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2022 Spring Talks Programme

Roger Downie

Just two more talks to go: I hope you have joined the programme so far. We had hoped to return to 'in-person' presentation for the April talk, but the latest rise in Covid-19 numbers and the prolonged refurbishment of the Graham Kerr Building toilets have persuaded us that we should continue with our talks on Zoom until the end of the season. We sincerely hope to return to meeting together in the autumn.

12th April: Andrea Hudspeth on 'Dragonflies of Scotland, and the work of the British Dragonfly Society across the UK'

After a quick summary of the ecology of the Odonata, Andrea will review the dragonfly species found in Scotland and their preferred habitats. She will then showcase some of the recent dragonfly conservation projects across the UK.

10th May: Richard Lilley on 'Seagrass in Scotland: challenges and opportunities'

As CEO and co-founder of Project Seagrass, Dr Richard Lilley focuses on improving knowledge and understanding of seagrass ecosystems. Project Seagrass was created with the intention of reversing the loss of seagrass by turning research results into effective conservation action and communication through partnerships with local communities and other stakeholders. Richard will tell us about various seagrass restoration projects happening around the Scottish coastline.

Brownfield Biodiversity Conference and Savanna van Mesdag

Roger Downie, Richard Weddle

Our first conference since the pandemic began will take place on **Saturday 4th June** with follow-up excursions on **Sunday 5th June**. The Conference will be free to enter as part of Glasgow Science Festival and will take place in the University of Glasgow (conference rooms to be confirmed).

Those planning to attend will be asked to sign-up on the Science Festival web-site. Brownfields can be defined in various ways: we include derelict areas, waste sites, disused railways, former quarries etc. Our speakers will discuss the species and communities that have colonised brownfield sites, often in ways which challenge the usual perceptions of areas that are 'wildlife-friendly'. We will also hear a short presentation on the exciting new GALLANT project which examines Glasgow as a 'living laboratory' for the study of wildlife-human interactions. There will be plenty of opportunities for participants to air their views and ask questions.

The Sunday morning excursion will be to Hamiltonhill Claypits and the afternoon to Mall's Mire, both of them fascinating brownfield sites in Glasgow. The conference occurs at a critical time, with the international review on the Convention on Biodiversity in China and in Scotland, a new National Planning Framework which will shape the future of land-use, including brownfield sites, for years to come. We encourage all members to attend.

Excursion Programme 2022

Alison Moss

All Meetings or Excursions attended by Society Members or their Guests are entirely at their own risk. All those wishing to participate must contact the leader in advance with their contact details. Participants should follow any safety advice given by the leader.

Covid - Any remaining Covid restrictions or advice will be observed with the safety of the whole group being paramount. No one should attend if they test positive or have any Covid symptoms.

Please wear appropriate clothing/ footwear. If you have to cancel, please notify the leader. For reasons of personal safety, would all members and friends attending excursions supply the leader with their mobile phone number and have their phone with them on excursions. Any problems with this, notify the leader on or before the day as appropriate.

Also, if you have transport problems, make this known to the leader and it may be possible to arrange help. There is no obligation to attend the whole excursion so long as the leader is kept informed for your own safety and the integrity of the group.

Where further details are needed, please contact the leader. Please check the reminder circulated before each excursion for any last minute changes and extra details.

There is no charge for most excursions. However, the full amount of any costs will be payable in advance. If you have to cancel, the cost will only be refundable if a replacement is found.

April

Sat 2nd, 11am, Glen Douglas

Focus on mosses and liverworts. This excursion is particularly weather dependent. The ground is rough in places so boots required. Bring packed lunch or snack; duration will depend very much on weather.

Meet at NS338979; see this link [Tulloch Rd - Google Maps](#). From Glasgow, take the A82 north along Loch Lomond past Luss. At Inverbeg, take the left turning signposted Glen Douglas. Go up the steep hill to a fairly spacious parking area. Contact James Milner-White.

