



## EXETER AND DISTRICT LOCAL GROUP

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### NEWSLETTER 205

### AUTUMN 2026

#### Editorial

Hello everyone – another summer will soon be coming to an end, this one has been really difficult for many with the prolonged heatwave, and it's not over yet as I write this note. I do hope you have managed to cope with the discomfort among other issues! With any luck, fingers crossed, we just might have a cool and reasonably peaceful autumn.....

I have been pleased to realise that I have had most of the usual small birds frequenting my garden, they do seem to be coping with the heat better than some of us humans!

We have a varied and interesting programme of walks and talks forthcoming for Autumn and Winter, hopefully you will find them enjoyable and informative!

With all very best wishes

**Liz Saunders**

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#### From the Group Leader - Autumn 2026

In the middle of a hot and dry summer, my thoughts are now turning to the autumn. Hopefully you will have had the chance to see the interesting programme of walks and indoor meetings that we have planned through to the end of the year and I hope that you will be able to come along to one of or two of these. In particular I hope that you will be able to attend our AGM on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm in St Thomas Church Hall.

In my notes in the last newsletter, I mentioned about climate change and the effects this appears to be having on the habits of migrant birds. It has been interesting spotting a good number of waders down on the Exe Estuary in their summer plumage, this makes life a little easier for amateur spotters like me, than in the winter when trying to tell one grey and white wader from another can be a real challenge!

I don't how well you have been coping with the hot and dry weather, but I was wondering how birds manage, so I do what we do now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and ask the internet! First on my search, I am pleased to say, was an interesting page written by the RSPB! You can read it at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-birds-beat-the-heat> I have been keeping my bird bath full this summer to help them, but there are also some other quite surprising ways birds use to keep cool. One method the article mentions is gular flutter, this a way in which some birds remove excess heat from their bodies by expelling it via their throat. Finally, I was interested to read in

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the article that 'an acclimatised, well-hydrated pigeon, for example, can cope with a temperature of 60°C.' I never cease to wonder how amazing nature is!

Please don't be shy to pass on a few words about your summer birding adventures or any other relevant thoughts that our editor Liz can include in a future edition of the newsletter. I hope that you are able to enjoy the remainder of the summer and I look forward to seeing you again in the autumn as the mercury falls!

**Steve Manktelow**

## Love St Thomas Summer Festival

A few months ago, we were invited to set up our stand at the Love St Thomas Summer Festival and to organise a table of children's activities for the afternoon of July 4th. The Love St Thomas Summer Festival is a free, family-friendly community celebration featuring live music, comedy, and local food and craft stalls. It takes place annually in the grounds of St Thomas Church on Cowick Street, Exeter and there are many stalls and activities both in the churchyard, in the church and in the church hall.

I felt this was an invitation we must not turn down. We as a group hold our winter indoor meetings in the St Thomas Church Hall, so this was an ideal opportunity to invite people from the local community to join us and for them to learn more about what we as a local group do and also what the RSPB does.



A good number of people visited and showed interest in our stand, faithfully manned by Martin and Diana Chambers, whilst I was kept busy helping children to make bird mobiles, bird masks, bird paper plates and to do colouring. At one stage, while the children's attention span dipped, the table was occupied by three parents, completing the bird masks, proving that we are all children at heart! It was a very enjoyable afternoon and well worth the effort to meet the local people and encourage them to learn more about the wildlife around them.

If you would like to join Martin, Diana and I, when we are invited to future events like this, you would be most welcome. We would very much welcome your support.

**Steve Manktelow**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### OUTDOOR MEETINGS – September to December 2026

**Wednesday 9th September – Morning walk at Dawlish Warren for seabirds, waders and migrants. Meet 9.30 am** at Dawlish Warren Seaward car park. (EX7 0NA; what3words [///bluffing.outgrown.scouts.](#)) Toilets available.

**Saturday 26th September** - All day walk at **Soar** and **South Huish** for finches, larks, warblers at Soar, waders at South Huish. Meet **10.00 am** at National Trust East Soar Car Park (TQ7 3DR; what3words [///blotchy.inspector.witty](#)) No toilets.

**Tuesday 6th October** - Morning walk from **Shipley Bridge to Avon Dam** for Ring Ouzel, woodland and moorland birds. Meet at **9.30 am** at Shipley Bridge car park (SX681629; what3words [///breaches.vies.riverbank.](#)). Car park charge. Toilets at start.

