



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter – November 2021

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## Zoom Meeting

Starting in November there will be monthly Zoom Meetings for all LBC Members. The first one of which will be on

**Thursday 11th November at 7.30 p.m.** and is for members who want to pursue a career in Ornithology. The evening, Careers Zoom Call will be hosted by Anthony Bentley and speakers will be:

<b>Dawn Balmer</b>	Head of Surveys BTO
<b>John Badley</b>	RSPB Frampton Marsh
<b>Andrew Chick</b>	Independent Ecologist and Protected Species Consultant

Each will give a short talk, there will be opportunities for questions. Interested? Then email [donandchris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donandchris@hotmail.co.uk)



## Steve Keightley and Colin Casey Celebration Event

We held the above event on Sunday 11th October at RSPB Frampton and I am glad to report it went very well. We had 32 attendees including Sally Keightley, her son and his partner.

We were lucky with the weather which made the event. The arrangements went off smoothly as planned and I'd like to thank Chris Gunn for a stellar effort of organisation and John Badley for making the facilities available to us. The caterers provided an excellent barbecue and service and it was a most convivial experience. Everyone present signed a copy of Birds of Lincolnshire which was presented to Sally along with a book of memories that Chris put together from attendee submissions. Thank you also to all members who were able to attend for your support on the day!



Image: The Steve Keightley and Colin Casey Celebration Event

## BirdTrack in Lincolnshire in 2020

### Overview for the year

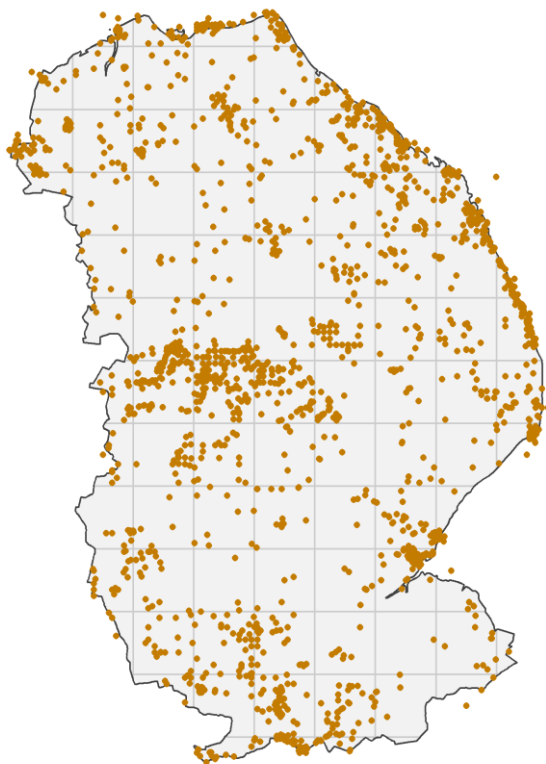
In 2020 424 BirdTrack users submitted 206523 records to BirdTrack in the Lincolnshire report region. Submissions were made for 366 dates spanning 12 months of the year. Data covered 222 species and totalled 3457344 birds. Timed visits totalled 15502 hours of recording effort.



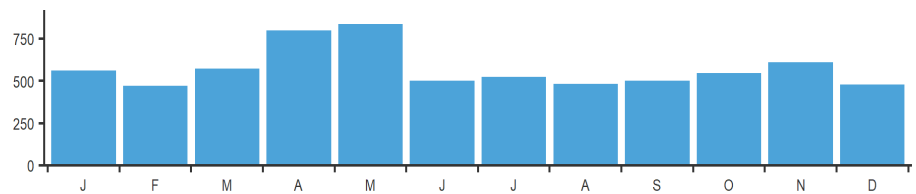
Note that the above totals and all other statistics provided here are based on records that have been checked or are assumed to be valid; invalid and queried records have been removed. For information, below is a tabulation of the verification status at the time of data extract. The rows with Code values less than 70 are those that have been excluded in these summaries. For a summary of the species and records that have been excluded from the report, see the end of this document.

Code	Label	Description	N. recs
30	Unable to verify	Record has been assessed by a verifier and was rejected, albeit without direct evidence	2
40	Requires checking	Record has been flagged as requiring checking by a verifier	2184
70	Assumed correct (machine)	Record has been automatically assessed and accepted by the system against pre-defined rules	206487
80	Correct (no evidence)	Record has been assessed by verifier and accepted, albeit without direct evidence	35
90	Correct (evidence)	Record has been assessed by human and accepted on basis of evidence	1

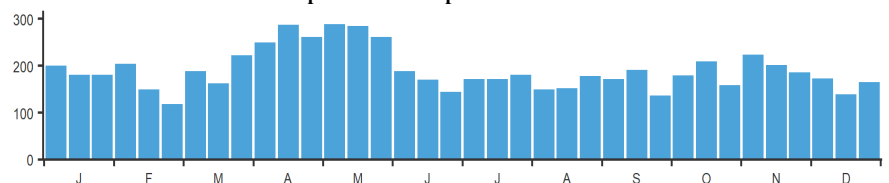
The distribution of all visited sites is shown in the map below, using the central grid reference of each user's site. Some sites are large and we are gradually improving the precision and accuracy of these. Recording effort was spread across 90 of the 95 10-km squares in the region. No data were received for SK90, TF30, SK81, TF51 and TA31.



