

MARCH 2026 BULLETIN

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WELCOME TO OUR MARCH BULLETIN!

Spring has exploded onto the scene, the birds are in pairs, the cherry blossoms are out, and naturalists are filling their social media with their first sightings. Many of our societies have been busy the last few weeks with committee meetings, AGMs and general meetings. They've now packed the spring-summer with planned activities, so this is a key time to sign up before it's too late and learn from first-rate talent in our community. As always, please see the bottom of this bulletin for a selection of upcoming opportunities, including Biobank's own events.

Article by Elina-Marielle Doss

Merseyside BioBank has proudly been leading the Liverpool City Region's involvement (Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Halton and Wirral) in the City Nature Challenge since 2019, helping to mobilise communities, make thousands of wildlife observations, and raise awareness of our region's rich biodiversity during this 4-day BioBlitz. Whether you're a seasoned recorder, a community organiser, or simply curious about urban nature, we'd love for you to join us and help shape our local response to this global challenge.

LCR CNC Preparation Event 2026

Last year in November, we ran an online tutorial about the City Nature Challenge and iNaturalist. For those who have missed the event, we have now uploaded the recording.

[Recording](#)

iNaturalist LCR CNC Project

As mentioned during the session, we have set up a project on iNaturalist for the Liverpool City Region, which you might like to join to keep up with what's been recorded.

[Project](#)

LCR CNC Preparation Event 2026

If you have any events planned that you would like us to share or if you want to attend any events in the LCR, please check in to our Project Journal on a regular basis.

[Project Journal](#)

LCR CNC Preparation Event 2026

If you have any question regarding the CNC, we have created a page for FAQs. If your question isn't provided in the FAQs, feel free to add your question/s to the page.

[FAQs](#)

We're currently in the process of organising events so there aren't any events published yet. But once we have organised events and receive information about events organised by our partners, we will share them in the Project Journal for each Local Authority Area (Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Halton and Wirral).

We look forward to working together to celebrate and document the wildlife in the Liverpool City Region.



1.2 BIOBANK BOUNTY

EVEN WHILE DODGING BETWEEN THE RAINDROPS AND ICY PUDDLES, THE BIOBANK TEAM HAS SPOTTED A RANGE LIFE HERE AT COUT HEY PARK. THIS MONTHS HIHGLIGHT INCLUDE:



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COMMON WATER-MEASURER
HYDROMETRA STAGNORUM



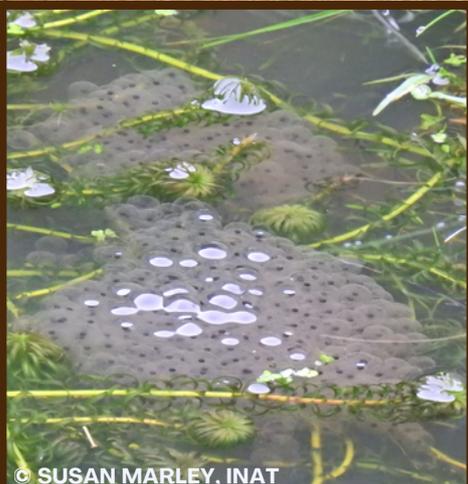
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RING-NECKED PARAKEET
PSITTACULA KRAMERI



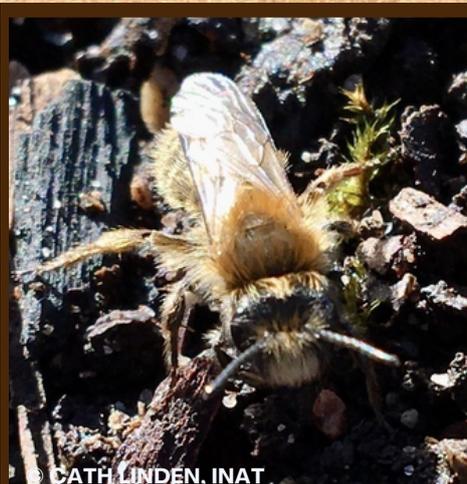
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COMMON FROG (SPAWN)
RANA TEMPORARIA



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CLARK'S MINING BEE
ANDRENA CLARKELLA



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TROGLODYTES TROGLODYTES

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU DO SPOT ANY OF THESE SPECIES PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SUBMIT YOUR RECORDS TO US HERE AT MERSEYSIDE BIOBANK, SO WE CAN INCLUDE THEM IN OUR DATABASE.