May

Sat 7th, 11am, Dunlop and the Millennium Woodland Park

Mixed interest. The Park contains a mixture of grassland and broad leaved trees and a central pond. Stout shoes or boots best. Walking should be easy. Bring packed lunch or snack.

Meet in the village centre at the junction of the B706 and the A735, NS408494.

Limited on-street parking on Main St B706. Park entrance is at NS403492.

Contact James Milner-White.

Sat 14th, 11am, Castlemilk Park

Mixed interest, especially bluebells. Paths throughout, but quite steep and rough in places. Stout shoes or boots required. Area is in 2 main parts. Bring packed lunch, but half day possible with return at lunch time.

Meet at Castlemilk Stables (corner of Machrie Road and Machrie Drive), NS608594, nearest post code G45 0AZ. By car from Glasgow, leave M74 at junction 1A, turn left then immediately right on to A730 signposted Rutherglen, then after Rutherglen Cemetery, turn right at the lights into Croftfoot Road, left at the lights into Castlemilk Drive, then left into Machrie Road till you see the Stables.

Leaders: Alison Moss and Emma Taylor, a Park Volunteer.

Contact Alison Moss.

Thu 19th, 7pm, Pollok Park

Mainly trees. Meeting place to be arranged depending on parking regime at Pollok.

Contact Bob Gray.

Sat 28th, 10am, RSPB Loch Lomond Reserve, Endrick Mouth

Birds and mixed interest. Please note earlier start. Best wildlife wakens early. Some good paths, but boots always best. Bring packed lunch.

Meet at Reserve car park, G83 8SB, NS437870.

From Glasgow take A82 west. Turn right for Balloch, go through Gartocharn, turn left about 1 mile east of Gartocharn, after the "New Access Ahead" sign. Mixed woodland, meadows, marshes, ponds and Loch Lomond.

Leader Paula Baker, RSPB site Manager. Contact Alison Moss.

June

Sun 5th: Brownfields Conference field visits

We hope to be able to use a minibus to get conference attendees to, from and between the sites; it is possible there may be seats available for others.

10:30am, Claypits LNR: history, recent development and general recording.

Meet at Scottish Canals office car park, Applecross Street G4 9SP, NS58616720.

Leader: Martin Faulkner (Nature Scot); contact: Richard Weddle.

By car: from M8 follow exit signs for A81 (Garscube Road); at the traffic lights turn right into Possil Road; after passing under the canal there is a very sharp left turn into Ellesmere Street (100m before another set of traffic lights), take the next left into Applecross Street, and turn right at the end into a lane to the right of Scottish Canals offices, turn left into the car park, and drive clockwise round the old workshops. The Garscube Road / Possil junction can also be reached from Maryhill

Road – take the left fork at the Mackintosh Church in Garscube Road, and turn left at the second set of lights into Possil Road; a third route is from the Possil Park / Milngavie direction via the A879 (Balmore Road - Saracen Street): after passing the shops on both sides of the latter, you'll see a modern retail park: turn right at the traffic lights, and after 100m, right again into Ellesmere Street and follow the to the car park above.

By bus from the City Centre: take the 7/7A, 72 or 75 to the second stop after the aqueduct (Ellesmere Street).

By train: from Possilpark and Parkhouse Station, turn left out of the station and follow Balmore Road – Saracen Street as described above (c 25 min).

2:30pm, Mall's Mire LNR: history, recent development, and general recording. Leader / contact: Gemma Jennings or on the day of the excursion only: Richard Weddle.

By car: from M74 junction 1a, follow signs for Polmadie / Kings Park (A728), and follow the road through several set of lights until you see a huge orange sign headed 'Get in Lane' (at that point you may already have noticed a grassy bank with an MM monogram outlined in white stone, followed by a banner sign for Mall's Mire though the latter is parallel with the direction of travel); take the left filter-lane and keep left though the traffic light system, following signs for Rutherglen / Toryglen; avoid possible queue turning left into Asda, and turn left at the next traffic lights into Prospecthill Circus; turn right at the T-junction and continue round the circle until you see a single-story complex with red doors and windows – Toryglen Community Base - park in the car park at NS600620.

