - 2 on 25/9 & 7/10, 3 on 28/9 & 15/10, 1 on 8/10 & 22/10, 7 on 5/11, 120 viz-mig on 6/11, 1 on 20/11, 26/11, 28/11 & 2/12, 2 on 14/12, 5 on 17/12, 1 on 21/12. Collared Dove - 1 on 20/11, 17/12 & 27/12.

Wood Pigeon - Ubiquitous (counts over 30), visual-migration counts: 1000 on 5/11, 440 on 17/12.

Tawny Owl - 2 on 8/12, 1 on 9/12 & 17/12.

Short-eared owl - 1 on 9/10.

Barn Owl - 1 on 17/10, 22/10 to 24/10, 2 on 31/10, 1 on 7/11 & 17/12.

Kingfisher - 1 regularly (counts over), 2 regularly from 7/10 to 24/10, 2 on 13/11, 3 on 20/11, 2 from 14/12 to 21/12.

Green Woodpecker - 1 on 23/10 & 30/10. 1 on 28/11.

Gt Spotted Woodpecker - 1 on 8/10, 2 on 15/10, 1 from 17/11 to 21/11, 2 on 28/11, 1 regularly from 2/12 to 21/12, 2 on 4/12 & 27/12.

Skylark - 9 on 7/10, 1 on 8/10, up to 3 from 11/10 to 23/10, 1 on 31/10, 2 on 5/11.

House Martin - 675 on 25/9, 490 on 7/10.

#### BIRD SIGHTINGS Continued...

Swallow - 1 on 25/9, 7 on 30/9, 10 on 1/10, 1 on 7/10 & 22/10. Pallid Swift - 1 on 23/10.

**Meadow Pipit** – 10 on 1/10, 3 on 3/10, 5 on 7/10, 2 on 8/10, 6 on 11/10, 17 on 15/10, 14 on 16/10, 22 on 23/10, 15 on 25/10, 14 on 30/10, 2 on 5/11, 1 on 6/11 & 20/11.

Grey Wagtail - 3 on 25/9, 1 regularly until 24/10 (counts over), 2 on 8/10, 3 on 15/10, 2 on 6/11, 1 on 20/11 & 17/12.

Pied Wagtail – 2 on 4/10, 5 on 7/10, 3 on 8/10, 2 on 10/10, 7 on 15/10, 2 on 5/11 & 20/11.

Blackbird - (counts over 5),10 on 20/11, 6 on 17/12.

Wren, Dunnock, Robin - Regular and resident. No counts over 4.

Stonechat – 2 on 15/10. Northern Wheatear – 1 from 26/9 to 2/10. Whinchat - 1 on 3/10.

Black Redstart - 1 on 2/10 & 3/10.

Song Thrush - 1 on 15/10, 2 on 23/10 & 14/11, 6 on 20/11, 1 on 29/11.

**Mistle Thrush** – 4 on 25/9 & 13/10, 1 on 8/10, 2 on 7/10, 15/10 & 23/10, 4 on 5/11, 2 on 20/11 & 28/11, 1 on 29/11 & 17/12. **Redwing** – (viz-mig 1000 on 9/10, 400 on 11/10), 19 on 13/10, Regular (counts over 4), 24 on 16/10, 7 on 30/10, 75 on 9/11, 14 on 11/11, 5 on 14/11, 100 on 20/11, 10 on 28/11, 60 on 29/11, 5 on 2/12, 40 on 8/12, 49 on 17/12.

Fieldfare – 10 on 9/10, (Regular - counts over 2), 3 on 11/10, 13 on 16/10, 15 on 5/11, 6 on 7/11, 20 on 11/11, 15 on 20/11, 8 on 26/11, 3 on 28/11, 5 on 29/11, 20 on 2/12, 5 on 12/12 & 14/12, 24 on 17/12.

**Blackcap** – 1 on 23/10.

Chiffchaff – 1 on 25/9, 3 on 28/9, 4 on 1/10 & 7/10, 1 on 8/10, 10/10 & 23/10, 4 on 15/10, 3 on 31/10, 1 on 20/11 & 3/12.

**Goldcrest** - 1 on 28/9 & 8/10, 3 on 15/10, 1 on 30/10, 7/11 & 29/11, 3 on 9/11 & 20/11, 2 on 10/12, 3 on 17/12, 1 on 21/12. **L.T. Tit** – (counts over 2), 9 on 15/10, 5 on 19/10, 4 on 23/10, 11 on 13/11, 10 on 14/11, 3 on 17/11 & 20/11, 5 on 28/11, 6 on 12/12, 12 on 17/12, 1 on 19/11 & 21/12, 15 on 27/12.