**Friday 23rd October** - A morning visit to **Hackney Marshes** to see a range of passage waders. **9.30 am** at Riverside car park, Passage House Inn, Kingsteignton. Lunch afterwards at the Passage House Inn. (TQ12 3QH what3words [///crumb.broker.yesterday;](#) SX875726).

**Saturday 7th November** - Morning walk from **Powderham Church to Turf Lock** for waders and wildfowl. Meet at **9.30 am** at Powderham Church car park. (SX971843; what3words [///stand.unsettled.readily;](#) EX6 8JJ) Parking donation for church car park. No toilets. Refreshments available at the Turf Hotel.

**Sunday 22nd November** - Morning visit to **Lower Otter Estuary** to see waders and seabirds. Meet at **9.30 am** at Lime Kiln car park, Budleigh Salterton (SY072819; what3words [///sailing.risen.advancing.](#)). Parking charge. Toilets by the beach.

**Wednesday 16th December** - A gentle morning walk to **Bowling Green Marsh** for ducks and waders. Meet at **9.30 am** at Holman Way car park, Topsham. Followed afterwards by Christmas lunch, time and venue to be confirmed. (SX968881; what3words [///leader.income.fish;](#) EX3 0EN). Car park charge. Toilets at Topsham Quay.



### INDOOR MEETINGS & ZOOM TALKS - September to December 2026

#### Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – St Thomas Church Hall

**Our AGM will commence at 7.30 pm and will be followed by a talk:**

#### **From Farming to Conservation and a Love of Nature and Photography - by Andrew Backswood**

Andrew is a farmer and conservationist from Bickleigh, near Tiverton, and has a passion for both photography and nature. He was an early regional winner of the 'RSPB Nature of Farming Awards' and was also a winner of the 'BBC Farmer of the Year' awards.

During his talk he will take us through some of his most memorable bird images from both around the UK and abroad. He will explain the stories behind his outstanding photographs, and will delve into the thought processes and techniques at the time of capture.

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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026 – 7.30 pm at St Thomas Church Hall****Wildlife Photography: In Pursuit of the Improbable - by Stephen Powles**

A medley of interesting, amusing and informative wildlife stories by Stephen Powles, a former vet and now award-winning wildlife photographer. He describes how he managed to photograph and film some challenging subjects and how an understanding of their natural history and behaviour enabled him to do so. Among others, Kingfishers, Herons, Otters, Lizards and Hedgehogs are featured.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2026 – a Zoom talk commencing at 7.30 pm****Cuba: A Flicker of Interest - by Oliver Smart**

Following a three-week independent trip to Cuba, Oliver's talk will take you to the cigar capital of the world: Cuba. It is more than just old cars, tobacco and sugarcane and has a wonderful array of endemic and near-endemic bird species as well as many North American migrants during the dry winter season. In this talk, Oliver will showcase some of the beautiful bird species of this great island with a little bit of local culture thrown in for good measure.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - 7.30 pm at St Thomas Church Hall****The Somerset Levels and Moors – by Peter Exley**

Based on the tours Peter Exley leads and 25 years working on the Somerset Levels, this talk explores the history of England's largest wetland, from the end of the last Ice Age up to the recent floods, and covers the creation of the RSPB's nature reserves and return of Bitterns, Marsh Harriers and Cranes. While working for the RSPB, Peter led their communications and community work in the county, including helping set up RSPB Greylake, representing RSPB on the Avalon Marshes Partnership, helping bring the final eggs back from Germany for the Great Crane Project, and dealing with the PR during the catastrophic 2014 floods.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2026 – a Zoom talk commencing at 7.30 pm****The Islands of the Outer Hebrides and Shetland by Mary Braddock**

Visit The Western Isles with their amazing beaches, scenery and wildlife found in the Uists, Harris and Lewis before moving north onto the islands of Shetland. Enjoy the most northern lighthouse in the UK together with Shetland ponies, birdlife and mammals found in these rugged islands whose very existence is heavily influenced by the sea.

