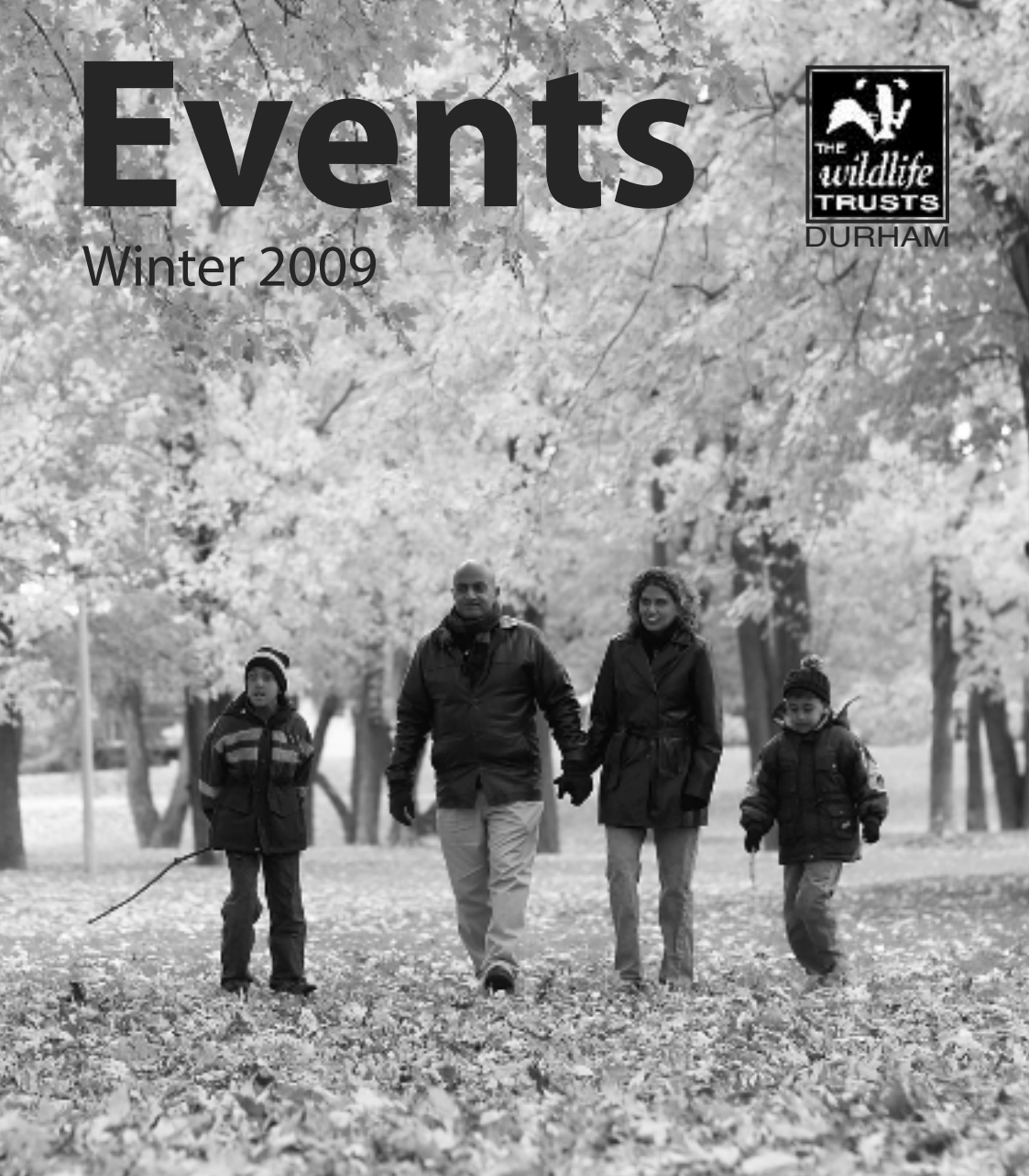


# Events

Winter 2009



**DURHAM  
WILDLIFE  
TRUST**

# Wildlife and Specialist Groups

## November 4th

Chester le Street Wildlife Group  
Talk by Judy Summerson, work associated with red kites. 7.30pm Parish Centre, Church Chare, Chester le Street. New members very welcome. Contact Kathryn Farrar on 0191 3891163