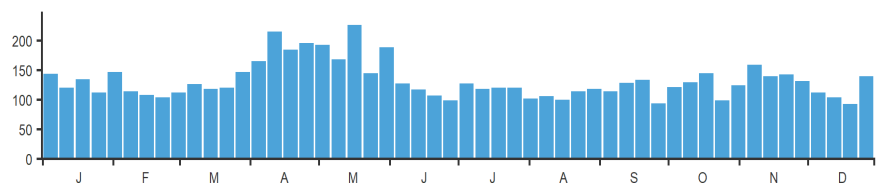
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Complete lists per monththird



Complete lists per week

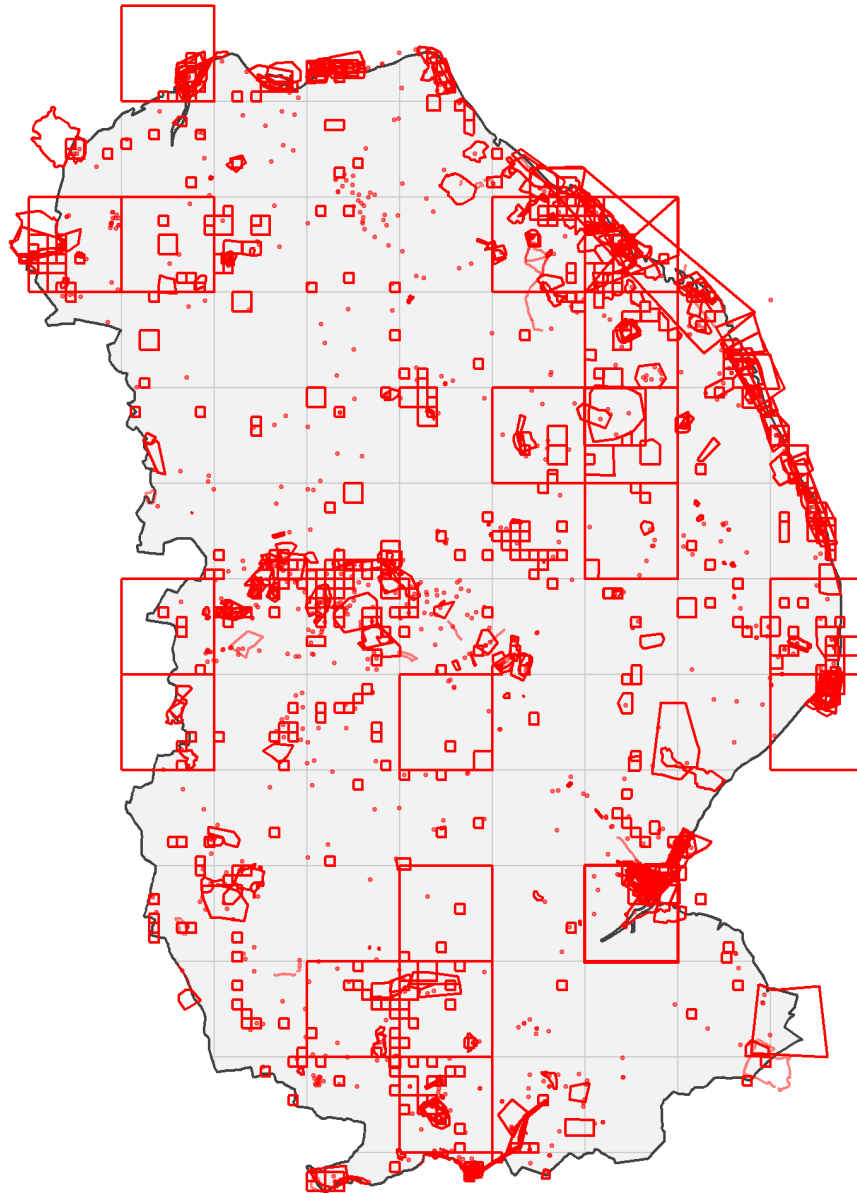


## Complete lists

There were 6878 complete lists made in 2020. The graphs below show the seasonality of these, broken down by month, monththirds (1-10, 11-20, 21-end of month) and weeks (week 1: 1-7 Jan). These data are used to produce the seasonal reporting rate graphs and the maps of reporting rates.

## BTO BirdTrack Sites

The following map shows the geometries (points, polygons or lines) of all sites used in the report.



The following sites were excluded because the site polygon overlapped the recording region by less than 10%:

Quarry Farm, Hatfield Moors: Bill Bailey's Fields, Whitton Sands, Hatfield Moors: New Moor and Porters, Sandtoft, Low Levels Bank, Hatfield Moors: Packard's Heath, Hatfield Moors: New Moor whole (S. Yorks), R Torne A614-Wroot, S Yorks/Lincs, Rutland water north, Hatfield Chase, Low Levels, Low Levels Bank, Hatfield Moor, NE Humberhead Peatlands NNR - Hatfield Moors, Hatfield Moors (Whole), S Yorks, Hatfield Moors (S. Yorks), Norfolk Holme, Faxfleet & Whitton Sands (SE82 S), Rutland county, Muston (Grantham canal), Hatfield Moor, RSPB Blacktoft Sands, Old Hunstanton Beach, RSPB Blacktoft Sands, Hatfield Moors, RSPB Blacktoft Sands, Belvoir Fruit Farms (ex), Notts SK 8174 Dunham Bridge, Packards South 1, thorney

## BTO CASE STUDY: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The Wash is an important estuarine system, supporting large aggregations of wintering waterbirds and a number of commercial industries, including important shellfish fisheries. Understanding the relationship between the two is key to sustaining both into the future.

The Wash is an extremely important estuarine system within the UK, supporting large aggregations of wintering waterbirds. Data collected by BTO volunteers participating in the Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) highlight its importance, with over 350,000 waterbirds known to winter here. These data have contributed to The Wash's listing as a Special Protection Area, Ramsar site, and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is also a hugely important area for shellfish fisheries, holding significant areas of productive Mussel and Cockle beds.

