



### **Aber Falls. 15 April 2014**

Seventeen members met at the Forestry Commission car park at 10.00 a.m. in warm and sunny weather. We walked up the wooded valley alongside the river to the impressive waterfall, at 108 feet the highest in Wales.

Chiffchaff were common, together with a few newly arrived willow warblers with swallow, raven, buzzard and kestrel overhead. Several grey wagtails were along the river but no dippers. Only two redstarts were seen, suggesting that the main migration was not yet underway. However, a ring ouzel near the waterfall was a bonus.

After lunch, we drove to Aber Ogwen and the Spinnies, the Welsh Wildlife Trust reserve. The tide was ebbing but we still had a good selection of birds, including over 50 redshank from the hide. There were goosander on the river and goldeneye and little egrets in the bay.

Altogether we logged 47 species and enjoyed a great days birding in North Wales.

Harold Fielding.

### **Aber Falls, 9 May 2017**

Nine members gathered in the Forestry Commission car park.

Despite the recent low rainfall, the Water Fall was quite full. We saw 2 Ring Ouzel below the scree and other sightings included Cuckoo, Redstart, Raven and Green Woodpecker.

We finished the day at Conwy RSPB Reserve for a quick cup of tea. It was an excellent day out with beautiful weather and scenery.

The day total sightings were 24 species at Abba Falls and 5 more at Conwy.

Harold and Val Fielding

### **Aber Falls, 10th March 2018**

Eleven members met at the Aber Falls car park on a blue sky and sunshine day. We immediately got two dippers in the stream flowing close by and a Raven overhead. But birds were very thin on the way to the falls. No migrants yet. However, the falls were in full spate and were magnificent! Spray everywhere!

We were able to have our picnic on the benches at the car park and appreciated the high class loos nearby.

In the afternoon we visited the nearby Spinnies Reserve and added to our meagre count with waders and waterfowl on the Menai Straits at distance, tide out. Nice Goldcrest spotted in the hedge by Val. Only 24 species but a lovely day out.

Stephen Williams