From the Rutherglen direction follow Prospecthill Road until you see the Welcome to Glasgow sign; then the traffic lights at Prospecthill Circus are immediately after St Brigid's PS (on your left); turn right of course, and proceed to Toryglen Community Base as described above.

By Bus: 7 / 90 / 189 and M2 stop at St Brigid's PS. Alternatively, the 7A and 75 stop on Aikenhead Road beside Asda (note that these buses also go to / from Ellesmere Street).

By train: from Mount Florida station: on alighting take the exit at the right hand (Glasgow) end of the station, turn left on to a footpath which takes you to Prospecthill Road; turn right and follow the road to the traffic lights past Asda (c25 min).

Tue 14th, Summer Social

Excursion will to Yorkhill Park, led by Scott Shanks. Other details to be arranged.

Sat. 18th, 10am, Muirshiel Country Park

Mixed interest. Woodland, burns and riverside grasslands. Terrain mixed. Walking boots best. Some steep parts on certain paths. Bring packed lunch. Some snacks should be available at Centre.

Meet at parking at Visitor Centre NS311632, Calder Glen Road, Lochwinnoch, PA12 4LB. The B786 runs between Lochwinnoch and Kilmacolm.

From Lochwinnoch Main Street, head north on the B786 for about 2 miles. There is a sign for Muirshiel about a mile out of Lochwinnoch. Take that road on your left

and follow it keeping left till you reach the cattle grid at the beginning of the Park. Continue till you come to the visitor centre.
Contact Bob Gray.

Sat 25th, 10.30 am, Rosdhu and Loch Lomond

Mixed interest. Interesting site with mixed trees and native woodland running along the lochside. Paths can be muddy. Walking boots best. Bring packed lunch.
Meet at the car park at the grand gates at NS353881 seen from the A82 before the Glen Fruin road turnoff, not far past entrance to Carrick Golf Course. Contact James Milner-White.

July

Sat 2nd, 10.30 am, Cochno Estate

Mixed interest - mixed woodland, bogs, option to Jaw Reservoir, moorland. Stout shoes or boots, bring packed lunch. Parking details to follow.

Meet at Cochno Farm, G81 5QL.

From west, come off A82 at Duntocher A810, turn left just past Esso filling station, Faifley signpost, Cochno Road.

From Bearsden, head towards Duntocher A810. At roundabout straight on (west - signposted Duntocher) then immediately right, Cochno Road; follow this till left turn opposite Auchnacraig car park (signposted Path - Jaw Reservoir). Continue to Cochno Farm

Contact Alison Moss.

Sat 9th, 11am-2pm, Hogganfield Park Local Nature Reserve and surrounding wildlife sites. Join Glasgow City Council's Biodiversity Officer and Countryside Ranger for a tour of Glasgow's unique population of riparian and fossorial water voles in and around Hogganfield Park. The excursion will include walking through the Park and a visit to the nearby grassland management research project, looking at water voles, wildlife and habitat management/ creation projects.

Meet at Hogganfield Park Local Nature Reserve car park, NS638671, G33 1AH.

From Glasgow, take M8 to Junction 12. Take A80 exit to Riddrie/Stepps, then turn left onto Cumbernauld Road. Stay right at next set of traffic lights to continue on Cumbernauld Road, and the car park then will be approx. 600m further on the right hand side. Please note, car parking often busy; may need to park nearby and walk. Also note, toilets at Clubhouse no longer available. Wear stout boots and bring lunch or snack. Leader and contact Cath Scott.

Optional extra site visit to Cranhill Park at approx. 2pm-3pm; details later.

Thu 14th, 7pm, Robroyston Park, mainly trees plus meadows and attractive grassland and lake.

