

HDNS WINTER LECTURES: 2019-2020 PROGRAMME
with lecturers' résumé

Date	Name	Title and Summary
9 th October 2019	Paul Irving, ex-HDNS	<u>From Yorkshire to Wales and Beyond</u> Paul will cover his move to Wales last year, and also illustrate his travels to Finland, Spain and Bulgaria
23 rd October 2019	Colin Slator, Alwin Knowles, High Batts	<u>The IATS project</u> Last year the "In at the Start Project" at High Batts won the national community prize in the Heidelberg Quarry Life Award. The project focuses on a programme of species recording and habitat development on a new quarry extraction site; this is a chance to hear what has been achieved to date and future plans.
6 th November 2019	James Bray, RSPB Bowland Project Officer	<u>Hope for Hen Harriers?</u> James will talk about the RSPB's work to protect birds of prey in the British uplands, and the battles that our birds of prey are facing in the uplands.
20 th November 2019	Simon Bowens, Friends of the Earth's Yorkshire campaigner	<u>From Paris to Harrogate: How local action on nature can help tackle climate change</u> The Paris Climate Change Agreement in 2015 set out an ambition to pursue efforts to keep global temperature rises within 1.5°C. The world's leading climate experts have warned about the risks to the natural world if we fail to do so. Simon will set out some of these risks, what needs to happen in Yorkshire to reduce these risks and what we can all do to help, from planting trees to stopping fracking.
4 th December 2019	Members' Evening: Nigel, Nick, David, Penny + 1	Various
8 th January 2020	Graham Catley Ornithological Consultant and Professional Photographer	<u>Alkborough Flats</u> Since its creation as a flood risk management and managed realignment site in 2006, Graham has monitored the birds and wildlife on the 440 hectare site for the Alkborough Flats Partnership, Natural England Environment Agency, North Lincs Council and ABP, and provides a detailed insight into the changes that have taken place on the site and the way birds have adapted to the changes.
22 nd January 2020	Sheila Nash, HDNS	<u>Bhutan</u> The Birds and Culture of Bhutan

<p>5th February 2020</p>	<p>John Cave YWT</p>	<p><u>Invasive Non-native Species</u> Invasive non-native species are the second largest threat to global biodiversity. Like much of the world, Yorkshire's habitats and ecosystems are being impacted by an array of non-native species. What can be done to tackle these species? And how can we reduce the threat of new introductions? Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have been working for a number of years to tackle these troublesome species and protect Yorkshire's wildlife. We will reveal more about these species; why are they so successful? their impacts, and what is being done here in Yorkshire to tackle and win the fight against Invasive species.</p>
<p>19th February 2020</p>	<p>Malcolm Jones, HDNS</p>	<p><u>From the Notebook</u> Harrogate to Hungary, Filey to Fuerteventura: travels of a European birdwatcher.</p>
<p>4th March 2020</p>	<p>Chris Tomson RSPB</p>	<p><u>Farming & Wildlife</u> An illustrated talk about wildlife conservation on farms mainly in Yorkshire both in the uplands and the arable east.</p>
<p>18th March 2020</p>	<p>Dr Kevin Walker HDNS, BSBI Head of Science</p>	<p>1280 and counting-Flora of HDNS area Everything a non-botanist needs to know about the flora of the HDNS area but was afraid to ask. We'll look at the history of plant recording in our area - who recorded what and when - followed by a tour of the area by habitat / species (not all of them). What makes our area special from a botanical perspective and then round off with a botanical quiz just to make sure everyone has learned something.</p>