

Westleton Common Annual Report 2025



WESTLETON COMMON ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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Review of the Year

Whilst adverse weather led to the cancellation of events at the beginning – the New Year's Day 2025 bonfire and fireworks - and towards end of the year – a working party, 2025 saw both regular activities and some significant one-off developments on the Westleton Common.

Our local volunteers met on five Saturday mornings for a couple of hours work, mainly to clear gorse.

There were six Nature Walks, attended by regulars and newcomers.

A team of volunteers organised by Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape visited in September and cleared a new footpath on the western side of the Common, linking the bottle bank layby on the B1125 to the view point at the south end of the Common.

Without the contribution of our wonderful volunteers, the Common would quickly become overgrown. We are immensely grateful for their time and labour.

Additional information on their activities follows in this report.

We were also pleased to welcome a second visit to the Common and Village Hall by the Suffolk Naturalists' Society. A report of their visit is also included.

In 2024, contractors cleared gorse and other scrub in compartment 13 to expose the underlying horizontal layers of sand and gravel at the southern side of the 1945 pit, restoring a small cliff face previously used by nesting sand martins. The work was generously funded by Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape. Somewhat to our surprise, the sand martins returned promptly in 2025 excavating perhaps a couple of dozen nest burrows. Seeing these wonderful birds wheeling around seeking food for their chicks was glorious.

In 2025, Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape also agreed to fund the replacement of a couple of benches which had rotted and also to install three new seats including a back-to-back double at the new view point.

Several "housekeeping" tasks were done during the year:

- The GeoSuffolk information board, damaged in 2024, was replaced; grateful thanks to GeoSuffolk for providing the new board.
- Both notice boards were refurbished.
- The firebreaks were re-cut in late February and an area of silver birch saplings cleared; both on the northern side.

A number of people contributed to this report and our grateful thanks are due to Joyce Burtenshaw, David Rous and to Juliet Bullimore who helped with much of the organisation and publicity, particularly notifications to our volunteers of Working Parties and Nature Walks. She also compiled the section on "Nature Walks and other Observations".

Thank you to all who support the Common and make it such a special place to visit.

Our final thanks are to John Bebbington, who stood down after 10 years as a member of and secretary to the Common Advisory Group at the end of December 2024 but continued into January 2025 to finalised last year's Annual Report.

*Westleton Common Advisory Group
January 2026*

Westleton Common Advisory Group Members

(Confirmed by Westleton Parish Council at its Meeting held on 30 June 2025)

Nick Shearme, Westleton Parish Council - Chair nick@gardenend.co.uk

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John French, Westleton Parish Council

Joyce Burtenshaw, Co-opted

Barry Banks, Westleton Parish Council

Amanda Freeman, Co-opted

Chris Freeman, Co-opted

Westleton Common: Essential Information

- **Purchased** by Westleton Parish Council **in 2003** with financial assistance from the National Lottery
- Previously gravel pits, among other uses, which ceased in 1960's
- Gravel used in construction of local airfields during WW2
- **47 acres** in two parts – **North** (smaller) and **South** (larger)
- North Common once hosted the **village football pitch**
- Supervised by the **Westleton Common Advisory Group**, on behalf of the Parish Council
- Massive effort by the village in the early 2000's to restore the Common to its "original" state
- The task of **maintaining the Common is continuous**
- **Working parties** of village volunteers scheduled six or so Saturdays a year undertaking basic maintenance. All help welcome !
- Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape ("**S&EC&H**") volunteers have attended once or twice a year
- **Contractors** with specialist machinery employed for major works including maintaining **firebreaks and cutting heather**
- **Nature walks** scheduled on six or so Saturdays a year
- **Ten year management plan** in place for 2023-2033
- **Ten year funding** from Natural England **DEFRA** approx. £2,500 pa under a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement including rate increases applied wef 1 January 2025

