## **Abdon District**

## **Programme 2024**



<u>Main Programme</u> These are mainly outdoor field meetings, usually a walk, each of which will have a main aim, but also an opportunity to simply "see what we find". **Full details will come to you by email shortly before each event.** Weather sometimes causes late change, and dates for some events will be announced nearer the time.

FEBRUARY	Wednesday 21st	Report on the Curlew Survey by Leo Smith
MARCH	Saturdays 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dormouse Project – Hedge & coppice management
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Shropshire Bat Group – indoor talk
March to July		Curlew, Lapwing & Other Birds Survey
March to October		Beewalk (monthly visits)
APRIL	Date TBA	Churchyard surveys
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bat walk
April to September		Clee Liberty Butterfly Transect (weekly visits)
MAY	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Chorus Walk – Ditton area
	Date TBA	Dormouse Project – start of surveying (fortnightly visits)
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dragonfly Day – Cold Weston
JUNE	Date TBA	Churchyard surveys
	Date TBA	Dragonfly Day – Brown Clee
AUGUST	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Burwarton Show. Help needed on our stand.
OCTOBER	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fungi Walk
Autumn	Date TBA	Dormouse Project – Nibbled Nut Hunts
NOVEMBER	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumn Bird Walk
	Date TBA	Indoor Bryophyte Meeting
	Date TBA	Bryophyte Field Meeting

<u>"Pop-up Events</u> For us to go looking for certain wildlife, or for us to venture "up the hill", the weather conditions have to be right. In these cases, rather than fix dates in advance, you will receive an email giving details at short notice. Look out for emails relating to dragonflies, bilberry bumblebees, bats, moths, and upland plants (e.g. Bog Asphodel and Mountain Pansies).

<u>Moth Mornings</u> Miles would like to set up a moth trap at different locations, and at different seasons. Can you offer a venue? Must have an electricity supply. Fix a date with Miles, <u>milesleach712@gmail.com</u> which will be circulated to all members, who can arrive early morning to view and identify trap contents, and drink coffee!

Our Group owns a **Bat Detector.** If you would like to make use of it, contact Miles, milesleach712@gmail.com

<u>Natural Networks Around Brown Clee</u> We intend to hold a few more visits to members' properties to view examples of wildlife-friendly management. Look out for emails with the "NNABC" label.

Ongoing Recording News is always welcome of interesting wildlife observations. Please note date, species, number, location (with 6 or 10-fig map reference) and any comment. Send this to the appropriate person, who will enter it in Group records, and forward to the County Recorder where of interest.

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