One of the designated features of The Wash is its wintering Oystercatcher population of c.20,000 individuals. Previous BTO research has demonstrated that this Oystercatcher population is sensitive to declines in shellfish abundance, something that was particularly evident during a period of heavy fishing pressure and a crash in Mussel stocks between c.1980 and 2000. Back in 2008, management measures were developed in line with The Wash SSSI conservation objectives. These objectives stipulated that the target total stock of Cockles and Mussels should not fall below a certain value per Oystercatcher, ensuring sufficient food resources for the birds during the critical winter period.



The target stock levels are calculated using a modelling approach, which informs how the fishery is managed. At present, the modelling approach considers both the shellfish stocks and the size of the Oystercatcher population across The Wash as a single unit. However, this approach assumes that all of the birds in the population have free access to all of the shellfish resources across the whole site. Given the size of The Wash, there are likely to be energetic costs for individual birds in moving to new patches of shellfish, and benefits from remaining faithful to particular sites.

The overall distribution of Oystercatchers on The Wash is relatively well known, and ringing data show that fidelity to roost sites is high, but it is unclear how individual Oystercatchers move between roosts and foraging sites throughout the winter. During the winter of 2020/21, BTO staff deployed tracking devices to 10 Oystercatchers as a pilot study to collect data on how the birds used The Wash. The devices used a GPS logger to collect information on a bird's location and a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) module to transmit the data through a mobile phone network.

All the tagged individuals made use of multiple roost sites throughout the tracking period. While seven of the birds remained on the eastern shore, moving freely up and down the coast, two made repeat trips between the eastern and western shores, and one moved to the Humber Estuary for a month before returning to The Wash. It was also possible to examine the locations of the birds in relation to the most likely locations of the main Mussel and Cockle beds, although these shift between years. This work confirms that individual Oystercatchers switch foraging patches, but more structured work is needed to look at birds of different ages (all of the birds tagged were full adults) and from different sites around The Wash.

Pilot studies of this kind are important when trialling new technologies, shaping future work and how it is best delivered.

Being able to improve the models used to manage these important fisheries, and to safeguard the waterbirds that also rely on these resources, highlights the important role that BTO plays in informing policy and practice. These data have already altered the management approaches used in the Wash.





All images: Lincolnshire Wash taken during Natural England Low Tide Counts © Andrew P. Chick





## New taxa added to BirdTrack

Since its conception in 2004, BirdTrack has always had bird recording at its core. However, over the years both mammals, and dragonflies and damselflies were added alongside birds. On the 20th July the BTO extended this to also include butterflies, reptiles, amphibians, and orchids to the list of taxa groups that can be added to BirdTrack. These taxonomic groups are often recorded by birdwatchers and there has always been the desire from a large number of users to add their records for these groups to BirdTrack.

Whilst we could feasibly add all taxonomic groups to BirdTrack, we believe that the groups we now made available encompass the most commonly recorded groups birdwatchers also like to record. During discussions with each of the relevant organisations for the taxa groups we've added, such as Butterfly Conservation, The Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust, and The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, it was recognised that the types of records collected via BirdTrack would represent a portion of records that would typically not make it to the relevant recorders. Most of these records being ad hoc incidental records added whilst out birdwatching rather than during dedicated butterfly or reptile surveying. The additional taxonomic groups have already been well received and records for each of the groups continue to be added each day.

We are now working on a data flow that will allow these records to be passed on a daily basis to iRecord, making them available to the relevant recorders (many of whom already collect records from iRecord) without creating yet another data source that they have to extract records from. At present it is only possible to add records for these other groups via the BirdTrack website but we plan to integrate this to the mobile app in a future release.



Small pearl-bordered fritillary © Andrew P. Chick

## **WWF, RSPB and the Marine Conservation Society report calls on UK to show world leadership by adopting a 'climate-smart' strategy for the fisheries sector.**

A report launched in August 2021 illustrates the UK's opportunity to futureproof its fisheries and show world leadership by adopting a 'climate-smart' strategy for the fishing sector. The report explores the importance of oceans and coastal habitats to capture and store carbon to meet our net-zero targets, as recent efforts have shown these habitats play a bigger part in capturing more carbon per unit area than terrestrial ecosystems such as forests and peatlands.

There is a need to ensure management of our seas drives change to sustain our seas and the wildlife they support for the future. Industries operating in and around our oceans have a vital role to play in tackling climate change and contributing to the goal of net-zero carbon emissions and fisheries are no exception. While certain fisheries are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, the sector also contributes to anthropogenic driven climate change, due to emissions from fossil fuel use as well as the disturbance of marine ecosystems and disruption to vital blue carbon, the carbon captured and stored in coastal and marine ecosystems.

To ensure our fisheries are climate-smart, the report makes it clear that governments and stakeholders across all four nations must help UK fisheries to re-think practices and modernise, calling on UK governments to make good on the commitment made in the Fisheries Act 2020, and put UK fisheries on a sustainable footing by adopting a 'climate-smart' strategy, that would:

- reduce the carbon emissions that come directly from the UK fishing fleet;
- enhance marine biodiversity by reducing, and where possible reversing, the damage from unsustainable fishing practices;
- increase the potential for UK seas to act as a carbon sink by helping protect blue carbon habitats.