**LOOKING BACK****OUTDOOR MEETINGS****Morning walk - Yarner Wood - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

With the sun breaking through to give us a warm morning, our leader Mark Barron first took us onto the nearby heathland adjacent to the wood where we had good views of Linnet, Stonechat and also a Tree Pipit. As we were about to enter the wood itself, we first saw a Roe Deer in the fields in the distance and then we were treated to the sight of a Buzzard being mobbed by a Sparrowhawk. Possibly the Buzzard was encroaching too closely on the Sparrowhawk's nest. There was some excitement for a while that we had seen a Goshawk, rather than a Sparrowhawk, which would have

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been a first for a number of us, but the consensus was that, as it was somewhat smaller than the Buzzard, it was a Sparrowhawk.

Into the woods and we were able to see a number of Pied Flycatchers using the many nest boxes available to them and then down at the stream by the centre there were a couple of Grey Wagtails and a Great Spotted Woodpecker in the trees above the centre.

Further on in the wood, we were fortunate to be able to catch glimpses of a Redstart. Unfortunately, we did not manage to see the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Mark, who helps at Yarnier Wood, told us that it had been recently disturbed at its nest site and had moved elsewhere in the wood.

All in all, once again it was an enjoyable walk and our thanks go to Mark for leading us so expertly.

**Steve Manktelow**



***Pied Flycatcher - Steve Manktelow***

### **Morning walk - Steps Bridge, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

A cool, cloudy morning greeted the 17 of us who met at Steps Bridge in the beautiful Teign Valley. On the plus side, we missed any showers, however the cool conditions and the recent wet and windy weather did not encourage too many woodland birds to show. Nevertheless, we had a very pleasant walk through up the woods with good views of the valley from the top and heard Skylarks singing in the adjacent fields above, before we descended and returned along the valley.

In the woods there were brief appearances by Chiffchaff, Chaffinch, Blackcap, also Great Spotted Woodpecker and Nuthatch. A Buzzard also flew over for a period, perhaps also helping to ensure that the woodland birds kept a lower profile than usual. Perhaps the highlight was to watch a Pied Flycatcher using a natural hole in a tree rather than using one of the many bird boxes in the wood.

Back in the valley we had views of Grey Wagtails, but despite river levels recovering due to the recent rain, Dippers were notable by their absence.

All in all, it was an enjoyable walk and it was good to welcome newcomers to our group who had seen our walk advertised on the Rivers and Moors Festival website. Thanks go to Chris for leading us.

**Steve Manktelow**

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### Full Day's Walk - Bennett's Cross - 20th June 2026

It was good to welcome some visitors in the 14 strong group which met at the little car park near Warren House Inn on Dartmoor on a pleasant morning.

Walking down towards the valley we were thrilled to have good views of Whinchat flitting between some small trees. In the same area a Tree Pipit delighted us with his parachuting display flight. We also had a brief view of a Cuckoo in flight. An excursion into the forest at Soussons produced several species of the small birds which one might expect in this habitat, such as Coal Tits and Siskins. We could hear many more than we could see, as was particularly the case with Willow Warbler which we heard frequently during the walk but which proved elusive to see.



**Whinchat - Leo**

Surprisingly little was seen as we walked around Challacombe Down, but things livened up as we approached the farm. We stopped for lunch by the little pond where Swallows and House Martins were flying low over the water just in front of us. We were joined by some rather pretty hens, no doubt used to sharing some picnic goodies!

Interestingly, we noted that the House Martins were using both natural and artificial nests on the farmhouse, also that battens were affixed to the house wall to give support for the natural nests, thereby making them more secure.

As we continued our walk from the farm a Raven gave a display of 'barrel rolling' above us.

Again, more bird song than sightings until we neared Headland Warren when Abbie spotted a white arse! No, not human, but a Wheatear. As many of you will know, the old English name referred to the white rump, very noticeable in flight. Whilst having expected to see this species earlier, we now saw several, feeding on the ground.

We headed uphill from Headland Warren, returning to the car park across moorland on a section of the Two Moors Way, accompanied by the songs of Skylark.

Many thanks to Steve for leading this very enjoyable excursion, during which we saw or heard 38 species. Thanks also to Dave, who identified the butterflies, dragonflies, etc which we saw and to Jonathan for co-leading.