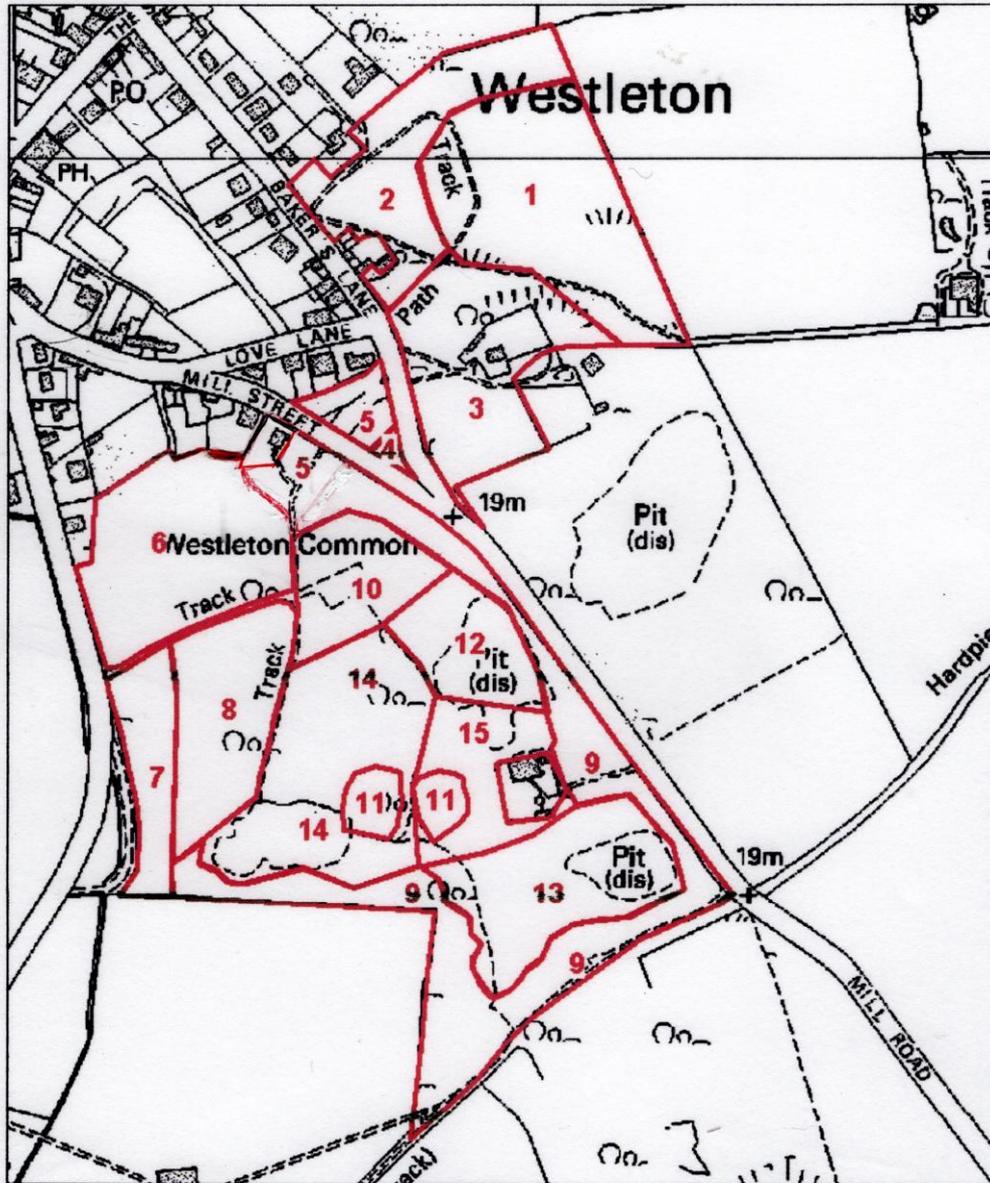
Westleton Common: Compartment Plan

Westleton Common

Compartment Map

Scale 1:4000

Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Brooke House
Ashbocking
Ipswich IP6 9JY



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Programme 2025

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIREWORKS

Procession from Village Hall approx. 6pm

WORKING PARTIES 2025

10am to 12.30

Saturday January 18th

Saturday February 15th

Saturday March 15th

Saturday September 20th

Saturday October 18th

Saturday November 15th

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NATURE WALKS 2025

10.30am to 12 noon (approx)

Saturday February 22nd

Saturday April 12th

Saturday May 24th

Saturday June 16th

Saturday July 12th

Saturday September 6th

Saturday November 1st

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2025 New Year's Day Bonfire and Fireworks

Unfortunately, due to forecast high winds, which would have made the event unsafe, the New Year's Day Fireworks and Bonfire for 1 January 2025 was cancelled.

The Bonfire was set off a little later in January when all risk had passed.

The 2026 event went ahead as planned and was highly successful with near perfect weather conditions and record donations. To be covered more fully in full in the 2026 Annual Report.

Working Party Notes

Six to 12 volunteers met on five Saturdays – the final work party scheduled in November was cancelled due to adverse weather - during 2025 to undertake essential maintenance. Much of the work was cutting gorse on a rotational plan, to prevent the Common becoming overground and to allow space for the development of multiple habitats. Other tasks included tidying up after the bonfire, making sure the main footpaths were clear of vegetation, preparation for the installation of the new benches, general litter picking, strimming away scrub (mainly small silver birch), and minor tree work.

David Rous led all of the working parties and the welcome refreshments were provided by Grania Webber, Liz Pierce and Juliet Bullimore.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and labour to maintain the accessibility to and diversity of the Common. We could not offer such a special place without your help !

The 2026 working party dates are provided later in this report; new volunteers are most welcome !