Report Recommendations:

- Work to decarbonise the UK fleet including removing fuel subsidies and eliminate inefficient fleet structures.
- Limit bottom towed fishing gear to protect and support the recovery of blue carbon within current MPAs and in key areas outside of MPAs.
- Mandate Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) with cameras that incorporate Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) across vessels fishing in UK waters to deliver increased transparency and traceability across the UK fishing industry to improve stock health, increase biomass and play a role in monitoring and tackling seabird bycatch.
- Reduce pressure from heavy, towed bottom fisheries gear and review the impact of passive gear use and whether incentives for gear changes are appropriate.
- Strengthen overall marine policy frameworks with a climate change lens such as the UK Marine Strategy, to make them fit for purpose in a bid to combat the climate crisis.
- Increase research and knowledge on blue carbon habitats, stocks, and the fishing sectors GHG emissions and blue carbon impact.

The RSPB believe securing a healthy resilient ocean, working in collaboration to reduce impacts of industries and effectively spatial plan activities at sea is key to achieving positive outcomes for people and wildlife. This has never been more vital in the wake of the IPCC report, which identified the need for ambitious actions if we are to keep warming below 1.5. As we look ahead to the COP26 climate summit, adopting a climate-smart strategy is crucial in tackling climate change and meeting our net-zero targets.

[Read the full report at](#)

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/policy-briefings/climate\\_smart\\_fisheries\\_report\\_2021.pdf](https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/policy-briefings/climate_smart_fisheries_report_2021.pdf)



## SHIFTING GEARS: ACHIEVING CLIMATE-SMART FISHERIES

Working together to  
promote sustainable  
fisheries and address the  
nature and climate crisis



## Westward migration of Richard's Pipit documented for first time!

Published research has discovered that Richard's Pipit is now migrating to and wintering in Europe from their Asian breeding grounds.

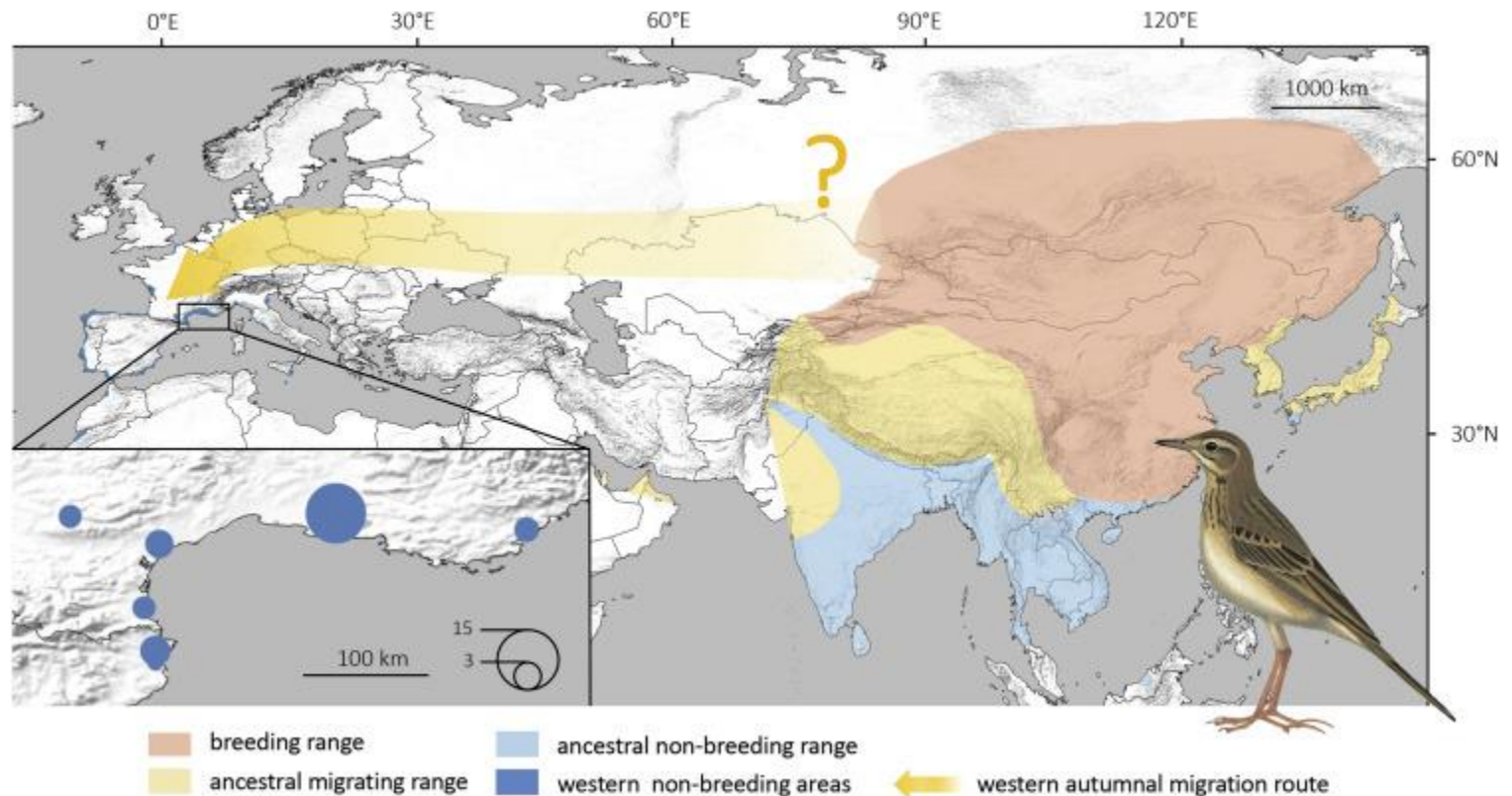
Richard's Pipit breeds widely across Central and East Asia, wintering in South-East Asia. They are considered a vagrant to Europe, the number of Richard's Pipits being observed in Europe in autumn and winter has increased markedly over the past few decades, leading to speculation that the species had become an established part of European avifauna.