**Pat Thomson**



### Evening Visit to Bovey Heathfield – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

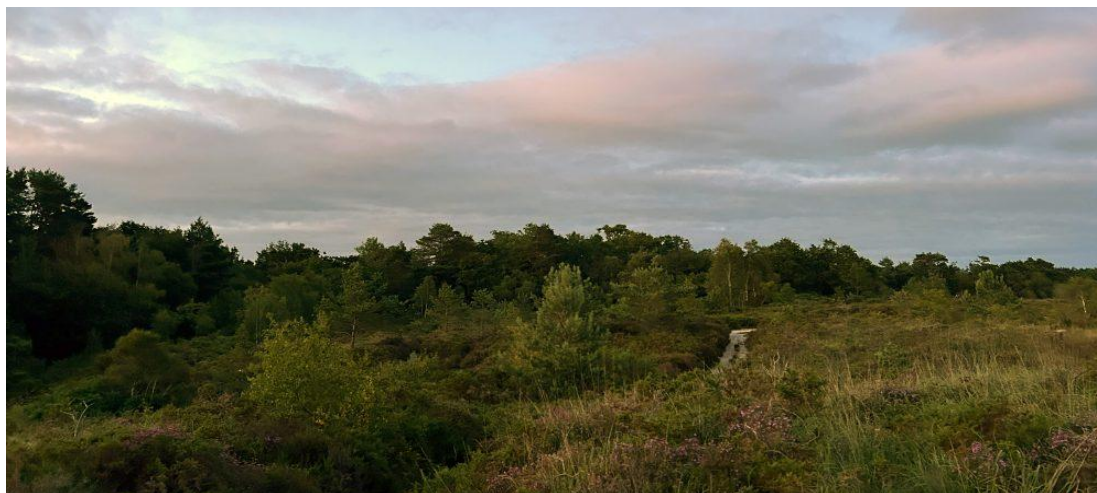
16 members of the group plus the two leaders Jacqui and Claire met at 9pm at the entrance to Bovey Heathfield reserve. Some of our number who came from Exeter had to cope with an unexpected main road closure enroute but managed to find a way to the venue.

It was still quite light as we slowly made our way up the lane and along the main path of the reserve, the moon having been full on the previous night was not due to appear until around 10.30pm. We heard a Yellowhammer calling and managed to see it, then stood for a while watching a family of Pied Wagtails acrobatically jumping around the heather, catching flying insects. We were also fortunate to

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see a Wheatear sitting on a bush in front of this performance. Stonechats and Skylarks were heard as we walked along and we had fly-bys from Herring Gulls, Swallows and Crows.



***Bovey Heathfield at dusk***

It gradually became darker and cloudier around 10pm when we reached the vantage point at the top of the reserve. We quickly saw our first Nightjar which suddenly took flight from the nearby undergrowth, having probably been disturbed by our presence. We had to wait about 20 minutes longer before we could clearly hear the churring and odd contact calls being made before other Nightjars started to forage for moths in flight, with some flying almost directly over the group. It is always a slightly mysterious and thrilling experience to see these birds flying silently overhead in the gloom and the sight was appreciated by the group.

As we made our way back along the main path, we were fortunate enough to see 4 female glow worms glowing in the bushes waiting to be discovered by the flying males of the species. To say they helped to light our way back would be an exaggeration, but they were a welcome sight!

***Claire Savaryn***

### **Morning walk - Aylesbeare Common – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

It was already fairly warm as our group of 12 members set out from the car park at Aylesbeare Common, looking forward to possible sightings of heathlands birds, including the Dartford Warbler and possibly Yellowhammers. A few Goldfinches were spotted in the car park.

After crossing the busy main road, we soon reached more tranquil heathland where we enjoyed our first sightings of Linnets and Stonechats. A few obligingly stayed on their perches or hovered about long enough to give us a chance to identify the differences in the males and females of each species. As the walk progressed, we realised that a Stonechat perched on a twig or some gorse sometimes seemed to be a sign for nearby Dartford Warblers. However, you needed to be quick and in the right place to catch sight of them. That said, by the end of the walk, everyone had had the chance to get good views of at least one Dartford Warbler. A result!

A Great Spotted Woodpecker in flight, a Buzzard, a Kestrel and the odd Swallow or House Martin graced the skies as we walked. Then looking down, we enjoyed the challenge of identifying the various butterflies that accompanied us. They included the bright yellow Brimstone, Gatekeeper and Grayling, to name but a few.

When we reached the ponds at the lower part of the common, we were entertained by a wide variety of dragonflies. We pooled our knowledge to make a guess at the different species which we believed

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to include an Emperor Dragonfly, Azure Damselfly, Large Red Damselfly, Keeled Skimmer and Black Tailed Skimmer.