Meet at park entrance opposite 220 Robroyston Road, G33 1JQ. From Glasgow, take M80 to junction 2. At roundabout, turn left onto B765. At second roundabout, turn left, still on B765. At third roundabout, go straight on, then turn next right into Robroyston Road. On-street parking on Robroyston Road or Quarrywood Road.
Contact Bob Gray.

Sun17th, 11am, Neilston Pad and the many dams around it. Mixed woodland, lochs and heath. Walking boots best. Bring packed lunch.
Meet in the car park on the side of the road between Craighall Dam and Harelaw Dam, NS472544. In Neilston, at signpost to Stewarton, turn left on to High St. Continue about 3 miles to parking place.
Contact James Milner-White.

August

Sat. 20th, Greenhead Moss Community Nature Park, mixed interest, invertebrates and plants and general ecology of reclaimed site. Paths on site, but stout footwear definitely advised. Bring packed lunch. Duration depends on paths taken and weather.

Meet at Creamery Road car park, Newmains, ML2 8AY, NS80585440.

2 ways - M74 to junction 7, A72, Lanark/ Larkhall; follow signs to Lanark until Garrion Bridge - having crossed the river take the A71 (Newmains) as far as the roundabout in Waterloo - turn left along the A721 Wishaw Road.

OR

Take M8 to junction 6A, left lane on to A8 (A73), signposted Lanark to the A73 roundabout; follow signs to Lanark/ Newmains. At the big roundabout in Newmains take the A73 (Peebles/Lanark) exit (Asda on the left). At 600 metres turn right at Y junction A71 to Waterloo. At roundabout in Waterloo turn right onto A721 Wishaw. For both methods, once on Wishaw Road, Creamery Road is on the right just past the Wishaw boundary sign. Car park is on the left.

Details of leader to follow. Contact Alison Moss.

Autumn - as usual in September and October there will be at least 2 joint meetings with the Clyde and Argyll Fungus Group. Their programme maintains a degree of flexibility to respond to the whims of the fungus world. Notification will be given in advance of each meeting.

City Nature Challenge and other events 2022 Richard Weddle

As mentioned above, recording events are taking place across the city over the weekend of April 29th – May 2nd. Some of the locations that have come to my notice are:

The Hidden Gardens, Pollokshields April 29th; 11am to 1pm. It should be possible to run a moth trap the night before, and if so, any finds will be on show. The Gardens are a hidden gem; access, if you don't already know, is through Tramway Arts Centre near Pollokshields East station.

Dawsholm Park, May 2nd. Friends of Glasgow's LNRs will host, and all are welcome to help record or just to see what has been found. Begins 10am; meet at the gazebo near the pond - it will be 'sign-posted' from Dalsholm Road. Check <https://friendsofglasgowlnrs.wordpress.com> for any updates closer to the time.

There are also a number of **RSPB-hosted events** over the weekend:

Friday 29th April – Seven Lochs area

Saturday 30th – Crookston Castle

Sunday 1st – Kelvingrove Park
Monday 2nd – Claypits (Hamiltonhill)

- consult City Nature Challenge website for details when available:

www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022-greater-glasgow/

Additionally, if communities or schools want to get involved and host their own City Nature Challenge bioblitzes and activities, they can join our 'How to' webinars:

Wednesday 30th March – 4-5pm

You can book on here to get the zoom link Citizen Science in Schools: Training Session for Teachers: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/15624>

Thursday 31st March – 4-5pm You can book on here to get the zoom link Citizen Science in Scotland's Green Spaces: Training Session: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/15627>

Lastly, on **June 17th - 18th** there is to be a Bioblitz at Little Sparta – the former farm near Dunsyre which Ian Hamilton Findlay and his wife Sue transformed into an outdoor artwork. The event will run under the auspices of the Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh, and admission to the site on these two days will be free, but needs to be booked on-line – I will email details when available. See www.littlesparta.org.uk for details of the garden (and normal admission fees).