The study, produced by ornithologists at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), trapped a total of 81 individual Richard's Pipits in southern France and north-eastern Spain. Of these, roughly a third (28 individuals) were adults – a proportion similar to that observed in regular wintering species in southern Europe, such as European Robin.

In total 68 individual Richard's Pipits were colour-ringed during the first two seasons, with 11 of these re-sighted or re-trapped in subsequent winters, which provided further empirical support to the migration hypothesis.

To fully understand the annual movements of Richard's Pipits wintering in southern France, the team applied geolocators to seven pipits in winter 2019-20, with three of these re-trapped the following winter. The data revealed that all three birds had spent the summer at the western edge of the known breeding range, in Novosibirsk Oblast in Russia, with at least one bird engaging in breeding behaviour.

During spring migration, each of the three individuals used different stopover locations for more than 24 hours. One of these, a second-year, initially headed north and stopped in Sweden before redirecting eastward. The three individuals covered 5,750 km, 7,045 km and 7,320 km respectively on their spring migrations between southern France and Siberia.



<https://www.birdguides.com/articles/westward-migration-of-richards-pipit-documented-for-first-time/>

Dufour P, de Franceschi C, Doniol-Valcroze P, Jiguet F, Guéguen M, Renaud J, Lavergne S & Crochet P-A. 2021. A new westward migration route in an Asian passerine bird. Current Biology. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2021.09.086>



# Lincolnshire Bird News - October 2021

Compiled by Chris Grimshaw

This Lincs Latest Bird News is available on the LBC Website and is updated on a regular basis, to provide a convenient news service to scarce & rare birds found within Lincolnshire. This is a free service and members wishing to get more up to the minute information should check commercial news services. The Sightings page and @Lincsbirding Twitter feed are intended to alert birders to rare (RED) and scarcer (BLUE) species that they might be interested in seeing within the County.

If your sightings are missing from the list, then please let us know by emailing [recorder\\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk). Records of more common species are still very important and should be submitted to the county Recorder (again, send all records to [recorder\\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk)) or submitted online using the **BTO BirdTrack** or **eBird Apps**. ALL records will then be added to the Lincolnshire Bird Club data-base, to be included in the Annual Reports. **PLEASE NOTE** that none of these reports have been verified or checked by the Lincolnshire Bird Club Records Committee. Please note that the close off date for records for the 2019 Lincs Bird Report is 1st May 2020, after this we cannot guarantee inclusion.

## Lincolnshire Latest Bird News - October 2021

31/10/2021

**Crook Bank**

Ring Ouzel

**Gibraltar Point**

Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Grimsby**

Ring Ouzel, Black Redstart

**East Halton Skitter**

Red-throated Diver, Gannet, Guillemot, **Hen**

**Harrier, Curlew Sandpiper**

**River Sleat**

A pair of Mandarin Duck

30/10/2021

**Cleethorpes**

Snow Bunting

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl

**Huttoft Pit**

Jack Snipe

**Marston**

Green-winged Teal

30/10/2021

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl

**Huttoft Pit**

Jack Snipe

**Marston**

Green-winged Teal

29/10/2021

**Frampton Marsh**

300 Pink-footed Geese, 2 Marsh Harrier, **Merlin**, 7 Ruff, **Pectoral Sandpiper**, 3 Stonechat, 5 Whooper Swan

**Freiston Shore**

**Merlin**, **American Wigeon**



Black Redstart in Grimsby - Image © Josh Forrester



The American Wigeon that is now on the wet grassland at Freiston Shore - Image © Paul Sullivan

**Garthorpe**

1000 Lapwing, 4000 Golden Plover, 25 Ruff, 1000 Starling

**Gibraltar Point**

155 Little Gull, Pomarine Skua

**Grantham**

2 Brambling

**28/10/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

6 Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, 27 Pintail, **Bearded Tit**

**Far Ings**

**Bittern**

**South Ferry**

700 Avocet, 2000 Dunlin, 50 Bar-tailed Godwit, 5 Marsh Harrier, 6000 Golden Plover, 2000 Shelduck

**Frampton Marsh**

**Pectoral Sandpiper**

**Freiston Shore**

**American Wigeon**

**Gibraltar Point**

**Cattle Egret, 5 Little Gull**

**Rimac**

**Lapland Bunting**

**Saltfleetby**

**Long-tailed Duck**



**27/10/2021**

**Deeping Lakes**

Great White Egret, **Ruddy Shelduck**

**Frampton Marsh**

**2** Cattle Egret, Hen Harrier, Merlin, Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Jack Snipe, Stonechat, American Wigeon

**Freiston Shore**

**Tundra Bean Goose**

**Gibraltar Point**

**Spotted Redshank**

**Marston**

41 Golden Plover, 40 Meadow Pipit, 20 Redwing, 2 Siskin, 13 Skylark, Mistle Thrush

**26/10/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

Great White Egret, 11 Pochard, 18 Shoveler, **10 Whooper Swan**, Grey Wagtail, Cetti's Warbler



Grey Wagtail at Boultham Mere - Image © Andy Sims

**Gibraltar Point**

84 Brambling, Pink-footed Geese, House Martin, Short-eared Owl, 14 Lesser Redpoll, 194 Siskin, **49 Whooper Swan**, Grey Wagtail

