



Brockholes Nature Reserve, 22nd October 2019

Fourteen members met at Brockholes Nature reserve run by Lancashire Wildlife trust just off junction 31 of the M6. It was a new venue for all of us. We walked round the perimeter of the reserve starting with a path along the banks of the River Ribble which had been in flood the previous week. Well done to Heather Luk for spotting 2 Kingfishers on the opposite bank giving her the accolade of birder of the day! We got great views of the Kingfishers as they hung around for a while. At the far end of the reserve, we went through the mature woodland of Bolton Wood and then along the lakes left from quarrying. But we did get good views of a Sparrowhawk and a Kestrel. Plenty of waterfowl on the lakes, Shoveler, Gadwall, Teal, Cormorant and Great Crested Grebe. There was motorway noise at this spot. Also, the hides were rather spartan - old metal containers. But the cafe and toilets on the floating village were appreciated and it was a worthwhile visit. 27 species in total.



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