

# Newsletter



## Reserve Manager's Report

As I write this the Snowdrops and Daffodils are looking lovely on the roadsides approaching the Reserve, and on the Reserve itself the first Coltsfoot are bursting forth with their magnificent multi petalled brilliant yellow colour.

By the time you read this there will be the first Primroses and Bluebells on show as you walk around the Reserve paths.

On the bird front, the breeding Lapwing are pairing up and displaying all over the Reserve and the air is full of their exhilarating calls.

Other sounds you will hear are the plaintive calls of the Curlew and the excited calls of the Dabchick (Little Grebe).

Roger B.

## Photography Competition

We're looking for some fantastic photography for a 2020 Nature Reserve calendar!

Please make sure you submit your photos to [info@pureleisuregroup.com](mailto:info@pureleisuregroup.com) to be in with a chance of your photo featuring on one of the monthly pages!

### Basic Photographic Tips

1. Make sure there is life in your camera battery. (Carry a spare if you have one).
2. Take your time when taking a photo – rushed shots never seem to look as good.
3. On sunny days look where your shadow falls.
4. Get as close to the subject as you can without causing damage or disturbance.
5. Keep your camera steady – use something to support it, like a rolled-up jumper or log.
6. Enjoy taking photographs and remember there is a Calendar Photo Competition to enter.

## BRAND NEW HIDE

Our new hide, No. 2 was erected on the top of the bund wall, just before the gate to the woodland.

It offers great viewing over the lakes and of the meadow frequented by the herd of Fallow Deer, and also the transitional muddy areas favoured by wading birds and our registered Barn Owl boxes. We have attached two special Bat boxes to the hide, which we hope will provide roosting for the sizable population of Bats seen on the Reserve.

When using the hide, please be as quiet as possible so as not to disturb the wildlife and please keep your hands and camera lenses within the hide, as this too can cause disturbance.

Please ensure you close the shutters on the front of the hide when you have finished.



## EVENTS

This season we will be hosting events with local and national experts, providing guided walks and talks, discussing everything from Butterflies, Birds, Bats and all the wonderful flora and fauna at the Reserve

More information will be available on the website.