**Marston**

10+ Grey Wagtail

**Whisby**

3 Bullfinch, 3 Goldcrest, 260 Lapwing, 19 Shoveler, 15 Siskin, Treecreeper

**25/10/2021**

**Cut End**

**Grey Phalarope**

**Donna Nook**

Snow Bunting, Twite  
**Frampton Marsh**  
2 Great White Egret, Short-eared  
Owl, Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral  
Sandpiper, 2 Little  
Stint, American Wigeon  
**Gooseman's Field**  
Marsh Harrier  
**Marton**  
Brambling, 27 Grey Partridge  
**South Willingham**  
26 Pink-footed Goose

**24/10/2021**

**Baston Pits**

Water Pipit

**Boultham Mere**

2 Buzzard, Kingfisher, 2

Sparrowhawk, 16 Whooper

Swan, Cetti's Warbler

**Chapel Observatory**

Great Northern Diver, 3

Gannet, Richard's Pipit, 5 Velvet

Scoter, Arctic Skua, 2

Swallow, Arctic Tern, Sandwich Tern

**Frampton Marsh**

Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

104 Little Gull, Hawfinch, 2 Greater Scaup, 5 Velvet Scoter, Pomarine Skua, Arctic Tern

**Trent Port, Marton**

Chiffchaff, 5 Kestrel, Kingfisher 25 Redwing, Sparrowhawk



Kestrel at Far Ings - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**23/10/2021**

**Baston Fen**

Water Pipit

**Boultham Mere**

5 Whooper Swan

**East Halton Skitter**

2 Twite

**Frampton Marsh**

500 Pink-footed Goose, Tundra Bean Goose, Hobby, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Pectoral Sandpiper, Little Stint, 23 Whooper Swan

**Louth**

Goldcrest, Goosander, Red Kite, Grey Wagtail,

**Theddlethorpe**

Snow Bunting, Black-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, 2 Velvet Scoter, Whooper Swan, Woodcock

**22/10/2021**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Greater Scaup

**Far Ings**

Curlew, 22 Tufted Duck, Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Redshank, 26 Shoveler, Sparrowhawk, 34 Whooper Swan, 28 Teal

**Frampton Marsh**

Pectoral Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

3 Snow Bunting, Whinchat

**Read's Island**



2 Marsh Harrier, 100 Golden Plover

**Wolla Bank**

**Snow Bunting**, 347 Whooper Swan

21/10/2021

**Covenham Reservoir**

Little Stint, Whooper Swan



A stunning Little Stint at Covenham Reservoir - Image © John Clarkson

**Crook Bank**

**Little Auk**

**Frampton Marsh**

**Cattle Egret**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Merlin**, 5 Short-eared Owl, **Water Rail**, 2 **Spoonbill**, 8 **Little Stint**, Stonechat, 2 Swallow, 46

Whooper Swan, 4 **Twite**

**Freiston Shore**

**Lapland Bunting**, 2 **Red Kite**, 2 Swallow

One of the two Red Kites that were at Freiston Shore - Image © Paul Sullivan



### **Lincoln - Doddington Park**

5 Whooper Swan

### **Messingham**

Brambling, 3 Buzzard, Great White Egret, 8 Fieldfare, 38 Gadwall, c800 Greylag Goose, 2 Jay, 70 Lapwing, 2 Pintail, 28 Pochard, Redwing, 55 Shoveler, Cetti's Warbler

### **Sutton on Sea**

Little Auk, 72 Gannet, 155 Pink-footed Goose, 6 Guillemot, 6 Kittiwake, 3 Red-breasted Merganser, Puffin, 6 Arctic Skua, Great Skua, 3 Whooper Swan, 2 Arctic Tern

### **Whisby**

Goldcrest, Goldeneye, Lesser Redpoll, Siskin, 12 Whooper Swan, Grey Wagtail

**20/10/2021**

### **Boultham Mere**

36 Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

### **Cleethorpes**

Jack Snipe

### **Covenham Reservoir**

Mediterranean Gull, 4 Yellow-legged Gull, 12 Whooper Swan, 2 Little Stint

### **Far Ings**

Bittern, Pink-footed Goose 1000+, 11 Whooper Swan, Bearded Tit



**Frampton Marsh**

5 Short-eared Owl, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 8 Little Stint, 46 Whooper Swan, 4 Twite

**Pyewipe, Grimsby**

30 Whooper Swan

**19/10/2021**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Greater Scaup

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

Ring Ouzel, Water Pipit

**Rimac**

Lapland Bunting

**Saltfleetby**

Black-throated Diver

**18/10/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

Grey Phalarope

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Scaup

**Covenham**

Goldeneye, Yellow Gull, Scaup, 2 Pintail,  
Green Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint, 6 Whooper  
Swan, 2 Grey Wagtail

**Far Ings**

Gannet (over)

**Frampton Marsh**

Peregrine Falcon, Marsh Harrier, Merlin,  
Jay, Kingfisher, Merlin, 3 Short-eared  
Owl, 2 Pintail, Water Rail, 2 Spotted  
Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Green  
Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint, 3  
Spoonbill, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

11 Little Gull, Scaup

**Grantham**

38 Whooper Swan

**Lincs Coastal Country Park**

4 Bearded Tit, Brambling, Jay, 3 Little  
Owl, Short-eared Owl, Water Pipit, 300  
Golden Plover, 3 Arctic Skua, 3 Great  
Skua, 6000 Starling, 16 Whooper Swan,  
Arctic Tern, Common Tern

