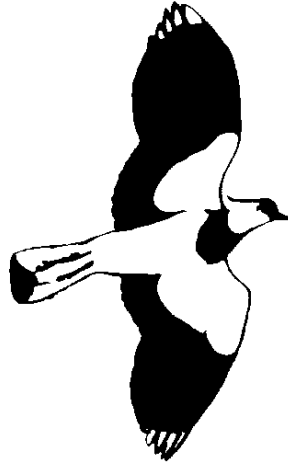


BRADFORD ORNITHOLOGICAL GROUP



MEMBERS INFORMATION PACK

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BRADFORD ORNITHOLOGICAL GROUP
(known as BOG)

Now that you have acquired our information pack, may I take this opportunity to welcome you to BOG. If you are new to the hobby or to bird watching in Bradford, there are various options if you want some information and these are;

- Come to our Group Meetings.
- Look at our website at www.bradfordbirding.org.

Details are in this pack. The Group welcome any records of species seen in the BOG reporting area – so good birding!

Shaun Radcliffe
Group Chairman

About BOG

BOG was formed in 1987. The aims of the Group include;

- To promote the study and the welfare of birds in the Bradford area.
- To promote a wider awareness of birds through indoor meetings and field trips.
- To identify sites within the area worthy of conservation.
- To continue to establish specific sites within the area as permanent bird reserves.

We are pleased to welcome all birders, whatever their interests, and are particularly keen to attract young members. There is a wide spectrum of interests within the Group. Regular surveys are carried out each year, giving opportunity for all to participate not just in the pursuit of rare species, but recording status and distribution of our common birds.

Group Meetings are held monthly, usually at the first Tuesday (7.30pm), at Bradford & Bingley Sports Club, Wagon Lane, Bingley, BD16 1LT. We normally have a guest speaker. Meetings also include reports of recent local bird sightings as well as the opportunity to socialise with other local birders. Any non-member or guest is also welcome but they will be charged a small fee when there is a guest speaker.

The Lapwing newsletter is produced for members with normally two issues a year. Publication Secretary, Paul King would welcome news, articles or any contribution and can be contacted on 01274 580584 or by e-mail at paulcking@btinternet.com.

BOG's Website

Those with Internet access can enjoy BOG on-line at www.bradfordbirding.org where there is information about activities, latest sightings and other matters regarding the Group.

Useful Information and Contacts

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Bird Sightings and Records

Please submit records of your bird sightings to Stephen Lilley at regular intervals throughout the year using BOG's on-line recording system which can be accessed through the Sightings page of our website. Or through record forms which can be obtained at monthly meetings.

A map of the Bradford recording area is shown on our website and is also available from the Group Recorder at our monthly meetings.

The records submitted are the basis of the Annual Report. To help build up a meaningful picture of what birds are in the area, it is essential that members do submit records. There is a tendency for members to only submit records of rare or unusual bird sightings, but records of Starling and House Sparrow are also of enormous value to the Group. We need records of all species in the area to build up a complete picture.

If you are fortunate enough to find a particularly rare or unusual bird, for the record to be accepted, we do need to receive formal written records and preferably your notes made at the time of the encounter. The birds considered to be rare or unusual are listed on the website along with an Unusual Record Form for you to complete.

New to the area and don't know where the birds are?

Details of good birding sites in the Bradford area are on our website. We also organise local field trips, details of which are advertised on our website and in the Lapwing newsletter.

Annual Reports

Each year, the Group publishes an Annual Report that summarises the sightings of the previous calendar year. It is packed with data concerning local populations as well as anecdotal accounts of the more interesting records. The Annual Report is included in your membership subscription.

Group Reserves

Details about visiting these sites can be obtained from Mark Doveston. There are specific access arrangements to adhere to and keys are needed. Mark will provide full details for visiting the Stockbridge Reserve and Thornton Moor Reservoir. You must contact Mark before your first visit to either of these sites.