Work Party 18 January before and after, with arisings conveniently added to the bonfire, later burned without ceremony in February



Work Party 15 February preparing for one of the new benches and tidying up the bonfire



Work Party 15 March opening up the path to the wet land in compartment 14



Work Party 15 March tidying up compartment 9



Work Party 20 September gorse cutting in compartment 12 and the beginnings of the 2026 bonfire



Work Party 18 October

Sand Martin Cliff

In October 2024 contractors used industrial machinery to clear a cliff in compartment 13. The work was done with the approval of our advisors from Natural England and Suffolk Wildlife Trust. It was funded by a generous grant from Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape through the Community and Conservation Fund. We are grateful to them and to their grants officer, Oka Last.

The purpose was to expose the underlying geology and to encourage sand martins to return. The digger operator had to profile the cliff at an angle as it was so sandy.



A sand martin, also showing geological banding.



A number of the burrows with activity

View Point

The same contractor who cleared the face of the sand martin cliff also cleared gorse and scrub from the bank to the right of the path approaching the Black Sough steps and from the top of the bank, both areas in compartment 9.

The October 2024 clearance work together with that undertaken by the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape volunteers in 2023, has opened up easier access to splendid views from the southern end of the Common, west to towards Middleton and Theberton and east over the Common towards the sand martin cliff.

Early in 2025, seats were installed to enable more people to appreciate this view. And, in September 2025, a new path was created on the western side of the Common, linking the bottle bank layby on the B1125 to the view point.



View to East over sand martin cliff



View to West

New Seats on The Common

Text of the note issued in April 2025 after the new seats had been installed:

We are delighted to announce that new benches and seats have been placed on The Common. Three are in new sites and one a replacement of an existing bench which has seen better days. Two are on the north side and two on the south.

Most notably, two substantial seats have been placed “back-to-back” on top of the ridge at the southern tip of The Common, not far from the steps at Black Slough. These seats face west, providing spectacular views towards Middleton and east, looking out over the Common and the sand martin cliff. A path has been cleared to give access to the seats.

We are extremely grateful to Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths who not only provided the seats but also arranged for their installation.



Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape Volunteers New Path

The teams of volunteers organised by Neil Lister of Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape joined us in September 2025. Neil retired at the end of the month so this will have been one of his last projects. We are very grateful for the team's invaluable help and for Neil's leadership.

Following a metaphorical trail of breadcrumbs (plastic tape) laid by members of the Advisory Group, the team cut their way through bracken, gorse and silver birch to create the new path referred to elsewhere in this report. They also levelled the ground where necessary.

Subsequently, we installed white topped posts to guide the way and to facilitate path maintenance should the bracken grow and disguise it's route.



The volunteers with Neil Lister at their head

Suffolk Naturalists' Society

The Suffolk Naturalists' Society (SNS) held another Meeting in Westleton Village Hall and on the Common at the end of June.

A copy of their report of the meeting is reproduced below.

Westleton Member's Day

The weather decided to be a scorcher as we returned for another day at Westleton Common. The day kicked off with some late-night moth trapping from the previous evening by member Raymond Watson. He and his assistant Hannah were back early doors to go through the trap with over 200 moths captured there was some identification to be done.

Gavin Deans and Tim Holt-Wilson came along with their microscopes and some specimens, which included bat poo and some soil samples. Our Chair also brought along a hitchhiker from her recent travels to France in the shape of a domestic Cricket *Acheta domestica*, as well as some moss samples. Jerry Bowdrey also brought along a sample of common Suffolk galls.

After a few technical hitches in the hall and some help from those in attendance we got underway with a small talk about the history of the common from Westleton Common Advisory Committee Secretary and Parish Councillor Ian Webber. Howard Motram then took to the stage to talk about the geology of the site and its uniqueness. The heat was becoming a bit stifling so we all headed out to look around the common in the hope of seeing some Silver-studded Blues *Plebejus argus* and what else was about as well as to see some of the wonderful geography that Howard had spoken of.

The SSB's did not disappoint and small flurries could be seen around as males chased females across the common and Peter Vincent gave us a small insight into their very unusual lives. Sand Martin's *Riparia riparia* were nesting in the cliff face so we could not get too close to observe the geology, but it was nice to see the birds darting in and out of the holes they had made.

Ross Piper took some people out to look at the amazing Ant-lion's *Euroleon nostras* that live here and soon members were crouched down looking at specimens in various forms of development.

I went on the hunt for bees and wasps and was not disappointed by the many nesting aggregations of noisy Green-eyed Flower Bees *Anthophora bimaculata* with their indicative whine as they hover on their approach to land. Many other heathland specialists were also found with Beewolve's *Philanthus triangulum* flying into their burrows carrying paralysed honeybees and many of both species of Sand Wasps *Ammophila sabulosa* and *pubescens* as well as *Podalonia sp* could be seen hunting for caterpillars.