Article by David Hopkins

Common toothwort (*Lathraea squamaria*)

I always think this parasitic plant looks a little ghostly or even alien. Lacking any green chlorophyll, it lives entirely on its host plants, usually trees such as hazel, sycamore, and alder, and produces short-lived flower spikes in spring. Some rare toothwort species are specialist parasites, like the Sea Holly subspecies found last year on the Sefton Coast.

Identification tips: Pale, creamy-pink to dull purple drooping flowers on a short, one-sided spike. Has no true leaves, just scale-like, fleshy, whitish bracts on a thick underground stem.

Habitat: Found throughout northern Europe in the shade of deciduous woodland, hedgerows, and along riverbanks.



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Chiffchaffs (*Phylloscopus collybita*)

As with many small birds, chiffchaffs will be returning from Africa about now to set up their breeding territories. I'm always impressed by the relentless energy it takes for this small bird to run its constant "Chiff Chaff" call throughout summer. This call is a staple of the British soundscape.

Identification Tips: Easy to hear, hard to see. A small greenish-brown bird with a pale stripe above the eye. Very similar in appearance to willow warblers, so their song is the best way to tell them apart.

Habitat: Common in gardens, hedges and most bushy or wooded areas..



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Common Dog Violet (*Viola riviniana*)

Liverpool's woodlands are some of its most important but fragmented and vulnerable ecosystems. We can often identify the importance of woodland by looking for understory plants that flower throughout spring, like Blue Bells, Ramsons, Wood Sorrel, Wood Anemone and Violet. The Common Violet is easy to overlook, but please keep an eye out for the splash of blue and get down to appreciate this delicate flower.

Identification Tips: Heart-shaped leaves with unscented flowers, with a mode of 5 deep violet petals. The bottom two petals form a pale spur, which differentiates them from other violets that are coloured.

Habitat: Woodland, hedgerows, old pasture.



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Hairy-Footed Flower Bee (*Anthophora plumipes*)

In April, a wide range of solitary bees begin to emerge. While some of these can be tricky to identify, the male hairy-footed flower bee can be done quickly by its ostentatious footwear. Males are known to chase other insects and are often seen patrolling flowers in hopes of impressing a mate with their hairy feet.

Identification Tips: The female hairy-footed flower bee is black and furry, and resembles a small bumblebee. The males are rusty brown and have long orange hairs on their middle legs and feet.

Habitat: Gardens, parks, visiting tubular flowers e.g. Lungwort and Red Dead-nettle.



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Observations: 2125

Species: 654

This month's records from iNaturalist across Merseyside included a total of 2,125 records of 654 species, and this saw an increase on both records and species from February which saw a total of 908 records of 409 species.

Thanks again for all that have help record wildlife across the region and uploaded your records to iNaturalist. We are now taking records from the 21st of the previous month to the 20th of the current month for these stats.

Take a look below at the most recorded species of each taxon across Merseyside.

This month has seen a complete change in the top 5 species for plants as some of the earlier spring flowering plants have now emerged with Blackthorn taking top spot.

Avian records saw an increase in records this month with Carrion Crow and Mallard dominating the top two spots but Great Tit, Robin and Chaffinch all crept in to the top 5 for March.