GALLANT: Glasgow as a Living Lab Accelerating Novel Transformation

Dominic McCafferty

We are delighted that the Glasgow Natural History Society (GNHS) is one of our partners in a major new initiative funded by the Natural Environment Research Council for five years. Specifically, we look forward to involving GNHS members in citizen science activities related to our work package (WP2) on biodiversity and nature based solutions. I have provided more detail on the project below and look forward to telling you more about this in the months ahead.

GALLANT is a NERC-funded (£10.2M) partnership between University of Glasgow and Glasgow City Council and will use Glasgow as a living lab to trial new sustainable solutions throughout the city. GALLANT takes a whole-systems approach. While addressing the city's key environmental challenges, the project will consider the co-benefits and trade-offs for public health, wellbeing and economy.

The programme brings together over 50 multidisciplinary researchers with 29 public and private sector partners across the city region. Together we aim not only to bring nature back into the city system, but make meaningful, lasting change that embeds sustainability across major policy decisions and empowers communities as stewards of their local places. GALLANT will work with local partners and communities to transform the city into a thriving place for people and nature. GALLANT will help Glasgow achieve its goal to be carbon neutral by 2030 and accelerate its path to climate resilience.

Work package 1 (WP1) will address flood risk related to tidal changes, sea level rise, and increased water from extreme weather events. GALLANT aims to transform land use along the River Clyde by identifying sites for urban corridor parks for flood water storage, while also improving areas along the Clyde for wildlife and people.

WP2 recognises that cities can play a key role in halting biodiversity loss by restoring and connecting currently isolated habitat patches. GALLANT will improve biodiversity by restoring and connecting habitats across Glasgow. Citizens will play a key role in helping researchers to map important bird and mammal species that lead to new management practices in greenspaces to increase connectivity between habitats.

WP3 will trial new ways of regenerating derelict and polluted land through technology that mineralises greenhouse gases and traps organic pollutants into building materials for the future, returning these sites for community use and as ecologically functional places.

WP4 recognises that connectivity is important not only for nature, but for active travel and inclusive mobility. GALLANT will work with communities to increase active travel including cycling, wheeling and walking to reduce car journeys, improve air quality and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

WP5 tackles sustainable heating and housing as key challenges to achieving net zero carbon. GALLANT will develop sustainable low carbon energy solutions at the community scale that empower local people as active energy citizens to co-create clean energy demand.

Through our living lab approach we will learn how to create solutions that are place-based and meaningful to local people. Our global network of partners, including with circa 40 Cities, means that we will exchange our learning and solutions with both academics and policy leaders across the world. This is an exciting opportunity for Glasgow to lead and carry on the legacy from the recent COP26.



Green space managed by Glasgow City Council for biodiversity and especially water voles at Avenue End Road, Easterhouse close to M8 motorway.

2022 Subscriptions

Richard Weddle

Subscriptions fell due on January 1st 2022 (except for those who have joined since June 2021). Members who pay by standing order need take no action; others will receive a subscription renewal form either as an email attachment or in the envelope containing this newsletter.

If you do receive a reminder, and will be paying by cheque, it would still be best to send it to my home address: 89 Novar Drive (1/2), Glasgow G12 9SS, as our visits to the Graham Kerr Building are less frequent than they were pre-Covid. This information will be given in the reminder, but I thought it worth repeating.

GNHS Field Equipment

Richard Weddle

As we are within sight of the next field-recording season, it seems a good time to remind everyone that the Society possesses a number of items of equipment for the use of members. Many of these were purchased with the aid of a generous bequest from Thomas E Kinsey.

The list indicates that some items are 'in use' but which may available to others for a short time; those marked 'occasional use' will usually be available for temporary use by others. However, there are also some items that have been purchased for particular research projects, and will not be available until the end of those projects. Items such as nets and sorting trays are sometimes needed for GNHS field excursions and other such events.

Items not marked 'in use', are stored in the Zoology Museum in the Graham Kerr Building. If you'd like to borrow any item, contact me in the first instance, or if appropriate, I can put you in touch with the current holder of the equipment. If for any reason I'm not available, contact Mike Rutherford.