**17/10/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

Grey Phalarope

Little Stint at Covenham Reservoir - Image © Chris Atkin





A distant Grey Phalarope at Alkborough Flats - Image © Neil Drinkall

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

**Greater Scaup**

**Boultham Mere**

2 Swallow, 16 Whooper Swan



Whooper Swans at Boultham Mere - Image © Andy Sims

**Cress Marsh**

10 Little Grebe, 5 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 50+ Linnet, Common Sandpiper

**Deeping Lakes**



Rock Pipit

**Fillingham Lake**

2 Cattle Egret

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret

**Lincoln - Doddington Park**

50+ Godfinch

**16/10/2021**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Rock Pipit, Greater Scaup

**Burwell**

3 Red Kite

**Faxfleet**

165 Whooper Swan (in five flocks)

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Hen Harrier, 3 Short-eared Owl, 2 Pintail, Rock Pipit, Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill,

2 Little Stint, Bearded Tit

**Freiston Shore**

3 Cattle Egret (over)

**Gibraltar Point**

1500 Pink-footed Goose, 11 Little Gull, Marsh Harrier, Velvet Scoter, Shag, Pomarine Skua, Arctic Tern, 7 Bearded Tit

**Keelby**

1600 Pink-footed Goose

**Market Rasen**

51 Whooper Swan (over in two flocks)

**Sutton on Sea**

Purple Sandpiper

**Trent Port, Marton**

Peregrine Falcon, Kingfisher, Siskin, Stonechat

**15/10/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

5 Whooper Swan

**Frampton Marsh**

4 Short-eared Owl, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

3 Bean Goose sp., 8 Little Gull, Water Pipit, 3 Spotted Redshank, Twite, 11 Whooper Swan

**14/10/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

Bearded Tit

**Far Ings**

Bittern, Glossy Ibis, 5 Whooper Swan and a Otter

**Frampton Marsh**

Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, Merlin, Barn Owl, 4 Short-eared Owl, Water Rail, Curlew Sandpiper, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Pint**

Short-eared Owl

**Stamford**

Swift

Bearded Tit – Image © Russell Hayes



**13/10/2021**

**Anderby Creek**

3240 Pink-footed Goose (in numerous flocks)

**Baston Fen**

Rock Pipit

**Far Ings**

Goldcrest, 30000 Pink-footed Goose

**Frampton Marsh**

3 Brambling, Cattle Egret, Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Fieldfare, Hen Harrier (male), 5 Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Water Pipit, 2 Water Rail, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint, Twite

**Gibraltar Point**

Jack Snipe, Bearded Tit

**Lincoln**

3 Buzzard (Doddington Park together), Pink-footed Goose (130 Lincoln, 1600 S Hykeham), Tawny Owl, Red Kite, Siskin

**Sutton on Sea**

14 Red-throated Diver, Great White Egret, 40 Gannet, 229 Pink-footed Goose, 8 Guillemot, 3 Red-breasted Merganser, 25 Common Scoter, Whooper Swan, 4 Sandwich Tern

**Tetney**

Brambling, 5 Red-throated Diver, Peregrine Falcon, 3 Goldeneye, 8 Guillemot, 2 Marsh Harrier, 2 Kingfisher, 37 Common Scoter, Common Tern, Woodcock

**12/10/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

Brambling, 88 Jay

**Baston Fen**

Rock Pipit

**Covenham Reservoir**

2 Yellow-legged Gull

**Crook Bank**

Velvet Scoter

**Frampton Marsh**

Peregrine Falcon, 200 Pink-footed Goose, Marsh Harrier, 3 Short-eared Owl, Pintail, Rock Pipit, 2000+ Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

Bittern

**Normanby**

275 Redwing

**Saltfleetby**

2 Taiga Bean Goose

**Tetney**

1100 Dunlin, 1400 Red Knot, 1400 Oystercatcher, 2500 Grey Plover, 670 Ringed Plover

**11/10/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

Buzzard, 131 Pink-footed Goose, Marsh Harrier, Grey Heron, 4 Jay, 2 Kingfisher, 8 Grey Partridge

**Dowsby Fen**

Short-eared Owl

**Far Ings**

Bittern, Great White Egret, Spotted Redshank, Bearded Tit

**Frampton Marsh**

Peregrine Falcon, 2 Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Pintail, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

Redwing, Jack Snipe, Stonechat

**Kelsey Moor**



Red Kite

**Nettleton**

5 Bewick's Swan (over)

**Rippingale**

2 Raven

**Tetney Lock**

Spotted Flycatcher



Spotted Flycatcher - Image © Phil Jones

**Witham Mouth**

Guillemot, 3 Common Tern

**10/10/2021**

**Blyborough**

Short-eared Owl

**Deeping Lakes**

7 Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

**East Halton Skitter to Goxhill**

Curlew 283, Pink-footed Goose 4500, Marsh Harrier, Water Rail, 2 Stonechat, 14 Bearded Tit, 4 Cetti's Warbler

**Frampton Marsh**

Curlew Sandpiper, 13 Whooper Swan

**Gibraltar Point**

Richard's Pipit, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Holbeach Marsh**

Little Bunting (over)

**Millennium Green**

Kingfisher

**Saltfleetby**

9 Little Auk

**09/10/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

Bearded Tit

**Sea View Farm**

Red-backed Shrike

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier, Merlin, 2 Barn Owl, 5 Short-eared Owl, Jack Snipe, 3 Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

4000 Curlew, 15000 Dunlin, 6700 Bar-tailed Godwit, 32000 Red Knot, 2200 Grey Plover

**Read's Island**

1300 Avocet, 950 Dunlin, 16 Bar-tailed Godwit, 58 Black-tailed Godwit, Pink-footed Geese, 250 Redshank 6500 Teal,

**08/10/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

Pectoral Sandpiper

**Anderby Creek**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, 3 Short-eared Owl, Grey Phalarope, Pintail, Meadow Pipit, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Stonechat, Swallow