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PLANTS



Blackthorn
Prunus spinosa



Records

2 Lesser Celandine
Ficaria verna 18

3 Colt's-foot
Tussilago farfara 16

4 Red Deadnettle
Lamium purpureum 14

5 Hair bittercress
Cardamine hirsute 13

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BIRDS



Carrion Crow
Corvus corone



Records

2 Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos 19

3 Great Tit
Parus major 16

4 European Robin
Erithacus rubecula 15

5 Common Chaffinch
Fringilla coelebs 13

Article by Paul Round

March and the warmer temperatures saw an increase by around a third for records and species of insects with the emergence of various bees, butterflies and moths.

Other invertebrate records saw a massive increase in records and belonged mainly to arachnids again this month.

1 **INSECTS**



Harlequin Ladybird
Harmonia axyridis

18 Records

- 2 **Common Quaker**
Orthosia cerasi 15
- 3 **7-Spot Ladybird**
Coccinella septempunctata 13
- 4 **Buff-tailed Bumble Bee**
Bombus terrestris 12
- 5 **Peacock Butterfly**
Aglais io 11

1 **OTHER INVERTEBRATE**



Wood House Spider
Tegenaria silvestris

8 Records

- 2 **Girdled Snail**
Hygromia cinctella 5
- 3 **Cryptachaea blattea** 5
- 4 **Sputnik Spider**
Paidiscura pallens 5
- 5 **Candy-striped Spider Complex**
Complex *Enoplognatha ovata* 5

For other vertebrate records this month saw both Common Frog and Common Toad take the top two spots, with both out and about spawning from February through to March.

Fungi and lichen records were similar in numbers again this month with the top 3 spots remaining unchanged.

1 **OTHER VERTEBRATE**



Common Frog
Rana temporaria

20 Records

- 2 **European Toad**
Bufo bufo 10
- 3 **European Rabbit**
Oryctolagus cuniculus 4
- 4 **Eastern Grey Squirrel**
Sciurus carolinensis 4
- 5 **Smooth Newt**
Lissotriton vulgaris 4

1 **FUNGI & LICHEN**



Golden Shield Lichen
Xanthoria parietina

21 Records

- 2 **Jelly Ear**
Auricularia auricula-judae 8
- 3 **Turkey-Tail**
Trametes versicolor 6
- 4 **Netted Shield Lichen**
Parmelia sulcata 6
- 5 **Lecidella Lichen**
Lecidella elaeochroma 5

Article by Dr. Phil Smith

A strange month weather-wise; it was the fourth warmest February on record for England, with very few frosty mornings and no snow at all in Formby. Rainfall varied widely in different regions of the UK, several having a deluge. In contrast, Met.Office maps showed the Northwest of England had average or slightly below average rainfall, this being in accordance with Rachael Parks' Formby data. She recorded 82.5 mm in her garden; about normal for the month, though as many as 17 days with measurable precipitation reflected the mainly cloudy, damp conditions. The sand-dune water-table rose by only about 2 cm...



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Big Shaggy-moss *Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus* Lifeboat Rd 25.12.2019



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Cabin Hill Herdwicks 17.02.2026



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Pink-footed Goose flock Altcar Moss 10.01.18

[To continue reading, please follow this link](#)

1.6 Paul's Moth Trapping

Article by Paul Round

I have attempted to trap only a handful of times throughout 2026 so far with limited suitability weather and conditions wise. Moth numbers have been low in my Cheshire garden for 2026 so far. I moved here last year and the garden consists of a small courtyard, however, I am looking forward to seeing the numbers build as the year progresses. The start of the year is an important time to trap; this creates records for these species as they will only be on the wing for the first few months of the year.

In March, so far, I have recorded only Small Quaker *Orthosia cruda*, Clouded Drab *Orthosia incerta* and Hebrew Character *Orthosia gothica*. Both are common species and can be seen from February through to early May.