GNHS Council do stipulate that requests to use items for any significant length of time should be supported by an outline of the project for which they are required, and that the results should be submitted for publication in The Glasgow Naturalist. I should also point out that though the bat-detector is quite easy to use, it requires some training and experience to interpret what it picks up, and the Longworth traps can only legally be used by a trained and licensed operator.

Description	Availability	In care of
14 compound microscopes	occasional use	Zoology Museum
3 dissecting microscopes	1 in use / enquire	Zoology Museum
10 Longworth mammal traps	occasional use	Countryside Ranger Service
Batbox Duet bat detector	usually available	Richard Weddle
2 Garmin eTrex GPS	1 in use	Richard Weddle
Skinner moth trap (mains operated) *	available	Zoology Museum
Heath moth trap (battery operated) *	occasional use	Richard Weddle
2 pond nets: large / small	occasional use	Zoology Museum

sweep nets: 1 large/1 small	occasional use	Zoology Museum
3 Butterfly nets	1 in frequent use	Richard Weddle / Zoology Museum
1 Beating-tray	occasional use	Richard Weddle
Emergence Traps (80) (for hatching pupae etc)	most available	Zoology Museum
3 sorting trays	occasional use	Richard Weddle
4 remote video cameras	available	Zoology Museum
Camera traps (3)	enquire#	Stewart White
Torch (1million CP)	often available	Richard Weddle
2 Hanna 98129 pH/Conductivity/ Temperature Testers	in use	Various

* there are additional Skinner and Heath traps owned by Butterfly Conservation SW Scotland, which may be available for use by GNHS members.

available by arrangement

Another chance for community groups to access BLB grants

Alison Park

There is still (just!) time for community groups to apply for GNHS grants from the Blodwen Lloyd Binns Bequest, but applications must be submitted by 15th April 2022. Perhaps you are linked with a group which, with some additional funding, could develop a worthwhile natural history initiative. If so, do consider this funding opportunity now! With field research, expeditions, and training bursaries likely to resume as the prime beneficiary of BLB grants there may be limited time left for community groups to obtain funding from this source.

For a chance of your group gaining BLB funding simply download the application form from the GNHS website and submit your completed form before 15th April 2022. Some of the stated "points to include" may seem irrelevant for a community group application but you are advised to provide background information on the site and outline how the project benefits biodiversity and community engagement.

Applicants will be informed on the outcome of their application in May and, if successful, funds will be paid soon after. On completion of the project applicants are expected to report back on outcomes to GNHS Newsletter.

Last month two groups had successful BLB applications. Grow 73, based in Rutherglen, was awarded £2000 towards creating wildlife habitats and Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Park received £1327 for resources to support Citizen Science activities.

Grow 73's application outlined exciting plans for volunteers, aided by contractors, to create a wildlife pond and a bee bank with design features to benefit solitary bees. These new habitats will clearly enhance their new community garden that was formerly mostly occupied by 3 intensely manicured bowling greens. Grow 73 already works with several organisations including schools and the pond and bee bank will soon feature in their educational activities.

In nearby Cambuslang, the biodiversity of Holmhills Park, (proposed Local Nature Reserve) is already rich for an urban park. However, Friends of Holmhills Park find there is surprisingly little interest in the Park's wildlife assets within the local community. They hope that their new range of field survey resources may attract additional volunteers and children to wildlife observation and recording. Alongside contributing survey findings to national databases, they will also report highlights to promote the riches of the park within the neighbourhood.



Field Survey Resources for the Friends of Holmhills Park, funded by the BLB bequest

I should disclose that I completed the application on behalf of Friends of Holmhills Park. We welcomed the special funding opportunity where natural history benefits are prioritised. We are delighted with the new resources (pond dipping equipment, water quality test kit, butterfly and insect nets, quadrat, binoculars, bird feeders, and camera traps) and look forward to many years of use.

