

CLEVELAND NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

PROGRAMME DETAILS SUMMER 2026



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 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 £10.

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 2026-2027

President	Mark Stokeld
Secretary	Jo Scott
	Club email address: CNFCSec@gmail.com
Treasurer	Hazel Stokeld
Membership Secretary	Jo Scott
Programme Secretary	Neil Baker
Immediate Past President	Jo Scott
Ordinary members	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.

Social Media

Our Club has a Twitter account **@clevelandnats** and also a Bluesky account **@clevelandnats.bsky.social**. Be sure to follow us.

Health and Safety Notes

On all 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. Make sure you come suitably equipped with sensible clothing and footwear. Also ensure that you bring along sufficient food and drink for your needs.

Events

This year's programme includes a number of events organised jointly with the Tees Valley Willdife Trust. These are short nature walks starting at 10:00 and finishing no later than 12:30. Hopefully some members of the public on these walks may join our Club.

Some other joint events have also been scheduled with other local nature clubs, such as the RSPB Cleveland Group and Darlington Naturalists.

Additional special events may be included in our programme, such as moth trapping, dragonflies and fungus forays. These will be arranged at short notice as they are dependent upon suitable 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.

Saturday, 28th March, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ668215. TS12 1HF. **Saltburn Gill**. Meet in the Cat Nab car park, which is pay and display. We will walk through the valley and woods in Saltburn Gill.

Wednesday, 1st April, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ591216. TS10 5NW. **Kirkleatham Woods**. Meet in Kirkleatham Museum car park. A meadow survey for TVWT.

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

GR NZ505232. TS2 1TP. **Saltholme RSPB Reserve**. Meet in the visitor centre car park, which is free to RSPB members but with a small charge for each car otherwise. We will look around the reserve in the morning. Weather and time and tide permitting, we will walk along Greatham Creek in the afternoon.

Wednesday, 15th April, 10:30 am, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 07504 897768

GR NZ435454. SR8 3UT. **Thorpe Lea East**. Meet by the cemetery (NZ432439) where there is more space for parking. We will be accompanied by David Miller and focusing on ancient woodland (and grassland) flowers, insects and molluscs.

Saturday, 25th April, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ443166. TS18 3EX. **Bowesfield Ponds Nature Reserve**. Meet in the car park off Kingfisher Way, Preston Farm.

Wednesday, 29th April, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ860129. YO21 3TG. **Mulgrave Woods**. Meet in Sandsend car park, which is pay and display, at the bottom of Lythe Bank. We will walk through the woods to the old castle.

Wednesday, 6th May, 10:30 am, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 07504 897768

GR NZ483362. TS24 9RQ. **Hart to Haswell Walkway**. Meet at the entrance to the walkway on Ocean Road where there is roadside parking. A pleasant and easy walk, mostly on the level.

Wednesday, 13th May, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR SE540917. YO62 5QJ. **Hawnby Hill**. Meet at Moor Gate on the Hawnby to Osmotherley road. Park by the roadside next to the cattle grid, where there is limited space. We will look for Duke of Burgundy butterflies at a small site well used by them in the recent past.

Saturday, 23rd May, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NZ569193. TS6 8DW. **Lazenby Woods**. Meet in the layby on the west bound carriageway of the A174 near to Greystones roundabout. A walk through the woodlands.

Wednesday, 27th May, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NY810309. DL12 0XP. **Cow Green Reservoir**. Meet in the reservoir car park. A walk to look at the flora of the area with the spring gentian being the focus of the walk.

Wednesday, 3rd June, 10:30 am, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 07504 897768

GR NZ532282. TS25 2DT. **North Gare**. Meet in the car park at the end of North Gare Road. A walk along the back of the dunes and a return along the beach.

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

GR NZ344287. TS21 2DN. **Hardwick Park**. Meet in the car park at Hardwick Park, which is pay and display. A walk through the park and along the river Skerne.

Sunday, 14th June, 10:00 am, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR SE299767. HG4 3HT. **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. It is mixed woodland with clearings and ponds, good for wild flowers, birds, butterflies and dragonflies. A joint event with the RSPB Cleveland Group.