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Clouded Drab
Orthosia incerta



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Hebrew Character
Orthosia gothica



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Small Quaker
Orthosia cruda

2.1 Animal Welfare Strategy

What it means for our wildlife

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Article by Mat Sharples

Many of you will have read over the winter months of the publishing of the Animal Welfare Strategy for England ([Animal Welfare Strategy for England](#)). The strategy was launched on the 22nd of December 2025 and set out reforms to improve the lives of many animals across England including farm animals, pets and wildlife. Whilst the welfare of farm and companion animals should be a concern for all and we here at Merseyside Biobank are very welcoming of these reforms, we are focusing here on the increased protection afforded to wild animals. There are three main manifesto commitments which the strategy has addressed. These are: (1) Banning the use of snare traps on wild animals, (2) Banning trail hunting and (3) Introducing a close season for hares during the breeding season

Snare Traps

Many people are surprised to hear that it is still permitted to use snare traps. I know recently on a survey I was very surprised to see them in use and had to do some googling to check the legality. The managers on site were using snares to catch foxes. Whilst they had been responsible in the use by building hurdles to prevent deer from being caught in traps the method, and the by-catch of snares, means they are not precisely targeted, and the banning is good news to prevent suffering.

Banning trail hunting

The ban on trail hunting is again good news to help prevent the unnecessary deaths of wild animals. Whilst in theory no wild animals are targeted, in practice the use of scent means wild animals' scent is picked up by dogs and they are chased and possibly killed.

Close season for Hares

A close season for Hares is being brought forward and discussions have already started. Many species see a ban on hunting during the breeding season to ensure that populations are protected. A close season for hares would mean that fewer leverets will be left motherless and vulnerable to starvation and predation. It is good news to bring protection for these wonderful animals in line with conservation principles that already apply to many other species.

The close season would run from February to October and would help to restore populations which have dropped by 80% over the past 100 years. Every year approximately 200,000 hares are killed in organised shoots in February and March. The 1892 Hare preservation act (Hares Preservation Act 1892) offered some protection to Hares but it only banned the sale of Hares between March and July. The plan for a close season is a much better way of ensuring the first act of conservation (protect animals whilst they are breeding) is applied. (Shooting hares in England to be banned for most of the year | Hunting | The Guardian)

Next steps

Whilst the strategy is not yet enacted in law the good news is that the first steps have been taken and consultation on these issues has started. On 12th February the issue was debated in the house of Lords and Baroness Hayman of Ullock reiterated her commitment to bring forward this [manifesto pledge](#) as soon as possible.



Brown Hares in Cheshire



Brown Hare in Merseyside

Article by Paul Round

Local Finds

This month's highlights saw a particularly early record of a Hummingbird Hawk Moth *Macroglossum stellatarum* (1) observed by David Costello outside the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool; a record of an *Agrius laticornis* (2) from a recording day at Hightown Dunes, and local botany expert Josh Styles confirmed a brilliant discovery of Wild Daffodils *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* (3) in Knowsley by Anthony Nickson.

Josh went on to say: "Anthony Nickson's rediscovery of truly wild daffodil for N Merseyside, where this plant had been presumed extinct for around half a century! The plants are definitely native rather than of a related cultivar"

"Not only is this plant incredibly scarce through most of the country, with a notable exception for Gloucestershire, but Britain also contains a substantial proportion of the total global population for this plant. An immensely special beastie to have on-site for sure!"



Regional Finds



Regionally there were some great sightings too. Paul Brewster recorded Green Hairstreak Butterfly *Callophrys rubi* (1) on two sites local to his cheshire home, with it potentially the earliest record in the UK this year and seconded earliest ever for the UK. Two common Crane (2) were observed on The Wirral on a couple of occasions including at the back of RSPB Burton Mere. A stone Curlew (3) was heard in flight over Sandbach, a species that is not recorded too often for the region.

Article by David Hopkins

While it's hard to overstate the importance of each and every record to our biodiversity conservation, it's also worth appreciating the effort that expert naturalists put into documenting in detail the distribution and ecology of rare and important species. Indeed, everyday, a dedicated naturalist ventures out to the often-obscure corners of moorland, field, forest, and coastline to take careful notes on unique life.