## November 4th

Badger Group meeting and AGM  
7.30 pm at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre  
Contact Janice Brabban at  
janicebrabban@royaloakfarm.fsnet.co.uk

## November 10th

Gateshead Wildlife Group meeting  
"Wetland Wildlife" an illustrated talk by John Almond . 7.15pm at St. Helen's Church Hall, Belle Vue Bank, Low Fell NE9 6BR. This local group organises walks, talks and activities. New members assured of a warm welcome. Contact Judy Summerson on 0191 4883597

## November 11th

Middleton St. George Wildlife Group meeting  
Wildlife Quiz at The Fighting Cocks.  
New members assured of a warm welcome.  
Contact Barbarah Shorney on 01325 332773

## November 12th

Darlington Wildlife Group  
Talk by Naomi Hewitt 'Amphibians & Reptiles in the North East'. Meetings are held in Cockerton Methodist Church and begin at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Cliff Evans 01325 466471

## November 18th

Low Barns Photography Group meeting  
Low Barns Visitor Centre 7pm  
New members always welcome. Regular guest speakers and outings - see notice board at Low Barns and [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com) . Contact Ian Whale - [ianwhale@btinternet.com](mailto:ianwhale@btinternet.com)

## November 19th

Rainton Meadows Wildlife Group  
Talk by Mike Jeffries of Northumbria University on

ponds. Group meets at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre at 7pm on 3rd Thursday of the month. New members guaranteed a warm welcome, contact John Ellis 07792859245

## November 26th

Sedgefield Wildlife Group  
-Cuban birds and Christmas Quiz  
Parish Hall, Sedgefield 7.45pm  
New members assured of a warm welcome. More details form Steve Ashton on 01740 620559  
[sashton@teeswildlife.org](mailto:sashton@teeswildlife.org)

## December 2nd

Chester le Street Wildlife Group  
Xmas party 7.30pm Parish Centre, Church Chare, Chester le Street. New members very welcome. Contact Kathryn Farrar on 0191 3891163

## December 8th

Gateshead Wildlife Group meeting  
A Backpacker's Story by Mike Hall  
7.15pm at St Helen's Church Hall, Bellevue Bank, Low Fell NE9 6BR. This local group organises walks, talks and activities. New members assured of a warm welcome. Contact Judy Summerson on 0191 4883597

## December 8th

Rainton Meadows Photography Group AGM and dinner. Group comprises photographers of all levels of expertise with an interest in wildlife images. Meet at Visitor Centre 7.30pm. New members of all abilities will be made very welcome. For more information please contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716 or David Leigh 0191 3782356

## December 9th

Middleton St. George Wildlife Group meeting  
A talk by Neil Embleton telling us How Not to Keep Bees. Meet at Boardroom, Water Park, Middleton St George. New members assured of a warm welcome. Contact Barbarah Shorney on 01325 332773

## December 16th

Low Barns Photography Group meeting and AGM  
Low Barns Visitor Centre 7pm -7.30pm  
New members always welcome. Regular guest speakers and outings - see notice board at Low Barns and [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com) . Contact Ian Whale - [ianwhale@btinternet.com](mailto:ianwhale@btinternet.com)

### **December 17th**

Darlington Wildlife Group, Christmas Social Meetings are held in Cockerton Methodist Church and begin at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Cliff Evans 01325 466471

### **January 6th**

Chester le Street Wildlife Group  
7.30pm Parish Centre, Church Chare,  
Chester le Street. New members very welcome.  
Contact Kathryn Farrar on 0191 3891163

### **January 12th**

Gateshead Wildlife Group meeting  
Northumberland's Birds and Climate Change by Ian Armstrong  
7.15pm at St Helen's Church Hall, Bellevue Bank,  
Low Fell NE9 6BR. This local group organises walks,  
talks and activities. New members assured of a  
warm welcome. Contact Judy Summerson on 0191  
4883597

### **January 12th**

Lanchester Wildlife Group  
7.30pm at Lanchester Community Centre  
New members very welcome. Contact Elaine  
Williams 01207 520063.

