

Sunday, 21st July, 10:30 am, leader Andrew Ferguson ☎ 01642 057015

GR SE514173. **Brockadale.** Meet in the reserve car park. Brockadale is a YWT reserve on limestone grassland with north and south facing slopes, mixed woodland, streamside and wetland areas and rocky limestone cliffs. An easy walk with a few gentle climbs. There is a rich flora plus Marbled White, Dark Green Fritillary, Gatekeeper and Brimstone butterflies and Banded Demoiselle. To get there, take the B6474 Wentbridge Road off the A1 J40 south of the M62 right at junction signed Kirk Smeaton then towards Little Smeaton and a sharp right turn up a minor lane to the car park.

Wednesday, 24th July, 6:30 pm, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR SE468992. **Cod Beck Reservoir.** Meet in the Sheepwash car park. An evening stroll through woodland around the reservoir.

Wednesday, 31st July, 10:30 am, leader David Laing ☎ 01642 316101

GR NZ454228. **Billingham Beck Valley Country Park.** Meet in the visitor centre car park. A leisurely full day to explore different parts of this interesting wetland area.

Wednesday, 7th August, 10:30 am, leader Andy Astbury ☎ 07749 040941

GR SE676856. **Kirk Dale.** Meet in the overflow car park near St. Gregory's Minster. An easy walk of about 3.5 miles along woodland and countryside paths.

Wednesday, 14th August, 10:30 am, leader Alan Simkins ☎ 01642 477484

GR SE684990. **Rosedale.** Meet in the parking area off the Castleton to Hutton le Hole road just south of the Lion Inn, opposite the minor road down to Church Houses. A walk along the disused railway line looking at the geology and industrial archaeology of the area.

Saturday, 17th August, 10:30 am, leader Andrew Ferguson ☎ 01642 057015

GR NZ711196. **Skinningrove area.** Meet in the car park near St. Helen's church in Carlin How. A walk in an interesting area seldom visited by the Club, but good for both botany and butterflies.

Wednesday, 28th August, 10:30 am, leader Neil Baker ☎ 01325 361547

GR NZ479254. **Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park.** Meet in the visitor centre car park. An easy walk, mostly on the flat, on well maintained paths.

Wednesday, 11th September, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ892024. **Maybeck.** Meet in the Maybeck car park. We will explore the woods and moorland at this lovely site walking to Falling Foss waterfall.

Saturday, 2nd November, 10:30 am, leader Alan Simkins ☎ 01642 477484

GR SE758919. **Cropton Forest.** Meet in Cropton Cabins car park, known as Spiers House on older maps. Join in a fungus foray with the North East Fungus Study Group.

DATES FOR WINTER MEETINGS 2024-2025

Sep 16. Oct 21. Nov 18. Dec 16. Jan 20. Feb 17. Mar 17. Apr 21.

CLEVELAND NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

PROGRAMME DETAILS SUMMER 2024



I am pleased that once again we have a full programme of field outings with something for everyone. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this coming summer and also welcoming any new members and guests.

This leaflet expands on the summary information provided on the Club membership card.

In spring and summer there are visits to explore the natural history of a particular area as set out in this leaflet. During the winter months there is a series of meetings with illustrated talks by both Club members and visiting speakers.

The annual subscription is currently only £8.

I hope that you will find outings to your liking from this varied programme. Suggestions for future outings are always welcomed. It is hoped members will share transport, where possible, to ease parking problems and be prepared to offer lifts to members without cars.

Mark Stokeld (President)

THE OFFICERS and COMMITTEE 2024-2025

President	Mark Stokeld, 38 Ash Grove, Kirklevington, TS15 9NQ
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Immediate Past President	Jo Scott, Tethers End, Hartburn Village, TS18 5DR
Ordinary members	Eric Gendle, Daphne Aplin and several vacancies

Mobile Phone

The walk leader on the day carries the Club's mobile phone (☎ 07434 879084) that members may ring if necessary (to find the group if late arriving, for example).

Websites

Members with internet access will find the following sites of interest:
www.clevelandnats.org.uk; www.barlow.me.uk; www.pwforster.co.uk and
www.ynu.org.uk.

These sites contain excellent material and links to many other natural history web pages. Fresh material for inclusion on our Club website is always welcomed.

Twitter

Our Club now has a Twitter account. @clevelandnats. Be sure to follow us.

Health and Safety Notes

On all of our walks, please take great care that you never put yourself, or any other Club member, at risk of harm. If you have a personal mobile phone, please let the walk leader have your number in case we should accidentally become separated. It may help us to find each other once again.

Make sure you come suitably equipped with sensible clothing and footwear. For example, in wet or boggy areas wellingtons may be required. Sun hats, sun screen and insect repellent are also advisable if the British summers continue to be like they have been recently. Also ensure that you bring along sufficient food and drink for your needs. There's nothing worse than being hungry or thirsty on a field trip!

Pop-Up Event

It is hoped to hold a moth trapping night during the summer. This will be arranged at short notice as it is dependent upon good weather. Please let any member of the committee know if you may be interested and we will be sure to contact you at the time.

