

The Preston Society : Walk Reports for July 2021

Hundred End. Dandys Farm

Monday 5th July

Sunny Warm

19.00 to 21.00

1.8 mile

Parked at the junction of Hundred End Lane and Shore Road then a party of 15 walked west along Shore Road keeping to the right hand side of the road in single file.

After a quarter of a mile they left the busy road and followed a track across across the farmland of Hundred End passing Dandys Farm. This old track twisted and turned eventually coming to Boundary Lane.

They turned left and followed this lane to Hundred End Lane Lane and turned left again to walk back to the cars.

Earlier saw one Tree Sparrow near Dandys Farm. Also at least 3 singing Corn Buntings were seen perched on Cow Parsley stalks or fence posts.

There wasn't one stile over the whole walk and some of the public footpaths off the tracks were non existant having been ploughed in so we kept always to the ancient track.

This was a beautiful evening and was a complete success with a lot of wildlife seen

Mallard 5

Pheasant h

Grey/Red Legged Partridge? 2

Grey Heron 1

Common Buzzard 1

Oystercatcher 1

Lapwing 1

Swallow 10+

Lesser Black Backed Gull 5+

Wood Pigeon 10+

Collared Dove 2

Carrion Crow 10+

Magpie 2

Jackdaw 5+

Skylark 2+

Whitethroat 1

Wren h

Starling 50+

Blackbird 2

Song Thrush 3

Mistle Thrush 1

Duncock 1

House Sparrow 5+

Tree Sparrow 1

Meadow Pipit 2

Goldfinch 5+

Greenfinch 1

Corn Bunting 2+

Reed Bunting 1

Brown Hare 1

Rabbit 4

Tocholes. Crookfield Road. Hollinshead Hall

Monday 12th July

Rain. Fine later

19.00 to 20.45

A party of 8 set off from Crookfield Road car park near Tocholes at 19.00 on a wet summer's evening.

Listened to a very loud, close Blackcap while still on the car park but it sculked in the Bush and didn't honour us with a view.

Walked to a stile at the corner of the road and then a path that started on the left.

This concessionary path led to the left below a wooded hill keeping us off the road. A pair of Stonechat were spotted in the Gorse. They were a good start to the walk. Had seen them here before.

Back at the road there was a path to Hollinshead Hall ruin opposite.

Spotted a juvenile Common Buzzard in a dead tree. It had a white breast. Always a giveaway.

Had a look at the ruin and the famous Well. The door was open but was locked two years ago.

This well is supposed to be haunted.

Retraced our steps to the road then back along the road.

A Brown Hare was located on the hill above.

This area is overlooked and needs more attention in the future. Maybe a Sunday walk so we can go further afield.

Back at the car park the Blackcap was still there and had been joined by a Willow Warbler.

Some of the group visited The Hare and Hounds PH at Abbey Village to enjoy a refreshing drink after a slightly damp evening's walk.

Some of the pics were from 2 years ago.

Pheasant

Common Buzzard juv

Kestrel

Curlew h

Swallow 1

Black Headed Gull 30+ (Flying from Belmont Resr)

Wood Pigeon 5+

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Carrion Crow 5+

Magpie 4

Blue Tit h

Blackcap 2 h

Willow Warbler h

Mistle Thrush 1

Starling 40+

Song Thrush h

Stonechat 2

Meadow Pipit

Goldfinch 3

Chaffinch 1

Siskin h?

Brown Hare 1

h=heard only

Howick Cross Lane. River Ribble.
Monday 19th July
Sunny Very Warm

Parked at The bottom of Howick Cross Lane then 22 people set off along the track to the Ribble. They walked slowly west along the river looking for anything interesting on the water and a tall hedge. Left the River a ditch with a wood over to the left.
Walked along the west side of the ditch.
There was lots of Giant Hogweed that had migrated all along the ditch.
Returned via a track back to the cars.
Sat outside The Fleece in Penwortham for a well deserved drink.

Pheasant (female)
Little Egret 1
Grey Heron 5+
Oystercatcher 1
Common Sandpiper 3
Lapwing 5+
Swallow 15+
Swift 2 (Penwortham)
Black Headed Gull 10+
Lesser Black Backed Gull 2
Wood Pigeon 10+
Stock Dove 1
Carrion Crow 5+
Magpie 5+
Jay h
Blue Tit h
Wren h
Whitethroat 2+
Blackcap h
Blackbird 2
Song Thrush h
Goldfinch 5+
Linnet 5+
Reed Bunting h
Brown Hare 1
h=heard only

Longton Marsh
Monday 26th July
Sunny. Warm. Breezy later

Parked at The bottom of Marsh Lane on one of the Society members properties situated next to the pub then 36 people (The largest group of the season) set off along the track passing The Dolphin PH.
Followed a track on the left that led to the embankment. Watched some Swallows sat high in a tree along with a pair of Chaffinch.
Followed the embankment to the left to the gully to view the area leading to the River Douglas.
Walked slightly further to view Little Hoole Marsh for Avocet without success.

The party retraced their steps back along the embankment to a point opposite the Pub and looked around the Marsh for a while before looking down a fence going out to the River Douglas and ending the walk at 20.45.

Some of the party sat inside The Dolphin for a well deserved drink after a successful walk.

It got breezy part way through the walk.

Didnt spot the Emperor Goose that associates with the domestic Geese.

Greylag Goose 30+

Canada Goose 100+

Domestic white Goose 15+

Shelduck 1

Little Egret 1

Grey Heron 1

Oystercatcher 2

Lapwing 5+

Dunlin 1

Redshank 2

Curlew 10

Swallow 15+

Black Headed Gull 100+

Lesser Black Backed Gull 2

Wood Pigeon 30+

Carrion Crow 5+

Magpie 2+

Blue Tit h

Whitethroat juv?

Song Thrush h

House Sparrow female 1

Goldfinch 10+

Chaffinch pair

Brown Hare 2

h=heard only