Settle U3A Birdwatching Group

About Us

The aim of the Settle U3A Birdwatching Group is to give members the opportunity to enjoy the experience of looking for birds, both locally and further afield.

Enjoyment is the Group's primary objective but it's hoped that, at the same time members will develop both their understanding of how birds live and their skills in identifying individual species.

The Group meets monthly. Most meetings are outdoors, with visits to prime birding sites. But indoor meetings are held three or four times a year, covering a variety of issues.

If you are interested in birds or just enjoy watching them this is the Group for you.

Latest News

The Group opened the new season with a Zoom meeting looking at three controversial issues in the birding world: hunting, culling and reintroduction. As well as studying the how and the why the group looked at all the arguments for and against, and at the findings of recent research in this area.

Amongst other things group members learned that there are nearly always more effective alternatives to culling, that the biggest threat to biodiversity is habitat loss, and that on balance there is no reason to cull birds of prey or ban hunting.

The session also unearthed some amazing facts. Did you know, for instance, that when Canada Geese eat bread they empty their bowels every six minutes. If ever there was a reason for not feeding bread to geese …..!!

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