

CHESHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

WIRRAL WILDLIFE GROUP'S FORTY SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2018 to MARCH 2019

So has passed another remarkable year in which it has been reassuring to see the profile of environmental issues raised through the Blue Planet series and its revelations about the damage being inflicted by plastic pollution on our oceans and total marine world. The public arousal of concern over the damage to our atmosphere through the emission of greenhouse gasses leading to temperature increases and thereby interference with our weather systems leading towards severe droughts and extreme incidents gives impetus to our cause. Closer to home the Brexit debate continues. Whatever happens we must do all that we can to maintain the current levels of protection for our nationally valued wildlife assets which locally includes the Mersey and Dee Estuaries, our ancient woodlands, lowland heaths and ponds together with all the flora and fauna who therein reside. We have great concern regarding the threat to Wirral Green Belt.

For forty seven years we have grown in confidence and established a reputation as an organisation which addresses a plethora of issues and provides advice and support to those who are also trying to enhance our local environment.

We make determined efforts to engage with Wirral People of all ages to inform and expand their knowledge of and concern for the natural world. It is our pleasure to have provided

Coastal forum twice- marine bill/ Ruth Dann nov/dec Ray RENFREY. 18 /talks bees wasps ants /bluebell walk/nfbp open day/ green flag /dawn chorus/ natterjack toads walk/cttee 5/18,6/18, 8/18, 9/18,10/18,12/18, 1/19,3/19- met 8 times

Cwt meeting hd of cons/ geology walk/bioblitz ness/ sally Walsh joined cttee/

Meeting charlotte at holly bank house – sarah/communications gdpr

Poulton hall 14/7/ ness childrens day/nfbp bbq/heathland walk/ neston comm wildlife fest/talk red squirrels trust wales/humbolt current/the ecology of symbiotic fungi/fire management upland moors/badgers/rspb burton mere wetlands and dee estate. Prize quiz. Tim gannicliffe tidal dee catchment p ctte earth fest/apple day/wader festival/ port sunlight river park stall/dog show

Alan irving cleaver dales/Wirral env network agm/science under the stars

Nfbp cttee – schools visits high profile/Wirral Conservation Vols. Go wild/grebe articles/ Wirral walking festival heritage infbp & geology

//fundraising/RECORDING/PUBLICITY WEBSITE. BLOG Bill stothard 3/19 attended . Wirral award cttee says mention.

PLANNING; Caroline73 responses Hilary 2 responses . Much support from H to Car. Car 24 cons with Lesley Brockbank badgers, 7 discussions with Planning Officers comments advice to vol groups/Response to Consultations – National & local. Threats to Wirral Green Belt- input to IPSAS

Hilary awards. Caroline quals. Liverpool year of environment participation .

Grass course/ butterfly transects

Humbling to be part of such a dynamic highly qualified and hardworking group