To celebrate this, we wanted to share some recent reports from members of the Lancashire and Cheshire Entomological Society and North West Invertebrate Group. We love to hear about both local and regional projects and share these with our community so please get in touch if you'd like to promote other work.

Status of the Nationally Rare shorebug *Chiloxanthus pilosus* in northwest England with a preliminary survey of its distribution on the Ribble Estuary

By Stephen Hewitt

[LINK HERE](#)



Baseline survey for the Nationally Rare and Endangered money spiders *Erigone welchi* and *Semljicola caliginosus* in Lancashire in 2025



Richard Gallon
5th January 2026



Baseline survey for the Nationally Rare and Endangered money spiders *Erigone welchi* and *Semljicola caliginosus* in Lancashire in 2025

By Richard Gallon

[LINK HERE](#)

The status and distribution of the Solitary bee's *Andrena tarsata* and *Nomada robertjeotiana* in Lancashire in 2025

By Ben Hargreaves

[LINK HERE](#)

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Ben Hargreaves
The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside
December 2025



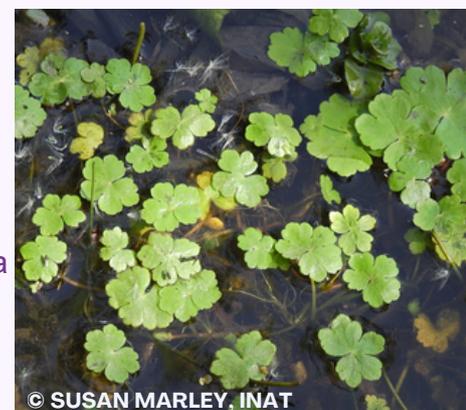
2.4 Tackling Floating Pennywort

Article by David Hopkins

Some of the most important records include the few invasive species that severely damage fragile ecosystems. Knowing where these species are so our various environmental organisations know where to manage them is very important.

Floating pennywort *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides* is one such highly invasive aquatic plant. Originally introduced in the 1990s for garden ponds, it poses a major threat to aquatic ecosystems, recreation, and flood management due to its ability to grow up to 20cm per day and thus overwhelming habitats.

Identification: Shiny, kidney-shaped leaves with crinkled edge, frequently broader than long. It has fleshy stems and produces white, hair-like roots and a small, simple five-petalled flower arranged in balls.



[To find out more, please follow this link](#)

[For ID Sheet, see here](#)

2.5 Society Meetings and AGMS

Article by David Hopkins

This past month has been a busy time for local natural history society meetings, meaning I've spent quite a few weekends and evenings representing BioBank. These events, open to all members, are great ways to meet like-minded people, hear updates on the year, and learn about the challenges and opportunities in the year ahead.

The largest of these was the Lancashire Wildlife Recorder Forum conference (in Blackburn), where recorders of all types across Lancashire came together to watch a fascinating series of talks. Particularly interesting was the closing talk by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's "Youth Council", three impressive young women who challenged the room about their role in engaging the next generation in species identification and recording.

In addition, the Liverpool Botanical Society (LBS), the Merseyside & West Lancashire Bat Group (MWLBG), and the North West Mammal Network held their AGMs, while the Lancashire and Cheshire Entomological Society (LCES) held its annual spring meeting. These meetings covered topics from new local finds and research on local populations to stories of conservation success, to challenges in data gathering and sharing, and the ever-present need to adapt new technologies and AI methods.

A common theme across all society meetings is the pressing need to bring new (and possibly younger faces) into their organising committees and to bring in fresh ideas for the next generation of recorders. So, if you have a burning passion for taxon and want to take a more active role in the community, this is a really good time to chat with the society council members on how to get involved.

If you need help in navigating the world of natural history societies or getting in contact with a particular society, don't hesitate to contact BioBank.