### **January 12th**

Rainton Meadows Photography Group  
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expertise with an interest in wildlife images. Meet  
at Visitor Centre 7.30pm. New members of all  
abilities will be made very welcome. For more  
information please contact Ian Hoseason on 0191  
3886716 or David Leigh 0191 3782356

### **January 13th**

Middleton St. George Wildlife Group meeting  
A talk by Robert Wood on Moths. Meet at  
Boardroom, Water Park, Middleton St George. New  
members assured of a warm welcome. Contact  
Barbarah Shorney on 01325 332773

### **January 13th**

Badger Group meeting  
7.30 pm at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre  
Contact Janice Brabban at  
janicebrabban@royaloakfarm.fsnet.co.uk

### **January 20th**

Low Barns Photography Group meeting  
Low Barns Visitor Centre 7pm  
New members always welcome. Regular guest  
speakers and outings - see notice board at Low  
Barns and [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com) . Contact  
Ian Whale - [ianwhale@btinternet.com](mailto:ianwhale@btinternet.com)

### **January 21st**

Rainton Meadows Wildlife Group meeting  
Details tbc. Group meets at Rainton Meadows  
Visitor Centre at 7pm on 3rd Thursday of the  
month. New members guaranteed a warm  
welcome, contact John Ellis 07792859245

### **January 21st**

Darlington Wildlife Group  
Talk by Katy Barnard 'OPAL encouraging people to  
explore nature'. Meetings are held in Cockerton  
Methodist Church and begin at 7.30pm. New  
members welcome. Contact Cliff Evans 01325  
466471

### **January 28th**

Sedgefield Wildlife Group  
Parish Hall, Sedgefield 7.45pm  
Talk by Craig Best Hedleyhope Fell - Past, Present  
and Future. New members assured of a warm  
welcome. More details form Steve Ashton on 01740  
620559 [sashton@teeswildlife.org](mailto:sashton@teeswildlife.org)

### **February 3rd**

Chester le Street Wildlife Group  
7.30pm Parish Centre, Church Chare,  
Chester le Street. New members very welcome.  
Contact Kathryn Farrar on 0191 3891163

### **February 9th**

Gateshead Wildlife Group meeting  
An Overview of Gateshead's Wildlife Sites by Clare  
Ross. 7.15pm at St Helen's Church Hall, Bellevue  
Bank, Low Fell NE9 6BR. This local group organises  
walks, talks and activities. New members assured of  
a warm welcome. Contact Judy Summerson on  
0191 4883597

### **February 9th**

Lanchester Wildlife Group  
7.30pm at Lanchester Community Centre  
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### **February 9th**

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Group comprises photographers of all levels of expertise with an interest in wildlife images. Meet at Visitor Centre 7.30pm. New members of all abilities will be made very welcome. For more information please contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716 or David Leigh 0191 3782356

### **February 10th**

Middleton St. George Wildlife Group meeting  
Officer from Durham Wildlife Trust talking about ancient trees.  
Meet at Boardroom, Water Park, Middleton St George. New members assured of a warm welcome. Contact Barbarah Shorney on 01325 332773

### **February 17th**

Low Barns Photography Group meeting  
Low Barns Visitor Centre 7pm  
New members always welcome. Regular guest speakers and outings - see notice board at Low Barns and [www.lbphoto.blogspot.com](http://www.lbphoto.blogspot.com) . Contact Ian Whale - [ianwhale@btinternet.com](mailto:ianwhale@btinternet.com)

### **February 18th**

Rainton Meadows Wildlife Group meeting  
Details tbc  
Group meets at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre at 7pm on 3rd Thursday of the month. New members guaranteed a warm welcome, contact John Ellis 07792859245

### **February 18th**

Darlington Wildlife Group  
Talk by Nick Mason 'Peatscapes of the North Pennines'  
Meetings are held in Cockerton Methodist Church and begin at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Cliff Evans 01325 466471

### **February 25th**

Sedgefield Wildlife Group  
Parish Hall, Sedgefield 7.45pm. New members assured of a warm welcome. More details from Steve Ashton on 01740 620559  
[sashton@teeswildlife.org](mailto:sashton@teeswildlife.org)

### **March 3rd**

Chester le Street Wildlife Group  
7.30pm Parish Centre, Church Chare,  
Chester le Street. New members very welcome.  
Contact Kathryn Farrar on 0191 3891163

