

SANDBACH U3A BIRDWATCHING PROGRAMME 2017/2018

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Possible species</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>High tide</i>	<i>Rough distance/time</i>	<i>Approx price not inc. fuel</i>
27 Sep 17	Pennington Flash nr Leigh WN7 34PA	Garganey, Wigeon, Tufted Duck, waders, finches, Willow Tit	7 Hides, toilets, snack bar	1500	29m/33mins	Parking charge
25 Oct 17	Belvide, Shutt Green Lane, Brewood & Gailey Reservoir ST19 9LX	Wildfowl, waders, gulls	4 hides, no facilities but 2 x Ecoloos	1615	40m/47 mins	Non-members £3 per head.
22 Nov 17	Wirral Coast Thurstaston Visitor Centre is CH61 0HN	Waders, seabirds, Twite, Harriers, Short-eared Owls, Purple Sandpipers.	Choice of Thurstaston, Parkgate, Leasowe, New Brighton, BurtonMW.	1300	58m/61 mins	Parking charges depending on where we stop.
13 Dec 17	Marbury CP CW9 6AT	Wildfowl, winter finches & thrushes, Snipe.	Northwich Community Woodlands hides.	0729	16m/27 mins	Parking charge. Christmas Lunch at the Spinner & Bergamot
24 Jan 18	WWT Martin Mere L40 0TA	Bewick's and Whooper Swans, Pink-footed Geese, Pintail, Shoveler, Shelduck, Ruff, Lapwing, raptors.	Good facilities, 9 hides.	1600	46m/58 mins	Bring WWT member cards, or spare vouchers if able. OTW £8-62 per concession.
28 Feb 18	Moore LNR Warrington WA4 6XE	Wildfowl, gulls, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Several hides.	0910	25m/37mins	Car park in Lapwing Lane
26-30 Mar 18	Suffolk - Minsmere, North Warren, Dunwich Heath	Avocet, Bittern, Marsh Harrier, Dartford Warbler	Birdwatching en route - both directions.		211m/3h45	Ufford Park Hotel nr Woodbridge IP12 2QW
25 Apr 18	Woolston Eyes WA4 1PD	Black-necked Grebe, Black-headed gull, Swallows, Warblers	Under Thelwall viaduct, a nationally important site for breeding Black-necked Grebe. Hides, toilet.	0800	21m/33mins	£2 per head
23 May 18	Gronant LL19 9TT & Point of Ayr	Little Tern, Sandwich Tern, Grasshopper Warbler, Gannet, Whimbrel, Waders	No facilities but cafe at Gronant. Toilets & cafes Point of Air.	1810	63 m/1hr 22 min	

RSPB = Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
WT = Wildlife Trust

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CP = Country Park

LNR = Local Nature Reserve
SSSI = Site of Special Scientific Interest