

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

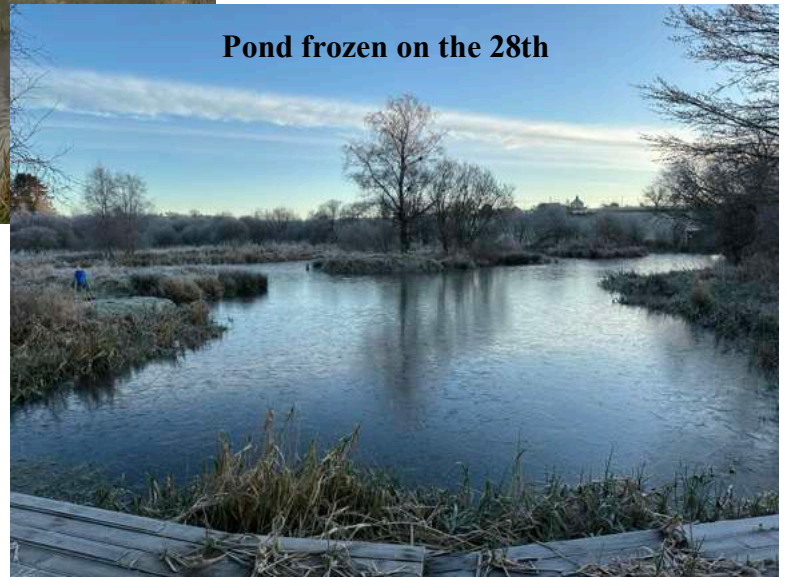
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Eskrigg Reserve November 2024 News Bulletin

1. Eskrigg Pond



2. Reported wildlife sightings at the Reserve during November

a. Birds:

Blackbird, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Brambling, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Common Gull, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Gadwall, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Greylag Goose, Grey Wagtail, Heron, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Lesser Redpoll, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Oystercatcher, Pheasant, Pinkfoot Goose, Raven, Redwing, Reed Bunting, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Stock Dove, Teal, Treecreeper, Woodpigeon, Wren, Yellowhammer.



b. Mammals:

Grey Squirrel, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer.

Photographs by Jim Rae

3. Construction and Maintenance Work during November

Sat. 02 Ian Donaldson cleared the ditch along the east side of the Eskrigg Farm road between the conduit under the road near the end of the Quaas Loaning up to the conduit under the road just before the car park entrance.



Tue. 05 M & W Tarmacadam Contractors Ltd resurfaced the Eskrigg Farm road. First, they scraped the turf off the middle of the road and along the west edge (1). They then brought the tar-planer (2) and the Roller (3) down to the car park. The planer was moved out onto the start of the road and a lorry from Grange Quarry backed up to the planer and filled the hopper with gravel – type 1 sub-base (4). The lorry then moved forward several metres and the planer then gradually moved forwards and deposited a layer of gravel of the required depth (5). When the hopper was nearly empty the lorry backed up to the planer and refilled the hopper (6). Meanwhile the roller was being used to firm up the gravel that had been laid (7). This procedure was repeated for the length of the road, except for a few stretches where concrete had been previously laid. Once the whole road had been given its new "coat" the roller went back and forth along the road multiple times to compact the gravel and leave a firm surface that we hope will last for several years (8). The "Tarmac Team" did a great job.



A big thank you to **Stuart Dodd** of "The Grange" for generously donating the gravel, lorry driver **Matt Turner** for delivering and off-loading the gravel, **Matt Wilson** of M&W Tarmacadam Contractors Ltd. and his team for laying and rolling the **type-1 sub-base** – "A Job Well Done".

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Fri. 15 **Derek Campbell, Gordon Reid and Sam Pattinson** and **Jim Rae** trimmed the hedge and bushes along the side of the Dumfries Road opposite Dryfesdale Cemetery.



Sun. 17
Volunteer
Maintenance
Sunday

In the morning **Gordon Reid** and **Jim Rae** raked up dead leaves from a number of woodland walks. In the afternoon **Sam**

Pattinson and **Derek Campbell** helped **Jim** prune some bushes along the Eskrigg Farm Road.



4. November Events

Sat. 16 **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** had a stall in Lockerbie High Street during the turning on of the Christmas Lights. The stall was set up by **David** and **Kathryn Hughes, Gordon Reid** and **Jim Rae**.

On sale were 2025 calendars, Red Squirrel Christmas Cards, Red Squirrel Notelets, Nature Notelets, Christmas Tags, Bookmarks and some potted plants were contributed by **Norah Muirhead** and **Kath** and **Drew Davidson**.



Sat. 23 **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust** was due to run a stall at the **Lockerbie Old School Christmas Fair** but the event had to be cancelled due to **Storm Bert**.

Fri. 29 & Sat. 30 Members of the Trust Committee, **David Hughes, Norah Muirhead** and **Jim Rae** also ran a **Christmas Stall** at **Tesco, Lockerbie**, where the same items were on sale.



Christmas Raffle

Members of the **Lockerbie Ladies Craft Club** generously donated several items to the Trust for its **Christmas Raffle**. Raffle tickets were on sale at the stalls on the 16th, 29th and 30th. First prize was a magnificent Gingerbread House, knitted by Margaret McMillan, which came with a box of chocolates to fill it. The second and third prizes were beautiful examples of Bead Art, embroidery with beads onto pre-printed canvasses using a combination of half cross-stitch and back stitch. Fourth prize was a cosy and reversible, knitted hat. Fifth prize was a set of three, framed, wild bird photographs. Sixth prize was a small Christmas Tree decoration.



The prize winners were: 1st - Molly Carruthers, 2nd - Frank White, 3rd - Stevie, 4th - Fiona Stalker, 5th - Margaret Marshall and 6th Eileen Johnstone.

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust management committee would like to thank the following people: Lockerbie Ladies Craft Club for donating the raffle prizes, Lockerbie Christmas Lights Committee, TESCO staff for the use of the foyer at the Lockerbie store, Robbie Templeton (TESCO Staff) for drawing the raffle and all the people who purchased items or gave donations.

The Net Profit from Lockerbie Wildlife Trust's three Christmas Stalls was £1,132.36.

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Total people count for November = 1106 Average number per day = 37

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