***Emerald Damselfly - Steve Manktelow***

Towards the end of the walk, our delight at spotting a Yellowhammer turned into disappointment as we realised that it was too yellow and too still to be anything but a stem of gorse sticking up above the heather! Many thanks to Steve for leading this very enjoyable excursion, during which we saw or heard 23 species.

***Karen Adriaanse***



## **INDOOR MEETINGS – LOOKING BACK**

### **Return of the Osprey**

**An illustrated Zoom talk by Ralph Todd - 22 April 2026**

Ospreys became locally extinct as a breeding bird in the UK by the early 20th century, mainly due to persecution by landowners and gamekeepers who saw them as a threat to fish stocks. However, in 1954 two breeding Ospreys from Scandinavia nested by Loch Garten in Abernethy Forest, Cairngorms National Park, and Ospreys have nested there ever since. In 1979, there were fewer than 15 breeding pairs in the UK – all in Scotland. Today, however, there are an estimated 300–400 breeding pairs, including around 25–30 in England and Wales.

Ralph Todd, a leading ornithologist and volunteer for the RSPB over many years, reflected on the great conservation success story by the RSPB to increase Osprey numbers. He and his wife spent many separate weeks as volunteer wardens at Loch Garten over many seasons and described the role that volunteers have played in enabling Ospreys to breed successfully. These migratory fish-eating birds of prey return each spring (late March to August) to breed on Scottish lochs after wintering in West Africa. He told the history, changes and developing story through a typical week, the return of the Osprey as a breeding bird, the protection they have been afforded, as well as the conservation issues surrounding them. He also gave an update on current Osprey projects.

The talk was illustrated with photographs of the beautiful habitats, scenery and wildlife within striking distance of the reserve.

***Diana Chambers***



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## The RSPB's longest serving volunteer has dedicated 60 years of his life to bird conservation

Nigel Hewitt first volunteered with the RSPB in 1966 during a break from studying for his A levels when he helped to protect Ospreys.

Hewitt, 77, has a special place in his heart for the [Cirl Bunting](#) which was almost lost in the UK, and had helped manage their habitats at the Labrador Bay and Ashill nature reserves in Devon while also being involved in the Red-Backed Shrike project on Dartmoor. Fellow birder John White said: "His knowledge is unbounded. He loves it. He'll talk for ever about birds."

Hewitt showed the BBC around the reserve at Ladrador Bay, near Shaldon and said the small finch-like Cirl Buntings, which were once common on farmland on southern England but are now on the [conservation red list](#), "don't want to be very obvious". He added: "They just want to quietly get on with producing young, feeding them in the nest and not being seen." More than 1,000 pairs were recorded in the last national survey in 2016 and they are mainly found in south Devon, with a reintroduced population in Cornwall, the RSPB said.



Hewitt said: "They're a great little bird. Because we're saving this place specifically for [Cirl Buntings](#), we're also creating habitat for lots of other birds." He said he got the volunteering bug during "a wonderful time" helping Operation Osprey when he helped protect the first pair of Ospreys to breed in the UK for more than 100 years. "We were guarding the Ospreys 24 hours a day, so we had schedules where we did different shifts on different days. "We sat in a

hide with telescopes and various hearing systems to protect them." "Sadly, there had been numerous attempts by people to chop their nesting tree down and steal the eggs. I thoroughly enjoyed the task, and it was the start of 60 years of volunteering."

Throughout his school holidays and later during a 30-year career with Barclays, he volunteered in a range of roles with the RSPB. He said: "Maybe I shouldn't admit this, because you think ultimately people volunteer because they want to do something good or give something back, but for me initially it was the opportunity to get closer to the birds and nature. "Just being with wildlife, seeing wildlife, understanding wildlife, whether birds, mammals or insects, is mentally very good for me."

RSPB volunteering development officer Tim Hughes said: "Few individuals can demonstrate such sustained commitment, breadth of impact and enduring legacy as Nigel." Hughes added: "He has helped achieve some of the biggest successes in species recovery, notably for Cirl Buntings, while also strengthening the volunteer culture across the RSPB through his positive, dependable guidance and expertise."

Hewitt said: "The pleasure of seeing a bird that you know you've done work to protect gives me so much satisfaction. "You get the chance to just get out and do things. It's a wonderful chance to give something back to the world."