There was much to report from the day, but as the newsletter is about to go to print and we still await for the species recorded from the day to be collated, we will just have to go with this short rudimentary report to say that it was a productive day and a much more detailed report of species recorded from the day will follow next issue.

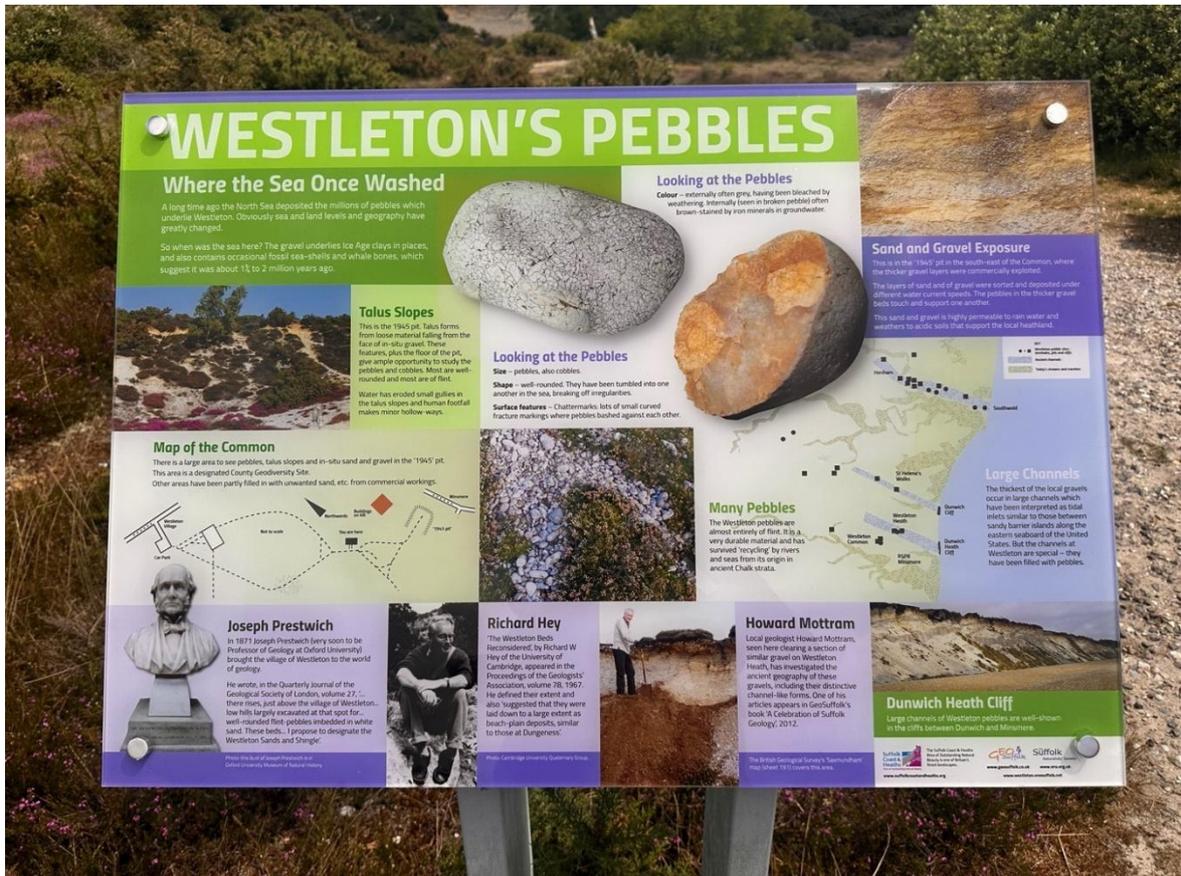
Follow the link below to the SNS website: <https://sns.org.uk/>



Howard talks to us about the sites amazing geology.



Watching the SSB's dance around the heather.



Westleton information board part-paid for by the SNS.



Cliff Mining Bee *Andrena thoracica*, one of the days highlights.



Galls brought in by Jerry.



Joan's freeloading hitchhiker *Acheta domestica*.

Nature Walks and Other Observations (compiled by Juliet Bullimore)

There were six Nature Walks through 2025.

