



Point of Ayr, Tuesday 11 November 2014

Seventeen members braved an uncertain weather forecast and met at Talacre at 10.00 a.m. and were well rewarded.

Initially, we explored the scrub and sand dunes and failed to find any migrants but did tick Raven and Stonechat. We then walked along the embankment to reach the new RSPB hide as the incoming tide pushed the waders and duck towards us. The flocks of Knot, Oystercatcher, Redshank, Black-tailed and Bar-tailed Godwits were spectacular, whilst a good selection of duck came in on the tide, including two Brent Geese and a single Merganser.

Our total of 42 species also included a Greenshank, Merlin and Buzzard.

Harold Fielding

Point of Ayr, Tuesday 18 October 2016

Ten Members met at the Lighthouse Inn car park. (parking is now Council Pay & Display).

Walking along to the hide was cold and windy but the hide was more sheltered. With a 10m. tide at 1.00 p.m. the water flooded the marsh, pushing hundreds of wader and ducks towards the hide.

We left the hide and headed home as the rain arrived.

Harold & Valerie Fielding

Point of Ayr, Talacre 21st November 2017

Twelve members, including four new members, joined us for our visit to RSPB Point of Ayr. The walk was timed to coincide with an 8.4 m high tide at 12:34 so that the waders would be pushed close to the hide and this worked well. There was a lot of wind whipping up the waves, but this didn't bother the birds! Fine sightings of a vast parcel of Oystercatchers, a herd of Curlew roosting on the saltmarsh, a flight of Cormorants, Pintail, both Godwits, Teal and Dunlin. Ian Bunker was very generous in letting us view through his scope. Back to the carpark for lunch and rewarded by a Peregrine flying above us. Off to a new reserve run by N.Wales Wildlife Trust - Big Pool Wood only 1 mile away behind a riding school. We walked around the pool on a circular route through the woods. Not much seen, high winds, so this might be a better site in the Spring but very convenient for Talacre. Public loos at Talacre closed, so plan to use those at Abakhan, Mostyn (by the big ship) next visit. 30 species total.

Stephen Williams

Point of Ayr, 22nd September 2021

It was a real joy to restart a new birding season with a visit to Point of Ayr on the North Wales Coast. We had a turnout of 14 and were so happy to see each other again after 18 months. The visit was timed for a rising tide and we were rewarded with huge flocks of waders being pushed nearer to the hide. Oystercatchers were in a crowded mass on the point with Godwit, Redshank and Curlew abounding. A Greenshank was showing nicely. On the embankment we were serenaded by a huge flock of Goldfinch swooping around. We bagged a female Stonechat on the way back. After lunch we walked over the dunes to Talacre beach, not many birds, but we found a Wheatear on the ground in the beach car park. Thanks to Simon Smith for the pictures. Total of 28 species.

Stephen Williams



Godwit in Flight



Goldfinch in flight



Curlew