**Gibraltar Point**

Brambling, Pied Flycatcher, Red-breasted Flycatcher, 3 Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Siskin, 9 Spoonbill, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Rimac**

Tree Pipit

**East Halton Skitter**

2 Yellow-browed Warbler

**07/10/2021**

**Baston Pits**

Gannet

**Deeping St James**

Gannet

**Boultham Mere/Swanpool**

Gannet (juvenile over), Goosander





Patch gold with a Gannet over Boultham Mere - Image © Andy Sims

**Frampton Marsh**

19 Gannet, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Water Rail, Curlew Sandpiper, Siskin, Jack Snipe, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

Red-breasted Flycatcher, Spoonbill

**Heckington Fen**

2 Spotted Flycatcher

**Manby Wetlands**

2500 Pink-footed Goose

**06/10/2010**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Cattle Egret, Pectoral Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Crook Bank**

Little Gull, 2 Velvet Scoter, Long-tailed Skua, Black Tern

**Frampton**

Peregrine Falcon, 3 Short-eared Owl, 7 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Pink-footed Goose, Merlin, Ring Ouzel, 3 Short-eared Owl, Raven, Redstart, Jack Snipe, 10 Spoonbill, Yellow-browed Warbler, Wheatear

**Huttoft Bank**

Long-tailed Skua, Pomarine Skua

**Mablethorpe**

A probable Olive-backed Pipit reported. No further details

**Sutton on Sea**

Black-throated Diver, Long-tailed Skua, Spoonbill

**05/10/2021**

**Far Ings**

2 Bittern

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

7 Spoonbill

**Marston**

12 Curlew, 2 House Martin, 6 Golden Plover, Green Sandpiper, 18 Swallow

Fabulous shot of the Bitterns at Far Ings - Image © Brian Hughes







Marsh Harrier at Marston - Image © Steve Nesbitt

**04/10/2021**

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Short-eared Owl, 6 Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

27 Red-throated Diver, Firecrest, 200+ Gannet, 70 Kittiwake, Merlin, 2 Puffin, 11 Spotted Redshank, 4 Arctic Skua, 2 Stonechat, 56 Sandwich Tern

**Whisby**

Garganey

**03/10/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

Bittern, Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, 2 Kingfisher, Grey Partridge, 42 Shoveler

**Far Ings**

Bittern, Jack Snipe

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Short-eared Owl, 6 Spotted Redshank, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Little Gull, 3 Spotted Redshank, Long-tailed Skua, 10 Spoonbill

**Grimsby**

2 Common Crane (south)

**Whisby**

Garganey

02/10/2021

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Cattle Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Hobby, Merlin, 6 Pintail, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 7 Little Stint, Stonechat, Black Stork, Wheatear  
**East Halton Skitter**

Long-tailed Skua

01/10/2021

**Eagle**

Around 40 House Martin and Swallow

**Fiskerton Fen**

Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Greenshank, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Merlin Short-eared Owl, Pintail, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

3 Spotted Redshank

**Navenby Heath**

3 Red Kite

**Nebraska Wetlands**

300 Lapwing, 30 Linnet, 5 Grey Partridge, 200 Golden Plover

**Trent Port, Marton**

5 Chiffchaff, 12 House Martin, 3 Swallow

**Witham St Hughes**

Around 10 House Martin and Swallow



## Contact Information & Useful Lincs Websites

### Lincs Bird Club Website

Website: <http://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk>

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](#)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnshireBirdInformation/>

LBC County Bird Recorder

Phil Hyde [recorder\\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk)

BTO - <https://www.bto.org>

RSPB - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Birdguides - <https://www.birdguides.com/>

Rarebird Alert - <https://www.rarebirdalert.co.uk/>

### Recording

BTO Birdtrack - <https://app.bto.org/birdtrack/login/login.jsp>

eBird - <https://ebird.org/home>

iRecord - <https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>

Nature Lister - <http://www.naturelister.co.uk>

Wildlife Recorder - <https://www.wildlife.co.uk>

### Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

<http://lnu.org/>

LNU e-mail: [info@lnu.org](mailto:info@lnu.org)

**Love Lincs Plants** <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-do/love-lincs-plants>  
Love Lincs Plants Twitterfeed  
[@LoveLincsPlants](#)

### Sir Joseph Banks Society

<http://www.joseph-banks.org.uk>

[enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk)

### Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

<http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/>

### Lincolnshire Bat Group website

<http://www.lincsbatgroup.co.uk/>

### Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/300/lincolnshire-branch.html>

### FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

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Rural Crime News - <https://www.lincs.police.uk/news-campaigns/news/2019/rural-crime-news/>

### STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

<http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk/EasyTide/EasyTide/index.aspx>

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails>

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/default.aspx>

Lyme Disease

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

### SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

#### Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

Contact: Sarah Lambert - [sarah.lambert7@ntlworld.com](mailto:sarah.lambert7@ntlworld.com)

Also see: <http://bsbi.org/south-lincolnshire-v-c-53>

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

Dr. David Sheppard - [d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com](mailto:d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com)

#### Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, [Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com)

#### Mammal Atlas

You can download and print off a hard copy or view it online.

[http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-](http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php)

[publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php](http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php)

#### Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - [learningoutdoors@btinternet.com](mailto:learningoutdoors@btinternet.com)

#### Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

01775 766286 or e-mail: [annettefaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: [annettefaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

### USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

#### Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

<http://www.glnp.org.uk/>

Contact: [charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk](mailto:charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk)

or for more general [queries:info@glnp.org.uk](mailto:queries:info@glnp.org.uk)

#### Natural England

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/>

#### Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

[www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk](http://www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk)

#### Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

<http://www.lifeontheverge.org.uk/>



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