February 22nd 2025

12 Attendees, weather cool and damp but not raining

Joyce Burtenshaw records:

Fungi

Crimped gill fungus

Plicaturopsis crispa

Yellow Brain Fungus

Tremella mesenterica

Mosses

Juicy Lucy /Neat Feather Moss

Pseudoscleropodium purum

Hair moss

Polytrichum

Lichens

Cladonia spp

Reindeer lichen

Cladonia

Southern Hemisphere lichen

Lophocolea semiteres

Birds

Blue tit

Carrion Crow

Chaffinch

Dunnock

Goldfinch

Great Tit

Greenfinch

Herring Gull

Linnet

Long tailed tits

Magpie

Redwing

Robin

Skylark

Song thrush

Wood Pigeon

Woodlark

Wren

Two Cranes visible on fields towards Middleton

April 12th 2025

Nine attendees
Joyce Burtenshaw recorded sightings (see appendix)
Nightingale song heard
Golden Gorse predominant



Peacock Butterfly on car wheel

April 14th



Blackthorn in full flower

April 18th



Pussy willow

May 24th 2025

Four attendees

Weather mild but dull after earlier (very welcome) rain - first real rain in six weeks!
Juliet Bullimore recorded sightings and took photos.



Speckled Wood butterfly

Animals

Grey Squirrel

Birds

Song Thrush, Nightingale, Chaffinch, Chiff Chaff, Rook, Wood Pigeon, Wren, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Blackbird, Garden Warbler, Gold Finch, Swift, Great Tit, Jackdaw, Sand Martins, Long Tailed Tit



White lipped snails, male and female



Sand Martin holes

Spider

Funnel Spider webs

Insects

Striped Hoverfly, Scorpion Fly (female), Common Meadow Grasshopper, Pied Hoverfly, Heath Bumblebee, Vestrel Cuckoo Bee, Speckled Wood butterfly (see photo), Marmalade Hoverfly, Banded Hoverfly.

Fungus
Brain Fungus

Lichen
Reindeer Moss

Moss
Juicy Lucy,
Polytrichum - male and female flowers.

Trees and Plants

Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Honeysuckle, Herb Robert, Climbing Corydalis, Bramble, Red Currant, Rosa Rugosa, Green Alcanet, Weld, Alexanders, Russian Comfrey, Red campion, Sweet Briar, Great Mullein, Black Mullein, Moth Mullein (All mulleins, just leaves), Ground Ivy, Changing Forget-me-not, Buckshorn Plantain, Bell Heather, Goat Willow, Mouse-Ear Hawkweed, White Bryony, Common Nettle, Fiddleneck.



Mouse-Ear hawkweed

June 16th 2025

Four Bee Orchids in flower
Several Silver Studded Blue butterflies roosting in the rushes in the middle of the Common



Bee Orchids



Silver Studded Blue Butterfly

July 12th 2025

Six attendees

Observations recorded by Joyce Burtenshaw - see Appendix

weather - hot

Bell Heather in full flower.





Small Copper butterfly



Gatekeeper butterfly

September 6th 2025

Five attendees

Observations recorded by Joyce Burtenshaw - see Appendix



Verbascum



Rove Beetle



Robin's Pincushion and Soapwort



Shield Bug



Dog Lichen



Centaury

November 1st 2025

16 Attendees

Joyce Burtenshaw recorded sightings - see Appendix



Boletus sp.



Crepidotus sp. on gorse



Turkey Tail



Brain fungus on gorse

and a November 3rd fungus observation



Yellow Moor Club

Looking forward to 2026

WORKING PARTIES 2026 - 10am to 12.30

~ All Welcome ~

Tools are provided - bring your own tough gardening gloves.

~ Refreshments at half time ~

Saturday January 17th
Saturday February 21st
Saturday March 21st
Saturday September 19th
Saturday October 17th
Saturday November 21st

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NATURE WALKS 2026 -10.30am to 12 noon (approx)

We are as usual having a series of informal walks/strolls covering each season on the Common.

Saturday February 28th
Saturday April 11th
Saturday May 30th
Saturday July 11th
Saturday September 12th
Saturday November 7th

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For these event, please meet at the main Common Noticeboard down a short track on the right at the top of Mill St. Near the green storage container.

APPENDICES: 2025 Records

Westleton Common Field Day 27 June 2025 SNS List

Order

Coleoptera

Species

Lagria hirta

Harpalus rufipes

Oedemera femoralis

Heterocerus fenestratus

Diptera

Anthomyia pluvialis

Nephrotoma flavescens

Tipula livida

Hylemya vagans

Dioctria baumhaueri

Dioctria rufipes

Camilla flavicauda

Dicraeus vagans

Thaumatomyia notata

Dolichopus griseipennis

Empis lutea

Rhamphomyia gibba

Minettia fasciata agg

Tricholauxania praeusta

Lonchoptera lutea

Coenosia tigrina

Phaonia pallida

Geomyza tripunctata

Opomyza florum

Opomyza germinationis

Callomyia amoena

Beris morrisii

Beris vallata

Episyrphus balteatus

Melanostoma mellinum

Melanostoma scalare

Tipula livida

Hemiptera

Deraeocoris ruber
Elasmostethus intersinctus
Lygus rugulipennis
Stenotus bicostatus
Monalocoris filicis
Plagiognathus arbustorum
Stenodema laevigata
Stenotus binotatus