Wednesday, 17th June, 10:30 am, leader Daphne Aplin ☎ 07504 897768

GR NZ462193. TS17 6QB. **Tees Barrage**. Meet at the entrance to the Serpentine car park at the Barrage. An easy walk along the river Tees and around Portrack Marsh.

Friday, 19th June, 21:00 pm, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR SE479959. DL6 3QB. **Square Corner, near Osmotherley**. Meet in the car park at Square Corner. A late evening walk till dark looking for Nightjars. A joint event with the RSPB Cleveland Local Group. We will be led by Peter Reynolds.

Wednesday, 24th June, 18:30 pm, contact Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NZ556274. TS10 5NX. **South Gare**. Meet at the Coastguard Station. A joint event with the RSPB Cleveland Local Group. We will be led by Steve Hunter.

Saturday, 27th June, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ527293. TS25 1DE. **Seaton Carew**. Meet in the main Seaton Carew car park. We will look at the protected Little Terns nesting colony. Little Terns are the smallest terns in the UK and classed as amber on the list of conservation concern.

Wednesday, 1st July, 10:30 am, leader David Laing ☎ 01642 316101

GR NZ454228. TS23 1PB. **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, 8th July, 18:30 pm, contact Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NZ740126. TS13 4TP. **Scaling Dam**. Meet in the car park at the north end of the reservoir. A joint event with the RSPB Cleveland Local Group.

Wednesday, 15th July, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR SE560332. YO8 9HZ. **Bishop Wood near Selby**. Meet in Dutchman's car park which is on Scalm Lane, the east to west road which runs through the middle of the wood. Silver-washed Fritillary and White Letter Hairstreak butterflies, dragonflies and grass snakes have been seen here.

Saturday, 18th July, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ507250. TS25 2DD. **Seal Sands and Greatham Creek**. Meet in the Teesmouth NNR car park on the Seaton Carew road. An easy walk along Greatham Creek.

Wednesday, 22nd July, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NZ331326. DL17 9DP. **Bishop Middleham**. Limited parking in the layby on the road outside the reserve, so car share if possible. A disused quarry good for birds, butterflies and dark red helleborines.

Wednesday, 29th July, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NY704054. CA17 4NT. **Smardale**. Meet at the Newbiggin-on-Lune entrance to the reserve. From the A685 at Newbiggin-on-Lune take the Kelleth/Great Asby turning then take the immediate left for Kelleth and park on the roadside.

Wednesday, 5th August, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR SE676856. YO62 7HF. **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, 12th August, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR SE331699. HG4 5AA. **Ripon City Wetlands**. Meet in the large car park by the entrance to the reserve. This wetland is excellent for all sorts of wildlife, with easy flat walking on good paths.

Sunday, 16th August, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ668215. TS12 1HF. **Saltburn Rockpools**. Meet in the Cat Nab car park. Waterproof footwear and a bucket are recommended. This is a joint event with Darlington Naturalists and the RSPB Cleveland Group.

Saturday, 22nd August, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ512227. TS2 1UE. **Dorman's Pool**. Meet in the small car park off Huntsman Drive.

Wednesday, 26th August, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NZ689139. TS12 3JP. **Moorsholm**. Meet in Moorsholm village. A walk of about 4 miles.

Wednesday, 2nd September, 10:30 am, leader Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ047167. DL12 8AJ. **Flatts Wood, Barnard Castle**. Meet at the entrance to the woodland on Raby Avenue, where there is free roadside parking. We will look for lichens.

Wednesday, 9th September, 10:30 am, leader Alan Simkins ☎ 01642 477484

Details to be arranged. Contact any committee member for information nearer the time.

Wednesday, 16th September, 10:30 am, leader Mark Stokeld ☎ 07730 437214

GR NZ556274. TS10 5NX. **South Gare**. Meet at the Coastguard Station. Plantlife and birds.

Saturday, 26th September, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ462193. TS17 6QB. **Portrack Marsh**. Meet outside the Talpore. An easy walk.

Saturday, 24th October, 10:00 am, TVWT event, contact Jo Scott ☎ 01642 897843

GR NZ670138. TS12 3LQ. **Lockwood Beck**. Meet in the car park at the reservoir.

DATES FOR WINTER MEETINGS 2026-2027

Sep 21. Oct 19. Nov 16. Dec 21. Jan 18. Feb 15. Mar 15. Apr 19.