### **March 9th**

Gateshead Wildlife Group  
AGM & Members Evening. For details contact Judy Summerson on 0191 4883597

### **March 9th**

Rainton Meadows Photography Group  
Group comprises photographers of all levels of expertise with an interest in wildlife images. Meet at Visitor Centre 7.30pm. New members of all abilities will be made very welcome. For more information please contact Ian Hoseason on 0191 3886716 or David Leigh 0191 3782356

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### **March 18th**

Darlington Wildlife Group  
Talk by Elizabeth Pickitt 'Geology of the North Pennines'. Meetings are held in Cockerton Methodist Church and begin at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Cliff Evans 01325 466471

### **March 18th**

Rainton Meadows Wildlife Group meeting  
Details tbc. Group meets at Rainton Meadows Visitor Centre at 7pm on 3rd Thursday of the month. New members guaranteed a warm welcome. NB. This group runs a series of walks May to July, for details contact John Ellis 07792859245

### **March 19th**

Middleton St. George Wildlife Group  
A talk by Phil Gates on Wild Flowers.  
Meet at Boardroom, Water Park, Middleton St George. New members assured of a warm welcome. Contact Barbarah Shorney on 01325 332773

### **March 25th**

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Parish Hall, Sedgefield 7.45pm

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### **April 13th**

Gateshead Wildlife Group meeting

Wild Spaces: Mammals in the Urban Environment  
by Cheryl Nicholson

7.15pm at St Helen's Church Hall, Bellevue Bank,  
Low Fell NE9 6BR. This local group organises walks,  
talks and activities. New members assured of a  
warm welcome. Contact Judy Summerson on 0191  
4883597

### **April 22nd**

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Parish Hall, Sedgefield 7.45pm

New members assured of a warm welcome. More  
details from Steve Ashton on 01740 620559  
sashton@teeswildlife.org

## **Walks and Wildlife watching**

### **January 14th**

A guided walk and talk around Low Barns Nature  
Reserve led by a member of DWT staff, 11am -12-  
30pm. This series of walks is a joint venture  
between DWT staff and members and volunteers  
of the Low Barns Photography Group. The cost per  
person for each walk is £3.50 which includes car  
parking. Telephone 01388 488728

### **January 29th**

An introduction to wildlife photography using Low  
Barns Nature Reserve for practical application led  
by members of the Low Barns Photography Group,  
10.30am-12.30pm. This series of walks is a joint  
venture between DWT staff and members and  
volunteers of the Low Barns Photography Group.  
The cost per person for each walk is £3.50 which  
includes car parking. Telephone 01388 488728

### **February 11th**

A guided walk and talk around Low Barns Nature  
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12.30pm. This series of walks is a joint venture  
between DWT staff and members and volunteers  
of the Low Barns Photography Group. The cost per  
person for each walk is £3.50 which includes car  
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# Get Involved

## November 15th

Sunday Gang – practical conservation management of Joe's Pond and Rainton Meadows reserves. No experience necessary as full training is given. Enthusiasm and a willingness to get dirty a must. Today woodland management at Rainton Meadows. Tasks begin at 10 am and finish at 15.30. Contact Trust on 0191 5843112 in advance to let us know you're coming.

## December 20th

Sunday Gang – practical conservation management of Joe's Pond and Rainton Meadows reserves. No experience necessary as full training is given. Enthusiasm and a willingness to get dirty a must. Today woodland management at Rainton Meadows. Tasks begin at 10 am and finish at 15.30. Contact Trust on 0191 5843112 in advance to let us know you're coming.