Lancashire & Cheshire Fauna Society



Liverpool Botanical Society

Merseyside & West Lancashire Bat Group



Lancashire & Cheshire Entomological Society / North West Invertebrates

North West Mammal Recording Network



2.6 Ancient Woodland Surveys 2026

Article by Elina-Marielle Doss

The 2026 survey season is nearly upon us, and with the warmer weather we're already seeing many woodland species coming into bloom. Several ancient woodland indicator species, such as wood anemone, which is one of the first woodland plants to flower in early spring, do indeed appear early in the season.

This year, there are many opportunities to get involved in ancient woodland surveys. While MEAS and MBB continue ground-truthing sites within Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) as part of our annual survey programme, we are also developing a publicly accessible map to help anyone interested in going out and survey these sites independently.

If you are interested in taking part, please get in touch with David via david@merseysidebiobank.org.uk



Follow this [link](#) for some free Ancient Woodland Indicator Species Training

2.7 Harvest Mouse Surveys 2025/2026

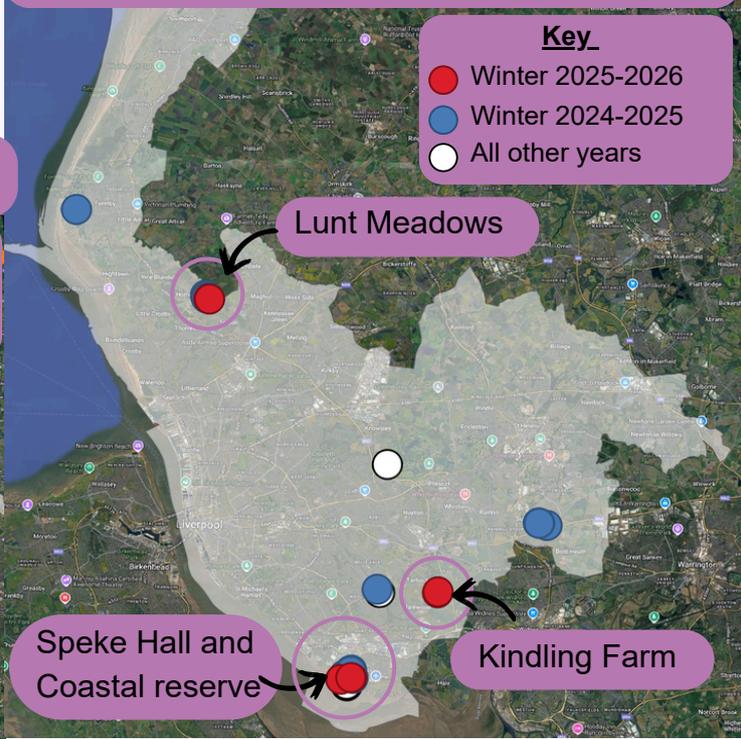
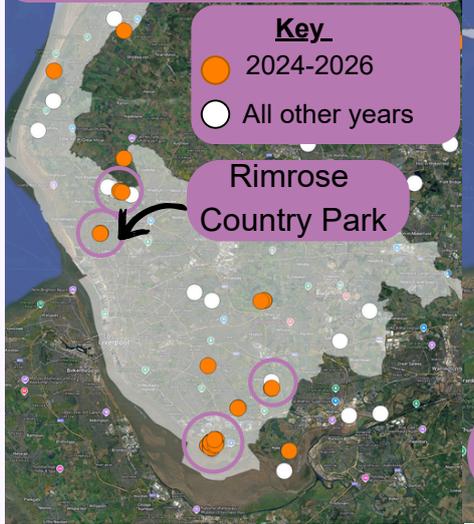
Article by David Hopkins

In recent years, BioBank, supported by local mammal expert Tony Parker, has run Harvest Mouse Surveys as part of the Mammal Society's national project. Volunteers have braved the elements at Speke Hall, Kindling Farm, Lunt Meadows, and Rimrose Valley to search for these rarely recorded animals.

