

2012

JULY

- Sun. 1st **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Path maintenance & wildlife recording
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley
- Sun. 8th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Wildlife recording
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett or Liz Simcock 01782 533545

AUGUST

- Sun. 5th **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Recording butterflies & dragonflies
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley
- Sun. 12th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Bracken clearing
10 – 1pm Contact : John Bridgett or Liz Simcock 01782 533545

During the summer months the Leek Group will be attending various local fetes and shows with the sales stall, display and membership leaflets etc. Anyone wishing to assist with this should contact Val Riley on 01538 300264.

Practical conservation organised by Trust HQ takes place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month. These are held on Trust nature reserves in the north of the county (mainly in the Staffs. Moorlands area). Participants should wear suitable clothing, take a packed lunch and ring HQ on 01889 880100 for details. This is an ideal way to visit and get to know our nature reserves as well as being an excellent way to keep in trim.

Our Leek Group website is linked to the leekonline.co.uk website. See our programme, and picture gallery.

LEEK GROUP

- Chairman:** John Bridgett 01538 385820
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- Treasurer:** John Stanney 01538 381990
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- Committee:** David Bailey
David Brammer
- Ex Officio:** Patrick Bullock

The Group holds monthly meetings and walks in the area and raises funds by a variety of means to support the work of the Trust.

Evening meetings are held at St Paul's Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek at 7.30pm. on the second Tuesday of the month. Easy access for wheelchair users. Our sound system makes for easy listening.

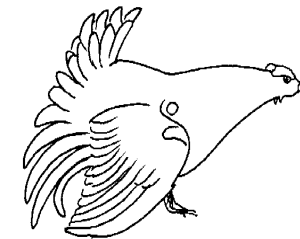
We cover the cost of our meetings (i.e. room hire, speaker's fee and advertising) with sponsorship and admission fees so that all the money we raise goes to preserve wildlife habitats in Staffordshire. Bird nuts and seed are available at our indoor meetings.

The Group also organise reserve work-parties, which take place at Swineholes Wood and Rod Wood nature reserves. These provide the opportunity for practical conservation work – this work is not necessarily heavy or difficult to perform! Reserves tasks may vary from month to month.

**Staffordshire
Wildlife Trust**



LEEK GROUP



The Leek Group is a local group of the
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

**PROGRAMME
OF EVENTS**

SEPT 2011 TO AUG 2012

Trust Headquarters:-

STAFFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

The Wolsley Centre, Wolsley Bridge, Nr. Stafford
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Registered Charity No: 259558
Company No. 959609
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SEPTEMBER

Sun. 4th **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Moorland restoration & Bracken control
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Thurs. 8th **STAFFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST A.G.M.**
Followed by a talk by Nick Mott (Senior Wetland Ecologist) on his recent secondment to Maine, USA to study landscape – scale conservation and its potential application over here.
The Wolseley Centre. 7.30pm.

Sun. 11th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Bracken control
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

Tues. 13th **“An Evening with Bees”** by Ron Rock
Focusing on both bumblebees and solitary bees in gardens and the wider world. How we can help the ones that share our gardens & how the professionals are trying to save the endangered bees in the countryside.
St. Paul’s Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek 7.30pm.

OCTOBER

Sun. 2nd **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Path maintenance
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Sun. 9th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Heathland restoration
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

Tues. 11th **“Water for Wildlife in Staffordshire”** by Nick Mott
SWT’s senior wetland ecologist describes wetland projects in North Staffordshire, Tittesworth, Upper Dove & the Peak District. Also the Staffs Head Waters project – a fascinating insight into the quality of head water streams using invertebrate surveys and analysing the results.
St. Paul’s Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek 7.30pm.

NOVEMBER

Fri. 4th **COFFEE MORNING** 9.00am - 12 noon
Donations of home-made cakes & preserves gratefully received. A social occasion and fun to run – see you there.
If you would like to assist please contact Val on 01538 300264.
Trinity Church, Derby St., Leek

Sun. 6th **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Scrub clearance
10 - 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Tues. 8th **“Quest for the Ice Bear”** by Tim Melling
A lavishly illustrated talk about the wildlife of Arctic Svalbard. Polar bears, Walruses, Arctic Foxes and birds aplenty.
St. Paul’s Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek 7.30pm.

Sun. 13th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Path Maintenance
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

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JANUARY

Sun. 8th **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Monitor nestboxes success
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Sun. 8th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Dry-stone walling
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

Tues. 10th **“Cheshire Peaks, Plains & Coasts.”** by David Tolliday
The county of Cheshire is a place of mixed and varied habitats which is reflected in its diversity of wildlife – a wild mix of wildlife from the Peak District to the coast.
St. Paul’s Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek 7.30pm.

FEBRUARY

Sun. 5th **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Moorland restoration
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Sun. 12th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Dry-stone walling
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

Tues. 14th **“The Birdlife of Carsington Water”** by Peter Gibbon
Includes the history of the reservoir and the best vantage points to view the wildlife. Carsington Bird Club celebrates 20 years of birding & has recorded 222 species here so far – very important inland site for divers and has a resident colony of tree sparrows.
To be briefly preceded by Leek Group A.G.M.
St. Paul’s Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek 7.30pm.

Fri. 24th **COLLECTION DAYS at MORRISONS, LEEK**
and Sat. 25th
Helpers required. Please contact Val on 01538 300264
From 9.30am. both days.
Meet all your friends and discover who your real ones are !

MARCH

Sun. 4th **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Woodland management
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Sun. 11th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Repair work - steps & stiles
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

Tue. 13th **“The Duke , the Admiral and the Emperor – Britains amazing butterflies.”** by Tim Coleshaw
A pictorial look at a selection of British butterflies with anecdotal stories about each species.
St. Paul’s Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek 7.30pm.

APRIL

Sun. 1st **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Moorland restoration
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Sun. 8th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Heathland restoration
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

Tue. 10th **“The Coastal Path of the Isle of Man”**
by Brian Nightingale
A 96 mile walk around the beautiful Raad ny foillan (coastal path) of the Isle of Man from the comfort of your ‘armchair’

To be followed by our annual social – ploughman’s supper, fun quiz and raffle.
St. Paul’s Church Centre, Novi Lane, Leek 7.30pm.

MAY

Sun. 6th **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Sapling pulling/ Drystone walling
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Sun. 13th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Heathland restoration
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett

Sun. 20th **PLANT SALE** 10.30am.
at Broad Lea Farm, Meerbrook, Nr.Leek
Plant and gardening related stalls welcome by prior arrangement - £20
We look forward to receiving your donations of cakes and plants.
Refreshments will be served al fresco – weather permitting.

JUNE

Sun. 3rd **Swineholes Wood**, Ipstones Edge WORK PARTY
Drystone walling & Bracken pulling
10 – 1pm Contact: Val Riley

Sun. 10th **Rod Wood**, Basford Green WORK PARTY
Bracken clearing
10 – 1pm Contact: John Bridgett or Liz Simcock 01782 533545