Mecoptera

Panorpa cognata

Neuroptera

Cunctochrysa albolineata
Dichochrysa flavifrons
Hemerobius lutescens
Hemerobius humulinus

Psocoptera

Stenopsocus immaculatus

Lepidoptera

Ectoedemia heringella
Opostega salaciella
Monopis obviella
Caloptilia populetorum
Caloptilia stigmatella
Yponomeuta evonymella
Yponomeuta cagnagella
Yponomeuta padella
Ypsolopha ustella
Plutella xylostella
Argyresthia albistria
Oegoconia deauratella
Crassa unitella
Batia lambdella
Agonopterix nervosa
Anarsia spartiella
Brachmia blandella
Sophronia semicostella
Aroga velocella
Coleophora versurella
Blastobasis lacticolella
Alucita hexadactyla
Archips podana
Archips xyloseana
Tortrix viridana
Aleimma loefligiana
Acleris notana
Acleris hastiana

Agapeta hamana
Cochylidia implicitana
Eudemis profundana
Apotomis betuletana
Hedya salicella
Celypha lacunana
Bactra lancealana
Ancylis achatana
Spilonota ocellana
Zeiraphera isertana
Eucosma cana
Eucosma conterminana
Notocelia uddmanniana
Cydia pomonella
Pammena fasciana
Pempelia genistella
Pempelia palumbella
Rhodophaea formosa
Phycita roborella
Acrobasis repandana
Phycitodes binaevella
Synaphe punctalis
Hypsopygia costalis
Anania hortulata
Ostrinia nubilalis
Eudonia lacustrata
Chrysoteuchia culmella
Crambus pascuella
Catoptria pinella
Acentria ephemerella
Pebble Hook-tip
Peach Blossom
Buff Arches
Lackey
Elephant Hawk-moth
Dwarf Cream Wave
Small Dusty Wave
Satin Wave
Single-dotted Wave
Riband Wave
Plain Wave
Small Blood-vein

Blue-bordered Carpet
Barred Yellow
Double-striped Pug
Foxglove Pug
Grey Pug
Latticed Heath
Brimstone
Orange Moth
Scalloped Oak
Swallow-tailed
Peppered Moth
Willow Beauty
Mottled beauty
Pale Oak Beauty
Common Wave
Grass Emerald
Common Emerald
Buff-tip
Black Arches
Brown Tail
Buff Ermine
Cinnabar
Muslin Footman
Four-dotted Footman
Common Footman
Scarce Footman
Buff Footman
Fan-foot
Shaded Fan-foot
Beautiful Hook-tip
Grey Dagger
Coronet
Mottled Rustic
Rustic
Silky Wainscot
Brown Rustic
Small Angle Shades
Dark Arches
Light Arches
Lesser-spotted Pinion
Beautiful Yellow Underwing
Bright-line Brown-eye

Common Wainscot
Smoky Wainscot
Clay
L-album Wainscot
Heart and Dart
Heart and Club
Flame
True Lover's Knot
Large Yellow Underwing
Broad-bordered Yellow
Underwing
Double Square-spot
Oak Nycteoline
Kent Black Arches
Ammophila sabulosa
Ammophila pubescens
Anthophora bimaculata
Andrena thoracica
Episyron rufipes
Oxybelus uniglumis
Podalonia sp
Heriades truncorum
Philanthus triangulum
Auplopus carbonarius
Heriades truncorum
Andrena flavipes
Nysson trimaculatus
Sphecodes miniatus
Coelioxys conoidea
Pompilus cinereus
Cleptes semiauratus
Rhopalum coarctatum
Enicospilus cerebrator
Opheltes glaucopterus
Agraylea multipunctata
Mystacides longicornis
Capraiellus panzeri
Tetranychus lintearius

