

MOTH MUMBLINGS – FIELD TRIP EXTRA – JULY 2021

The sole purpose of this newsletter is to provide details of the field trip next weekend.

FIELD TRIP TO SPRINGWELL REEDBED

This is confirmed for next Saturday, 10th July 2021.

All are welcome. No need to book – just turn up (but please be on time).

By pure coincidence, this event coincides with National Moth Night which has, as its 2021 target, wetland sites.

I am not familiar with this site. I have been issued with the gate key, but the following instructions are deduced by me from the O.S. map.

This site is south of Rickmansworth, just south of Springwell Lake and directly east of Maple Cross. The O.S. grid reference is approximately TQ041923. The marsh is actually just within Middlesex; the river down the western side is the boundary with Hertfordshire at this point. Access is only possible from the north and I am advised that the site is secure. The O.S. map shows a car park just to the north and from here a gated track runs south. There are no other access points,

Meet at 8pm in the Springwell Lane Car Park, Uxbridge, UB9 6PG, grid reference TQ042929.

At 8.30pm we will drive south down the track on the east side of Springwell Lake to a second gate (to which I have the key). As we progress, we will lock all gates behind us, so please don't be late. We will be able to let you in (take my mobile phone number with you, in case of unplanned late arrival), but it may involve a wait if we are at the far end of the marsh when you phone me. I am, of course, assuming that there is mobile phone reception on site.

BRING WELLIES. They may not be needed but it is a marsh when all said and done!

The time selected for arrival allows us to familiarise ourselves with the site and to set out equipment.

This is likely to be an excellent opportunity for beginners and for others whose experience of wetland species would benefit from a boost. Extra light traps are warmly welcomed.

No need to book – but queries welcomed. If phoning, always make it after midday as I tend to sleep in the mornings if I have been out mothing until dawn.

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