



Loggerheads and Cilcain, North Wales, 6 May 2014

A select group of 8 met at the car park in bright mainly sunny weather. Our circular walk gave views of the river followed by panoramic views of the Clwyd hills.

Our birds included Great Spotted Woodpecker, Grey Wagtail, Dipper, Buzzard and Raven. We lunched only yards away from the dipper's territory.

On to Cilcain, we parked at the Water Works and walked up the valley, past the reservoirs onto the slopes of Moel Famau. Here we had our first Cuckoo with newly arrived Swifts overhead. We had close views of Willow Warblers joining the numerous Chiffchaffs.

A Treecreeper visited its nest site in an old oak tree with a handsome male Redstart singing in the branches overhead.

Harold Fielding

Loggerheads and Cilcaen, Tuesday 12 May 2015

Eleven of us gathered on the windy car park at 10.00 a.m. for this visit to North Wales. A walk along the River Alyn gave good views of Grey Wagtails and Dipper but few other birds in the windy conditions. However, Derek was kept busy as we looked for flowers as well as birds.

Our route back to the car park gave excellent views of the Clwyd Hills across the valley.

After lunch we drove to Cilcain, parking at the water works. As we began our walk towards Moel Famau we had a surprise encounter with a badger in full view in an open field across the stream. Continuing up the track past the reservoirs gave us Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Blackcap and Meadow Pipit, with a Cuckoo calling from the windy hillside.

Although our bird list was only 25 species we enjoyed the scenery, the flowers and the company.

Harold & Valerie Fielding

Loggerheads CP and Cilcaen, 25 April 2017

Ten members met at the car park. Our walk along the Leet gave good views of Grey Wagtail and Dipper. However, the general cold weather delayed most migrants with only a few Chiffchaff calling.

Looking down on the river valley gave us poor views of both Spotted and Pied Flycatcher.

Moving on to Cilcain we failed to find the usual Cuckoo with just a few Willow Warblers up by the reservoir.

Although the count was low (24 species) we enjoyed the Welsh countryside and the company and we were back home before the weather broke with a brief thunder storm.

Harold and Val Fielding

Loggerheads and Cilcain valley, 21st May 2019

Nine folk turned out for a beautiful spring day at Loggerheads Country Park near Mold. We were immediately rewarded with close-up views of a male and female Blackcap that must have had a nest nearby. Simon discovered some Treecreepers nesting behind some ivy on a tree trunk flitting

in and out of a nest and got some good shots with his long lens. On the trip up through the woods, we found an old tree trunk with a Greater Spotted Woodpecker in and out of a nesting hole. There was a lovely Grey Wagtail on the river which showed well. After a pleasant picnic on the lawns by the café we drove up the narrow lanes to the Cilcain valley. Yes, we heard Cuckoo, but didn't see it. Also got a Redstart on the walk back- well done to Simon! A great end to the season of mid-week walks.

Stephen Williams

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Female Black Cap, Loggerheads



Male Great Spotted Woodpecker, Loggerheads



Treecreeper, Loggerheads



Carrion Crow, Loggerheads



Song Thrush, Loggerheads



Green-veined White, Cilcain