Hymenoptera

Trichoptera

Blattodea

Arachnida,

Trombidiformes

Species seen on the Common 2025 – compiled by Joyce Burtenshaw

Plants

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alexanders | <i>Smyrniololus atrum</i> |
| Bee Orchid | <i>Ophrys apifera</i> |
| Birdsfoot Trefoil | <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> |
| Black Horehound | <i>Ballota nigra</i> |
| Bluebell sp | |
| Buckshorn Plantain | <i>Plantago coronopus</i> |
| Cat's-ear | <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> |
| Changing forget-me-not | <i>Myosotis discolor</i> |
| Cleavers | <i>Galium aparine</i> |
| Climbing corydalis | <i>Ceratocarpus claviculata</i> |
| Common Centaury | <i>Centaurea erythraea</i> |
| Common Fiddleneck | <i>Amsinckia micrantha</i> |
| Common Figwort | <i>Scrophularia nodosa</i> |
| Common Ragwort | <i>Senecio jacobaea</i> |
| Yellow Toadflax | <i>Linaria vulgaris</i> |
| Creeching Cinquefoil | <i>Potentilla reptans</i> |
| Daffodils sp | |
| Daisy | <i>Bellis perennis</i> |
| Dandelion | <i>Taraxacum</i> agg. |
| Dark Mullein | <i>Verbascum nigrum</i> |
| Dovesfoot Geranium | <i>Geranium molle</i> |
| English Stonecrop | <i>Sedum anglicum</i> |
| Evening Primrose | <i>Oenothera</i> agg. |
| Fat Hen | <i>Chenopodium album</i> |
| Field Forget-Me-Not | <i>Myosotis arvensis</i> |
| Germander Speedwell | <i>Veronica chamaedrys</i> |
| Great Mullein | <i>Verbascum thapsus</i> |
| Greater Stitchwort | <i>Stellaria holostea</i> |
| Green Alkanet | <i>Pentaglottis sempivirens</i> |
| Ground Ivy | <i>Glechoma hederacea</i> |
| Heath Bedstraw | <i>Galium saxatile</i> |
| Hedge Bindweed | <i>Calystegia sepium</i> |
| Hedgerow Crane's-bill | <i>Geranium pyrenacium</i> |
| Heath Groundsel | <i>Senecio sylvaticus</i> |
| Herb Robert | <i>Geranium robertianum</i> |
| Hogweed | <i>Heracleum sphondylium</i> |
| Honesty | <i>Lunaria annua</i> |
| Lady's Bedstraw | <i>Gallium verum</i> |
| Lesser celandine | <i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> |
| Moth Mullein | <i>Verbascum blattaria</i> |
| Mossy Stonecrop | <i>Crassula tillaea</i> |
| Mouse- Ear Hawkweed | <i>Pilosella officinarum</i> |
| Nipplewort | <i>Lapsana communis</i> |

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Perforate St John's Wort | <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> |
| Periwinkle | <i>Vinca major</i> |
| Prickly Sowthistle | <i>Sonchus asper</i> |
| Red Bartsia | <i>Odonites vernus</i> |
| Red Campion | <i>Silene dioica</i> |
| Red Dead Nettle | <i>Lamium purpureum</i> |
| Rosebay Willowherb | <i>Chamaemelum angustifolium</i> |
| Rough Chervil | <i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i> |
| Russian Comfrey | <i>Symphytum x uplandicum</i> |
| Nettle | <i>Urtica dioica</i> |
| Scarlet Pimpernel | <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> |
| Selfheal | <i>Prunella vulgaris</i> |
| Slender Thistle | <i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i> |
| Smooth ~Hawk's-beard | <i>Crepis capillaris</i> |
| Soapwort | <i>Saponaria officinalis</i> |
| Stork's-bill | <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> |
| Sweet Rocket | <i>Hesperis matronalis</i> |
| Thyme leaved Speedwell | <i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i> |
| Weld | <i>Reseda luteola</i> |
| White Briony | <i>Bryonia dioica</i> |
| White Campion | <i>Silene latifolia</i> |
| White Comfrey | <i>Symphytum orientale</i> |
| Wood Avens | <i>Geum urbanum</i> |
| Yarrow | <i>Achillea millefolium</i> |

Birds

Blackbird
 Blackcap
 Blue tit
 Bullfinch
 Buzzard
 Carrion Crow
 Chaffinch
 Chiffchaff
 Dartford Warbler
 Dunnock
 Garden Warbler
 Goldcrest
 Goldfinch
 Great Tit
 Greater Spotted
 Woodpecker
 Greenfinch
 Green Woodpecker
 Herring Gull

Jackdaw
Linnet
Long tailed tits
Magpie
Nightingale
Redwing
Robin
Rook
Sand Martins
Skylark
Song thrush
Sparrowhawk
Swallow
Swift
Wood Pigeon
Woodlark
Wren

2 Cranes seen on fields towards Middleton in February

Insects

11spot ladybird
Banded Hoverfly
Bee Wolf
Birch Shield Bug
Black and Yellow Longhorn Beetle *Rutpela maculata*
Buff Tailed Bumblebee
Bumblebee Plumehorn
Chocolate Mining Bee
Cockchafer
Common Beefly
Common Carder
Common Meadow Grasshopper
Common Wasp
Davies' Collettes Bee
Face Fly *Musca autumnalis*
Furrow Bee spp
Green Bottle Fly
Green Grasshopper
Hairy Shield Bug
Heath Bumblebee
Honey bee
Hornet
Hoverfly spp
Large Red-tailed Bumblebee
Marmalade Hoverfly