Despite the difficulty of locating nests, the surveys have greatly increased the number of records of harvest mice in the region (right map) and of other mammals, especially voles (left map). Many thanks to everyone who got involved!

All Harvest mouse (*Micromys minutus*) records in iRecord

All records of Field Voles (*Microtus agrestis*) in iRecord



3.1 Twilight Sessions

Article by Liv Lightfoot



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Our Twilight Sessions are back for 2026!

We are again looking forward to providing new sessions in 2026, with more talks lead by our team and outside experts. We will continue to cater to nature enthusiasts, whether you are a beginner or seasoned recorder, please join us to learn something new.

Why attend?

- Connect with Nature
- Gain new skills and knowledge
- Contribute to conservation
- Join a community of like-minded people

How can you join?

Spaces for these workshops are limited, so be sure to register early to secure your spot! All sessions are expected to run between 18:30-20:30 on the first Tuesday evening of the month.

2026 Programme*:

FEB
3 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Owl Pellets

MAR
3 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Bees

APR
7 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Seabirds or Waders
[Click here to book your tickets](#)

MAY
5 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Common caterpillars and foodplants
[Click here to book your tickets](#)

JUN
2 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Longhorn beetles
[Click here to book your tickets](#)

JUL
7 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Ferns

AUG
4 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Hoverflies

SEP
1 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Spiders

OCT
6 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Fungi/Waxcap Grasslands Project

NOV
3 Tuesday, 18:30-20:30
Winter species

*Times and dates subject to change. Keep an eye on our social media for up to date information. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#), and will be advertised through our monthly bulletin and on social media.

Spring Nature Fair at Rimrose Valley Country Park

Sunday 26th April | 10am - 4pm

Join us to discover some of the amazing wildlife on Rimrose Valley by taking part of the City Nature Challenge. [Tickets here](#)

Rimrose Valley Friends
Countryside In Our Community



Spring Nature Fair

Take part in the City Nature Challenge!

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Liverpool Biological Society

The Liverpool Botanical Society, our local BSBI group, have released their indoor meetings for 2026. To attend any indoor meetings or field visits, you need to be a member. Membership is **£5 per year**. These meetings are a great opportunity to improve your botanical skills, learn about new species and projects and to have a great time with like-minded people.

Upcoming Field Meetings

Caergwre - Woodland and Hedgerow plants

Saturday 18th April | 10.30am

Location: Meet at Caergwre Station, Hawarden Road, LL12 9BL.

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There is a car park in the village.

City Nature Challenge: Rimrose Valley - All natural history

Saturday 25th April | 10.30am

Location: Meet at car park, Kirkstone Road West, Ford. L21 9LQ.

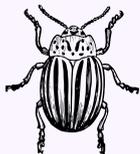
Next to Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church.

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Ento Live

In February and March, Ento Live have the below events available. All of them are free to attend online for people with a passion and interest for invertebrates. Well worth checking them out and tuning in for the ones that are of an interest to you. To book on to any sessions, please click on the links below.



Tuesday 7th April 2026 | 13:00 - 14:00

Revealing Insect Pest Pathways



Wednesday 22nd April 2026 | 13:00 - 14:00

Backyard Bees: Private Green Spaces and Pollinator Diversity in Cities



Wednesday 13th May 2026 | 18:30 - 19:30

Pan-Species Listing: How to Become a Super-Naturalist

[More events here](#)



Tanyptera Trust

Lots of interesting events, workshops, webinars and recording days are coming up in February and March with the Tanyptera Trust. See the dates below and follow the links for more information and how to book:



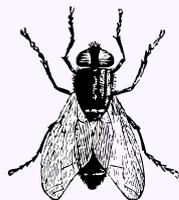
Friday 24th April | 10:30 - 16:00

Bee Identification Training: From Field to Microscope

Location: World Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool, L3 8EN

Cost: £30.00*

*this session is part of a series, more information is available on the link above.