Wednesday, 24th April, 10:30 am, leader Tony Wardhaugh ☎ 01642 322935

GR NZ668215. **Saltburn Area**. Meet in the Cat Nab car park, which is pay and display. We will visit Saltburn Gill in the morning to enjoy the spring flowers in the woods, come back to the car park for lunch and then spend the afternoon somewhere else in the Saltburn area. There are several interesting options nearby depending on what those present would like to do.

Saturday, 4th May, 10:30 am, leader Andy Astbury ☎ 07749 040941

GR SE479958. **Black Hambleton**. Meet in the large parking area at the right-angled bend on the minor road from Osmotherley to Hawby, about 2.5 miles south-east of Osmotherley. This is a long walk of about 7.5 miles through Silton Forest, some farmland and moorland tracks, before returning by Hambleton Street, an old drove road now forming part of the Cleveland Way. There is some climbing involved, which we will take steadily, but there are some superb views to enjoy on the way.

Wednesday, 8th May, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ383667. **Trow Point, South Shields**. Meet in the car park at the grid reference. There is also road side parking along Broadway. This is a walk along the cliff edge from Trow Point to Marsden Rocks to look at the geology of the area.

Wednesday, 22nd May, 10:30 am, leader Neil Baker ☎ 01325 361547

GR NY867298. **Cronkley Fell**. Meet in the Hanging Shaw car park. A circular walk over Cronkley Fell, looking at the English Nature enclosures for hopefully good showings of spring gentians and bird's eye primroses, and returning by the banks of the river Tees. A walk of 7 miles involving some climbing, but we will take it steadily.

Wednesday, 29th May, 10:30 am, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 01642 884719

GR NZ532282. **North Gare**. Meet in the car park at the end of North Gare Road. A leisurely exploration of this interesting area of beach, sand dunes and salt marsh. It is good for birds, butterflies and has a wide variety of wildflowers, including several species of orchids.

Wednesday, 5th June, 6:30 pm, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ517166. **Stewart Park**. Meet in the car park at Stewart Park. A leisurely evening walk around Stewart Park, where there are some fine specimen trees.

Sunday, 9th June, 10:30 am, leaders Mark and Hazel Stokeld ☎ 01642 783819

GR SE571844. **Ashberry YWT Nature Reserve**. Park at Ashberry Farm, either at the roadside at the farm or at the triangle just before the bridge. A gentle walk around this reserve with ancient woodland bordered by flower rich limestone grassland on the valley sides.

Wednesday, 12th June, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ428385. **Castle Eden Dene**. Meet near the church at Castle Eden. There is roadside car parking nearby. We will walk through the woodland towards the coast.

Sunday, 16th June, 10:30 am, contact Neil Baker ☎ 01325 361547

GR SE544654. **Forest of Flowers, Huby**. Meet at Home Farm, Tollerton Road, Huby, York, YO61 1JB. This is only a mile or so left off the A19 when travelling south. The Forest of Flowers project has repurposed 74 acres previously used for mixed farming into new woodland and wildflower meadows, with 17 ponds created to provide wetland habitat. This is a joint meeting with the Yorkshire Dragonfly Group and we will be led by by **Keith Gittens**, a leading dragonfly expert.

Wednesday, 26th June, 6:30 pm, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ592252. **Coatham Dunes**. Meet in the car park on Majuba Road in Redcar. A short coastal walk through the dunes between Coatham Sands and the golf links to enjoy the wildflowers.

Sunday, 30th June, 10:30 am, leaders Mark and Hazel Stokeld ☎ 01642 783819

GR SE299767. **High Batts Nature Reserve**. Meet in the reserve car park. Take the Hansons Quarry track off the A6108 and turn right when it splits to get to the car park. High Batts is a private nature reserve with access by invitation only. It is on the banks of the river Ure and near to North Stainley near Ripon. There is mixed woodland with open clearings and ponds. The reserve is good for wild flowers, birds, butterflies and dragonflies.

Wednesday, 3rd July, 10:30am, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 01642 884719

GR NZ371373. **Wingate Quarry**. Meet in the car park. Wingate Quarry is a local nature reserve in a disused quarry, with a variety of habitats, that has been designated as a SSSI. It is located just south of the village of Wheatley Hill.

Sunday, 7th July, 10:30 am, leaders Mark and Hazel Stokeld ☎ 01642 783819

GR SE331699. **Ripon City Wetlands**. Meet in the large car park by the entrance to the reserve, the end furthest from the road. This wetland is excellent for all sorts of wildlife, with easy flat walking on well maintained paths.

Wednesday, 10th July, 10:30 am, leader Neil Baker ☎ 01325 361547

GR NZ507250. **Greatham Creek and Dorman's Pool**. Meet in the car park at the Teesmouth NNR alongside the A178 between Seaton Carew and Port Clarence. A walk along Greatham Creek in the morning, hopefully timed right for the seals coming in with the tide. We will also look out for Grayling and Small Blue butterflies. **Mark Stokeld** will lead us on a visit to RSPB Saltholme's Dorman's Pool Nature Reserve in the afternoon. Park in the reserve car park off Huntsman Drive. The reserve is good for calcareous loving flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds, including Bearded Tits.