Marsh Tit - 1 on 8/10 then up to 2 regularly (counts over), 3 on 17/10, 31/10 & 29/11, 6 on 17/12.

Coal Tit - 1 on 3/11, 5/11, 2 on 17/11 & 20/11, 1 on 28/11 & 29/11, 2 on 4/12, 1 regularly from 7/12 with 2 on 21/12.

Blue Tit - Regular (counts over 5), 7 on 15/10, 20 on 13/11, 22 on 20/11, 8 on 21/11 then up to 7 until 10 on 17/12 & 27/12.

Great Tit - Regular (counts over 4), 5 on 3/10 & 17/12, 6 on 21/12.

Nuthatch - 1 on 30/9, 2 on 3/10, 1 regularly from 15/10, 2 on 20/11, 3 on 17/12.

Treecreeper – 1 on 30/10, 7/11, 9/11 & 28/11, 4 on 17/12, 1 on 19/12.

Jay – 1 on 30/9 & 7/10, 2 on 8/10, 5 on 15/10, 1 on 22/10 & 3/11, 4 on 30/10, 2 on 5/11, 3 on 9/11 & 20/11, 6 on 28/11, 2 on 3/12, 4 on 17/12.

Magpie – Regular (counts over 5), 8 on 8/10.

**Rook** – 1 on 28/9, 2 on 3/10, 5 on 30/9, 15/10 & 22/10, 40 on 8/10, 20 on 5/11, 1 on 7/11 & 28/11, 5 on 26/11, 15 on 17/12.

Carrion Crow – Resident (counts over 2), 3 on 3/10, 16 on 8/10, 6 on 15/10, 3 on 20/11, 28/11 & 17/12.

**Raven** - 2 on 27/9 & 28/9, 1 on 4/10 & 13/10 to 16/10, 2 on 20/10, 3 on 5/11, 2 on 28/11, 1 on 10/12, 2 on 27/12.

**Jackdaw** – (counts over 10), 30 on 5/9, 40 on 3/10, 50 on 15/10, 100 on 22/10, 200 on 28/10, 74 on 3/11, 20 on 20/11, 11 on 21/11. **Common Crossbill** – 30 on 9/11, 12 on 13/11.

**Starling** – 37 on 25/9, 3 on 7/10, 39 on 8/10, 5 on 15/10, 12 on 22/10, 6 on 28/10, 22 on 5/11, 54rc on 20/11, 7 on 26/11 & 28/11, 1300rc on 2/12, 6300rc on 8/12, 4375rc on 9/12, 4760rc on 17/12, 1000+rc on 21/12.

Chaffinch - Regular (counts over 3), 38 on 8/10, 6 on 15/10, 30 on 22/10, 8 on 23/10, 23 on 20/11.

Linnet -2 on 7/10.

**Yellowhammer** – 1 on 30/9 & 13/11.

**Goldfinch** – 6 on 7/10 & 15/10, 5 on 8/10, 20 on 30/10, 5 on 14/11 (counts over 5), 18 on 20/11, 26 on 28/11, 6 on 29/11 & 2/12, 11 on 8/12, 28 on 12/12, 6 on 14/12, 20 on 17/12, 14 on 21/12, 34 on 27/12.

**Bullfinch** – 1 on 15/10, 2 on 23/10, 7 on 20/11, 6 on 17/12. **Hawfinch** – 1 on 30/10.

**Lesser Redpoll** – 2 on 11/10, 3 on 15/10, 6 on 23/10, 1 on 25/10, 40 on 31/10, 7 on 6/11, 3 on 9/11, 30 on 14/11, 1 on 20/11, 6 on 3/12, 4 on 10/12, 18 on 17/12, 8 on 21/12.

**Siskin** – 6 on 3/10, 9 on 7/10, 2 on 8/10, 12 on 11/10 then up to 3 until 27/10 with 6 on 23/10, 20 on 31/10, 12 on 5/11, 3 on 9/11, 40 on 20/11, 10 on 29/11 then up to 3 until 30 on 17/12, 1 on 23/12.

**Reed Bunting** – (roost count=rc), 1 on 7/10, 15/10 & 24/10, 22rc on 9/11, 48rc on 20/11, 2 on 2/12 & 5/12, 43rc on 8/12, 12rc on 9/12, 18rc on 17/12.