Monday 27th April | 19:30 - 21:00

More than just House Flies - an introduction to British Muscidae Webinar

Location: Online (information in link above)



[More events here](#)

Kindling Farm

Kindling Farm have the following events available. Well worth getting involved. More information is available via the links below. Booking for all events is essential, please follow the links below to book

Sunday 12th April 2026 | 10:30-13:30

[Eco Hacks: Tool Repair Workshop](#)

Saturday 18th April 2026 | 07:30-10:30

[Kindling Farm's Bird Walk: Nesting Season](#)

Saturday 25th April 2026 | 13:30-16:30

[Apple Tree Grafting Workshop](#)

Kindling Farm also host various volunteering days, check out the link below for more information



[More events here](#)

British Botany

British Botany provide a series of online courses, which you might be interested in if you want to expand your knowledge on plants. We have highlighted a few below for you to have a browse:

[Reading the Landscape: An Introduction to Wetland & Fen Identification](#)

Cost: £9.99

[An Introduction to Botanical Survey: NVC](#)

Cost: £12.99

[Plants in the Planning Process](#)

Cost: £7.00



[More courses here](#)

Article by Liv Lightfoot

April



World Health Organization

World Health Day - 7th April

World Health Day 2026, observed on 7 April, calls on people everywhere to stand with science. Under the theme “Together for health. Stand with science”, this year’s observance launches a year-long campaign celebrating the power of scientific collaboration to protect the health of people, animals, plants, and the planet.

[More info here](#)

Earth Day - 22nd April

This Earth Day, people of all backgrounds and generations are called to stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of the only home we share. Join us on April 22, and throughout 2026 to lift your voice, take action, and show your love for Planet Earth. When we stand together, our planet has a future.

[More info here](#)



Stop Food Waste Day - 29th April

Stop Food Waste Day’s mission is to ignite change regarding the global food waste issue. They do this by drawing attention to food waste problems, educating through engaging with society at all levels by sharing practical, creative, and impactful ways everyone can change our behaviour to reduce food waste in the world.

[More info here](#)

May

No Mow May - May

Plantlife’s No Mow Movement is back for 2026 – let’s let it grow for nature! No Mow May is one of the easiest ways to help and connect with wildlife, and the perfect way to start supporting nature in your garden (in May and beyond!). Join in by letting the wildflowers grow and be part of the No Mow Movement.

[More info here](#)



Who we are

Merseyside BioBank is the Local Environmental Records Centre for North Merseyside. We collect, manage and share vital information about the wildlife and habitats in our area.

By bringing together records from volunteers, community groups, researchers and professionals, we provide a trusted evidence base that supports conservation, planning and environmental decision-making.

We also help strengthen local recording through training, volunteer opportunities and projects that encourage people to get involved in understanding and protecting North Merseyside's natural environment.

Interested in volunteering with us?

See the next page on our volunteering process & how you can get involved with us

Want to keep in touch?

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Want us to advertise for you?

We would like to support any local wildlife, conservation, recording, species-specific groups or Friends of Groups.

We hope to continue to develop our local biodiversity network by:

- Advertising your up-coming events
- Help recruit new members and volunteers
- Provide support on wildlife ID and recording
- Opportunities to work together on projects, and
- Provide connections between local biodiversity groups

Please get in touch: info@merseysidebiobank.org.uk



Express interest

Get in touch by:

- Following links in our social media & monthly bulletin
- Applying via our online platform
- Contacting us directly at info@merseysidebiobank.org.uk

Attend an induction session

Held monthly, allows you to:

- Meet MBB staff
- Learn about what we do and why it is important
- Discuss your opportunities

Sign up to our volunteer portal

The portal allows you to:

- Book volunteer shifts
- Log hours worked on projects

Start volunteering

Office

- Collate records
- Digitise maps
- Write articles

Field

- Outreach events
- Surveying
- Collect data

Personal Projects: Have your own personal interests supported

To see our volunteer opportunities, or to register for the volunteer platform, please scan the QR code or click [here](#)