He added: "And if I can volunteer for another... well, I won't do another 60 years, that's for sure. But David Attenborough is 100, so I could still be pottering around then."

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**2026 Annual General Meeting of the RSPB Exeter & District Local Group**

7.30 pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 at St Thomas's Church Hall

**Agenda**

1. Introduction and apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 2025
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Group Leader's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Officers
7. Any other business

**RSPB Exeter & District Local Group****Minutes of the AGM held at St Thomas's Church Hall, Exeter, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 9.05pm****1. Introduction and apologies**

Steve Manktelow welcomed 27 members to our AGM. He reminded us that members were eligible to vote for the election of officers and Committee members under item 6.

Apologies for absence had been received from Tom and Jenny Ingram, Jonathan Pearce, Jennifer Coombes and Sara Gant.

**2. Minutes of the AGM 2024**

These had been circulated in the Group Autumn Newsletter 201 and some copies had been tabled for the AGM. They were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Acting Group Leader's report**

Steve Manktelow delivered his report. It was accepted and will appear in the next Group Newsletter. Proposed: Angela Mather; Seconded: Brian Thomas

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Angela Mather delivered her report. It was accepted and will appear in the next Group Newsletter. Proposed: Richard Farr; Seconded: Mike Sanderson.

**6. Election of Officers**

The list of nominees for election was as follows:

Group Leader: Steve Manktelow (position currently vacant)

Group Secretary: Helen Baker

Membership Secretary: Jonathan Pearce (replacing Steve Manktelow)

Indoor Meetings Organiser: Diana Chambers (replacing Richard Farr)

Outdoor Meetings Organiser: Vacant

Displays Organiser: Martin Chambers

Newsletter Editor: Liz Saunders

Social Secretary: Jane Thomas

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Angela Mather, the Group Treasurer was elected for a term of five-years at last year's AGM.

Under the terms of the new constitution for local groups, all committee members may be elected for terms of up to three years. It was suggested that all officers be elected for a three-year term but they can, of course, stand down earlier.

Group Leader: Steve Manktelow: proposed Richard Swinbank; seconded Helen Baker. Carried nem con.

Group Secretary: Helen Baker: proposed Richard Farr; seconded Jane Thomas. Carried nem con.

Membership Secretary: Jonathan Pearce: proposed Angela Mather; seconded Richard Swinbank. Carried nem con.

Indoor meetings organiser: Diana Chambers: proposed Helen Baker; seconded Marilyn Steel. Carried nem con.

Outdoor meetings organiser: vacant

Displays Organiser: Martin Chambers: proposed Chris Steel; seconded Angela Mather. Carried nem con.

Newsletter Editor: Liz Saunders: proposed Steve Manktelow; seconded Richard Swinbank. Carried nem con.

Social Secretary: Jane Thomas: proposed Richard Farr; seconded Tina Lunt. Carried nem con.

## 7. Any Other Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

### Nomination slip for election to RSPB Exeter & District Local Group Committee

Please return by 22nd September 2026 to: Steve Manktelow, Blackdown Cottage, South View Road, Willand, EX15 2QH or mail to: [manktelowsteve@gmail.com](mailto:manktelowsteve@gmail.com)

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed committee role: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, please give the names of two local group members who support this nomination, with signatures. Proposers & nominees may confirm via email, rather than signing a physical slip.

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Local Group Secretary and Outdoor Meetings Coordinator Vacancies

After 2 years as our Secretary and many more as our Indoor meetings organiser, Helen Baker, wishes to step down. Helen has done a fantastic job serving our group and the RSPB in so many ways and from us all I want to thank her for all she does and continues to do. **Please consider seriously whether you could step up and become our next Secretary.** Please let me know directly or by sending in your nomination. Please contact me, if you want to know more details. We also still have the position of Outdoor Events coordinator to fill. Again, I would welcome any help you can give and can let you know more details about this and/or the Secretary role. Thank you.

**Steve Manktelow**

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# 100 Club

Congratulations to the  
following winners

The latest £25 prize draw winners are:

Ms H Baker

Mr & Mrs Swain

Ms E Hughes

*Anyone can be a winner; you don't need to be Local Group member.  
Spread the word.*

## GROUP CONTACTS

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**Goldfinch – photo Chris Gill**

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