#### Friends News by Bob Johnson

**Website:** Unfortunately, our current website provider has become unreliable, their servers were unavailable for a few days and shut down our website and email service. We have decided to move our website & emails to a new more reliable provider. We will put some info onto the website very soon, but it will take time to transfer and rebuild the full website.

If you sent any emails using "weirwood.me.uk" covering 27<sup>th</sup> Dec to 1<sup>st</sup> January then it will be worth resending to ensure we receive it. The emails are now operational with our new provider.

**More Work Party Volunteers Needed:** We have seen a slow drop off in our regular volunteer numbers, mainly due to old age & ill health. We are therefore starting to look for people who are interested in working with our friendly team on management of the nature reserve and wish to learn more about the wildlife at Weir Wood. If you are usually available on a Tuesday to assist us, we would love to see you. You do not need to have had any previous experience, just be willing, reasonably able and aged over 18.

We always try to work in a safe manner, have Public Liability Cover so volunteers are insured whilst working on site. No one will ask you to do anything that you are not comfortable with.

We meet at the hide car park for a 9:30am start and usually finish by 3pm. You will need to bring your own drink and sandwich as we stop for a picnic at lunchtime. You will also need to bring your own suitable working shoes/boots and work gloves. Be aware there are no toilet facilities at the site, but there are many trees and bushes to hide behind or public toilets are at Forest Row and Wych Cross which are a short drive away, if needed or preferred.

If you are interested or want more information please email the Chairman - Bob Johnson bobjohnson5@tiscali.co.uk or work@weirwood.me.uk

#### Reserve News by Bob Johnson

Since the last newsletter our work parties have been busy, as usual. We have cut all the meadows in Whillet's and Pintail bank, also the north bank meadows up to the picnic area. We have carried out quite a lot of work on Pintail bank, raising the canopy on the large water line Willows and removing all the willow saplings and unwanted trees along the edge, then clearing all the cuttings. The work was to give more light and encourage more marsh plants to improve the habitat for wildlife. The work has already started to give benefits with Wigeon and Geese now regularly grazing within the Pintail meadows.

We have replaced and refurbished a number of the large high nest boxes using quality marine plywood which will hopefully give them a 15 year life span and that given our breeding success with owls this year, we also installed 2 kestrel boxes.

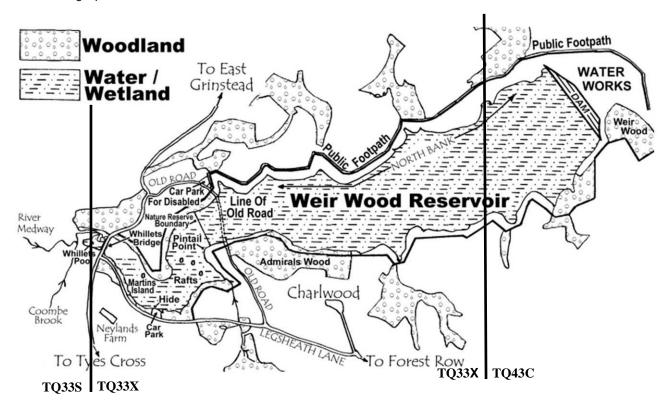
We recently carried out pond clearance work, with removal of excess pond weeds and floating sweet grass at meadow pond. We also cut paths, ditches and hedges at the pond area. We have also built a new picnic table and bench seats at the pond which will benefit our volunteers, but also members when we have open days. We have also renewed several of the onduline refugia tins which were in poor condition.

Some of the ID charts in the hide have been replaced as several had been vandalised. The vegetation was lowered in front of the hide and some open rides were cut towards the water to improve the viewing and habitat.

At Whillet's reedbed we recut a wide opening through the reeds to give open water access through to the back of the reeds. This will benefit both waterfowl and nesting birds and also improve the reedbed viewing from the roadside where we also cut back some of the Willow branches. This will also widen the sky views for watching Starling and Reed Bunting roosts. Currently there are two Water Rails present, and an impressive 1000+ Starlings are roosting at dusk within the reedbed plus 20 or so Reed Buntings.

In the last week or so we have had one or two Goosanders more reliably coming into roost, a bird we have rarely seen in past years. The birds often do not arrive until mid/late afternoon and are coming to roost on the water within the shelter of the trees.

We have had a spate of fly tipping around the car park and reserve. If you do see anyone fly tipping take a photo of the vehicle or record the number plate and email it to us, we can then advise the relevant authorities who can investigate who is carrying out this illegal practice.



### Friends of Weir Wood Society General Information

#### **Other Contact Information**

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