We look forward to receiving applications by email to Alison Park.

Grow 73

Eugenie Aroutcheff and Savanna van Mesdag

Grow 73 is a charity based in Rutherglen, supporting people of all ages and abilities to grow their own produce, learn how to lead more sustainable lives and increase and develop local biodiversity. Through their community garden space, shared gardening activities, environmental improvements and events, they aim to bring the community together and improve local health and wellbeing.

In 2020, Grow 73 received funding from the National Lottery to create a Bee Line. The idea was to link Rutherglen train station with Fernbrae Meadow in Cathkin. The road that links the two places is very busy and polluted. The group placed whisky barrels along specific green areas and populated them with nectar rich flowers, which would act as mini oases of food for the pollinators. Each barrel has a link with a group in the community, including a nursery and the local health centre. The Bee Line is now over 6.2 km long and growing. Grow 73 created a QR code which

people can scan, providing seasonal quizzes of the wildlife can be spotted around the planters.

Grow 73 is interested in the biodiversity of their community garden site next to Overtoun Park, near Rutherglen. In terms of the survey for the site, in the first instance, members of the group wish to understand what lives on the site and what is of interest. Grow 73 are developing the grounds, which is required, as the group's primary aim is to grow food as well as to care for biodiversity. Grow 73 are keen to understand what measures can be put in place to limit damage from the development of the land, as well as what plans can be put in place to increase the biodiversity, which they intend to do in the long term.

Big Birding Day May 14th 2020

SOC Clyde Branch

We are planning a Clyde Big Birding Day on 14th May 2022 as part of the Global Birding Day. In 2021, over 7,000 species were recorded worldwide on that day by over 50,000 participants from 192 countries.

For our Clyde Big Birding Day, we want as many people as possible to enjoy birds, record what they see and report them to Clyde SOC.

For more information, see the new Birds in Clyde website:
<https://www.birdsinclde.scot/cbbd22.html>



Birdwatching at Hogganfield Loch - David Palmar

Next Newsletter - copy to David Palmar by 22nd July 2022 please.

Thank you very much to all the contributors. Please send contributions by email, preferably as .rtf, .doc or .docx (Word 2007) format. If you have time, please italicise taxonomic names, and use Verdana font, size 12 points.

If sending photos, please submit only a few as separate jpg files, and make them under 100Kb each for emailing).

General Correspondence to the General Secretary

PhotoSCENE Prizewinners 2021-22

David Palmar

The PhotoSCENE competition, sponsored by GNHS and Glasgow University Institute of Biodiversity, Animal Health and Comparative Medicine, aims to promote interest in Natural History and the work of SCENE (Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment, the University's field station at Rowardennan), promote linkage between the Institute and the Society and provide pictures for publicity.

All entrants are thanked for making the effort to enter the competition. Since the first competition in 2011, and together with talks from members, the competition has provided us with an interesting photographic evening each February. Prizes totalling £800 per year have been awarded at the Society's photographic nights.

Now that I have organised the competition for 10 years, it is time for someone else to take it on, and I am pleased that Andy Wilson has stepped forward with an offer to organise it for next year, (still subject to confirmation from the Institute).

This year there were 72 entries from 18 people.

Overall Winner - Ringlet Butterfly by Andy Wilson



In addition to the overall winner there were 11 other First Prizes:



Vapourer Moth caterpillar -
Chris McInerny



Pike in Dubh Loch - Jonathan Archer



Meet the local - Chanakarn
Wongsaengchan



Flowering sedge - Richard Sutcliffe



Golden ringed dragonfly -
Laura Allen



Page 14 of 1 Silky Piggyback fungus
- Jaime Villacampa



Blusher fungus-
Sarah Longrigg



Snipe fly - Gordon Brady



Female Tapered Drone Fly on
Water Mint - Scott Shanks



Sunflower Seastar mouth -
Eleni Christoforou



Longhorn Beetle
(*Rosalia longicornis*)-
Jonas Gaigr