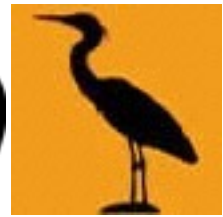


Luggiewatch



What has happened to our pond?

Following reports that the pond behind the Miners' Club had been drained we looked into the matter.

It seems that a digger from the nearby building site went onto the land and dug out a drainage trench. We also discovered that Cala Homes are responsible for the potential development of the site.

We contacted Cala Homes. Their land engineer did not know of any works on the land. We reminded them that the area including the pond has, as part of the development plan, to be subject to a full ecological survey given that rare or endangered species may inhabit the area.

The Cala Homes engineer undertook to look into the matter. We are waiting for further information.



Welcome to the Luggiewatch Newsletter!

This will be an occasional newsletter with stories of activities and events of interest to members and friends of Luggiewatch.

We are looking for contributions! If you have seen any interesting wildlife, any events involving wildlife or things that might have an impact on the Luggie and the lands around it, we want to know about it! Lots of things happen around this stretch of water on its run to the Kelvin, things that often are not widely known.

For example, in March/April this year large numbers of frogs and toads were seen on the move from the higher slopes above Fauldhead down towards the river for spawning. These are the kinds of events we would like to hear about.

Do you have photos of the river, the wildlife, trees or wildflowers that live in the area? Please share them with us; we would be delighted to see them. And don't forget the annual Luggiewatch calendar - we will be looking for lots of photos showing the seasons along the river. Luggiewatch members will be working on putting together the calendar at the end of summer.

Luggiewatch took part in the Waterside clean-up on the 21st of May. It was a great success. A lot of old cans, bottles and other rubbish were cleared away. Special thanks to Lisa from Archie's for supplying lots of food and refreshments after the event.

We also hope to be taking part in the Canal Festival this year. We plan to have a stall with information, Luggiewatch items for sale and more.

Save Our Sparrow



The common sparrow, which was once an everyday sight in Scotland, has become - almost - rare. According to the RSPB, sparrow numbers have declined by 90% since the 1970's. In an effort to stop the disappearance of this little bird, the RSPB has joined with Glasgow Council to plant wildflowers in open spaces across the city.

Everyone can help support these iconic birds and other similar birds by planting seed-rich flowers in their gardens like linseed, sunflowers, cornflowers and white campion.

Luggiewatch Activities

Our purpose is to support and enhance the environment around the Luggie Water. And we seek to improve awareness of the rich resource we have on our doorstep. To that end, we hope to arrange walks along the riverbank with opportunities to talk about photography, plants and animals, but above all, to enjoy and appreciate what we have.

A Google map with points of interest is under development, we hope to find out and record something of the history of the Luggie and lands about it, and we are considering other projects such as improvements to paths and the installation of bird boxes.

If you have any projects that might be something that Luggiewatch can help with or support we would like to hear about it. We are keen to get involved with projects that might help to enhance the environment around the Luggie and we are actively looking for ideas and input.

Luggiewatch meet at the Subscription School in Waterside on the second Monday of each month. Our meeting starts at about 7.30 and all are welcome. At our next meeting in June we hope to have a representative of The Conservation Volunteers along to talk about conservation activities that Luggiewatch might get involved with.

Check out our Facebook site, or go on to our website. Alternatively you can send an email to luggiewatch@gmail.com.



Cubs event

On the 31st the Cubs are walking up to the bing. Here's hoping they have good weather and a great time!