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# Children and Wildlife Watch

## November 14th

Durham City Watch Group  
An away day at Bill Quay City Farm  
10.00 – 12.00  
Contact Judy Summerson on 0191 488 3597

## November 21st

East Hedleyhope Children's Nature Club  
East Hedleyhope Village Hall 10am – 12 noon  
Pets Party: What is the difference between your pet and British wildlife? Bring your small pets – hamsters etc if you have them for the 1st session. Look out for wildlife in the outdoor session - followed by Christmas/final Party. Nature Club is most suitable for children under 10. Includes sessions inside and outside what ever the weather. Please wear clothing suitable for playing outdoors. Costs £1 (NB as numbers of kids has fallen recently this will be the last under 10's Nature Club session!)  
Contact Clare Ross - 01388 731553 for more information

## December 12th

Durham City Watch group  
Christmas fun and games followed by a Christmas Party and New Year resolutions at Durham Botanic Gardens 10.00 – 12.00  
Contact Judy Summerson on 0191 488 3597

## December 22nd

Nature Rangers at Rainton Meadows  
Wrap up warm for a winter walk to collect ideas and things for making Christmas decorations and pressies. Nature Rangers is for children aged 5—11 yrs and is run by West Rainton Green Group. We meet at Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve from 1-3pm on each Tuesday of the school holidays. Children under 8 must bring a grown up (over 16) with them. There is a charge of £1 per family to help cover our costs. Includes refreshments. For more information or help with transport from West Rainton contact: Annette: 5842821 Gillian 0191 5121801 or Elizabeth 0191 3844759

### **December 22nd**

Teen Rangers at Rainton Meadows  
Help! Still haven't got all your Xmas pressies bought? Wrap up warm for a winter walk and to collect ideas and things for making Christmas pressies and decorations. is for young people aged 12-18 years and is run by West Rainton Green Group. We meet at Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve from 3-5pm on each Tuesday of the school holidays. There is a charge of £1 per person to help cover the costs. Includes refreshments. For more information or help with transport from West Rainton contact Annette: 5842821 or Elizabeth: 0191 3844759

### **December 29th**

Nature Rangers at Rainton Meadows  
'Fat faces in the woods'. Help the birds on the reserve to survive the winter but wear old clothes as it'll be a messy job. Nature Rangers is for children aged 5—11 yrs and is run by West Rainton Green Group. We meet at Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve from 1-3pm on each Tuesday of the school holidays. Children under 8 must bring a grown up (over 16) with them. There is a charge of £1 per family to help cover our costs. Includes refreshments. For more information or help with transport from West Rainton contact: Annette: 5842821 Gillian 0191 5121801 or Elizabeth 0191 3844759

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### **January 9th**

Durham City Watch group  
Fun and games at Durham Botanic Gardens 10.00 – 12.00. Contact Judy Summerson on 0191 488 3597

### **January 30th**

East Hedleyhope Young Rangers  
Meet at East Hedleyhope Village Hall 2pm  
Outdoor Activities for older children including conservation work such as tree planting and fun activities such as orienteering. The group, which is affiliated to Durham Wildlife Trust, is suitable for 10 year olds and over. PLEASE BRING OLD CLOTHING AND WATERPROOFS. Costs £1 to cover refreshments etc. First session may involve tree planting in East Hedleyhope. Contact Clare Ross - 01388 731553 for more information

### **February 13th**

Durham City Watch group  
Fun and games at Durham Botanic Gardens 10.00 – 12.00. Contact Judy Summerson on 0191 488 3597

### **Lanchester Watch Group Juniors**

This group has a monthly programme of meetings for families and young people which alternate between local sites and places elsewhere in the region. The focus is on fun. For details please contact Noel Jackson 01207 560684  
noelbats@onetel.com

# Attention New Members

## February 21st

New Members Gathering

Meet at Low Barns Visitor Centre 2pm

For new and existing members alike, an opportunity to find out about more about Durham Wildlife Trust, meet staff and Trustees, have a guided walk around a flagship nature reserve and see where your money is spent.

Free but booking essential, please call 0191 5843112

# Special Events

## February 27th

Wonderful Wildlife event

Boldon Community Association, New Road, Boldon  
10:30am – 12:30

Join the WildPlaces and Living Waterways teams to learn about urban wildlife which is often much closer to home than people think. There will be fun craft activities for the children along with opportunities for adults to learn about and see footage of wildlife around the river Don. The event also provides an opportunity for members of the local community to find out more about the Living Waterways project and planned future events. The team wants local people to come along who are interested in getting involved in improving the River Don. Details from 0191 5843112

## June 5th

Family Fun Day

Durham Wildlife Trust's big open day held at Rainton Meadows. Bigger and better than ever with crafts, activities, music, information, food, wildlife and fun for all ages. Free entry. 0191 5843112