Migrant Hawker Dragonfly
Mottled Grasshopper
Ornate tailed Digger Wasp
Pied Hoverfly
Red Soldier Beetle
Sandpit Mining Bee
Scorpion Fly
Six spot Ladybird
Small Red-tailed Bumblebee
Superb Anthill Hoverfly Xanthogramma pedisequum
Tachina fera/magnicornis
Tree Bee
Tree Wasp Dolichovespula sylvestris
Vestral Cuckoo Bee
White-bowed Smooth-wing Hoverfly
White Tailed Bumble Bee
Yellow legged Mining Bee

Butterflies

Brimstone
Comma
Gatekeeper
Green Eyed Flower Bee
Greyling
Large White
Meadow Brown
Orange tip female
Peacock
Ringlet
Small Copper
Small Heath
Small Skipper
Speckled Wood

Spiders

Funnel spider webs

Molluscs

White lipped snails

Fungi

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| Amethyst Deceiver | Laccaria amethystina |
| Birch Polypore | Fomitopsis betulina |
| Brown Roll Rim | Paxillus involutus |
| Buttercap | Rhodocollybia butyracea |
| Candle Snuff | Xylaria hypoxylon |
| Common Earth Ball | Scleroderma citrinum |
| Crimped gill fungus | Plicaturopsis crispa |
| False Chantrelle | Hygrophoro aurantiaca |
| Fly Agaric | Amanita muscaria |
| Common Bonnet | Mycena galericulata |
| Mycena Pura | |
| Oyster Mushroom | Pleurotus ostreatus |
| Red Cracking Bolete | Xerocomus chrysenteron |
| Scruffy Deceier | |
| The Deceiver | Laccaria laccata |
| Turkey Tail | |
| Variable Oysterling | Crepidotus variabilis |
| White Mycena | |
| Wood Blewit | Clitocybe nuda |
| Yellow Brain Fungus | Tremella mesenterica |
| Yellow Stags Horn | Calocera viscosa |

Mosses

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| Broom Fork Moss | Dicranium scoparium |
| Juicy Lucy /Neat Feather Moss | Pseudoscleropodium purum |
| Hair moss | Polytrichum |

Lichens

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| Branched Pixie Cup Lichen | |
| Cladonia spp | |
| Dog Lichen | |
| Reindeer lichen | Cladonia |
| Southern Hemisphere lichen | Lophocolea semiteres |
| Sphaerophoria sp | |
| Blue Green Algae | Nostoc |

Galls

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| Greater Spotted Spangle Galls |
| Robin's Pincushion |

Species List compiled by David Rous (cont)

| COMMON NAME | LATIN | JAN | FEB | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|-----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| BIRDS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blackbird | <i>Turdus merula</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Woodpigeon | <i>Columba palumbus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Rook | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Carrion Crow | <i>Corvus corone</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Woodcock | <i>Scolopax rusticola</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Blue Tit | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Great Tit | <i>Prus major</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Long tailed Tit | <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Robin | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Blackheaded Gull | <i>Chroicephalus ridibundus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Pheasant | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Goldcrest | <i>Regulus regulus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Greenfinch | <i>Chloris chloris</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Redwing | <i>Turdus iliacus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Magpie | <i>Pica pica</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Fieldfare | <i>Turdus pilaris</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Dartford warbler | <i>Sylvia undata</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Linnet | <i>Linaria cannabina</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Jackdaw | <i>Corvus monedula</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Great spotted woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Chiffchaff | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Starling | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Duncock | <i>Prunella modularis</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Raven | <i>Corvus corax</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Red legged Partridge | <i>Alectoris rufo</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Pied wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Common Gull | <i>Larus canus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Blackcap | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia communis</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Nightingale | <i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Song thrush | <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Sand Martin | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Lesser whitethroat | <i>Curruca curruca</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Willow warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Red kite | <i>Milvus milvus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Buzzard | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Garden warbler | <i>Sylvia borja</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Bullfinch | <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Jay | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Hobby | <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Green woodpecker | <i>Picus viridis</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter nisus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| House martin | <i>Delichon urbica</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Coal Tit | <i>Periparus ater</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Meadow pipit | <i>Anthus pratensis</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Skylark | <i>Alauda arvensis</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Crossbill | <i>Loxia curvirostra</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Tawny owl | <i>Strix aluco</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| REPTILES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adder | <i>Vipera berus</i> | | 2m | 7m3f | | | | | | | | | |
| Grassnake | <i>Natrix helvetica</i> | | * | * | * | | | | | | | | |
| Common Lizard | <i>Zootoca vivipara</i> | | | | * | * | | | * | * | | | |
| Slowworm | <i>Anguis fragilis</i> | | | | * | * | | | * | * | | | |
| MAMMALS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muntjac | <i>Muntiacus reevesi</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Rabbit | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Grey Squirrel | <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Badger | <i>Meles meles</i> | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Silver studded blue butterfly | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 19/06/25 | 25/06/25 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 46 | 49 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Females | 13 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End of June they crashed for some reason. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |