



The first North of England Curlew Festival will take place at Bolton Castle from 2nd to 4th of June 2017.

The event aims to celebrate our local curlew population and raise awareness for their plight throughout the UK. All ages and levels of interest and experience are welcome.

The weekend will include a series of optional family friendly activities, from guided curlew safaris to an art exhibition, poetry, music and also some talks and training for those with an interest in getting more in-

involved in conservation.

The weekend is being organised by environmental journalist and writer Karen Lloyd; Mary Colwell, who walked 500 miles to raise awareness for curlews and since helped set up the Irish Curlew Task Force and Slimbridge Curlew Conference and is hosted by Tom Orde-Powlett.

Charities including The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, British Trust for Ornithology, Wader Quest and independent conservationists will all be present to share their knowledge and experience.

To book places on any of the activities, please email tom@boltoncastle.co.uk or call Bolton Castle on 01969 623981. For enquiries relating to the art exhibition please email Karen Lloyd at info@karenlloyd.co.uk.

Weekend Time Table

Friday 2nd	Saturday 3rd	Sunday 4th
0900 – 1630: Curlew Pulli Ringing 1000 – 1200: Curlew Safari 1000 – 1200: Children/Families writing & curlew illustration workshop 1000 – 1630: Photography of curlew and other wildlife	0900 – 1630: Curlew Pulli Ringing 1000 – 1200: Curlew Safari 1000 – 1200: Adults' writing 1000 – 1200: BTO Volunteer Survey Training 1000 – 1630: Curlew & moorland bird Photography	0800-1100: Possible Curlew Sound Recording with Peter Cowdrey of Planet Birdsong. 1130-1330: Ring Ouzel walk & talk
1400-1630 : River Walk 1400-1630: NW/Cumbria Meeting	1230-1430: Adult Curlew Illustration 1300-1600: Children's Activities 1500-1730: Afternoon Tea & Talks (Booking essential)£10 1500-1515: Mary Colwell (UK & Ireland) 1515-1545: Ringing or GWCT 1545-1600: Wader Quest (Global Waders) 1610-1625: RSPB (Trial Projects) 1630-1645: BTO (National Picture). 1645-1700: Young Conservationists (3 Peaks Motivation).	
1800-1930: Private Viewing of Wildlife Art, with drinks & Talk by GWCT (£10). Booking advised, but can turn up on the night. From 2000 - CAMPING OPTIONAL (Numbers on moor limited, please book)	1800 – 1900: Poetry Recital & Planet Birdsong Music on moor (Meet West Moor Track (on map), 4x4's drive to lunch hut, shuttle runs in Boughton for others). 1900 Barbeque (£10) From 2000 - CAMPING OPTIONAL (Numbers on moor limited, please book)	





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Activity	Cost	Meeting Place	Highlights	Guides	Comments
Curlew Safari <i>Booking Advised</i>	£5	Castle Car Park	Hope to see: curlew, lapwing, ring ouzel, skylark, redshank, oystercatcher, red grouse, meadow pipit, wheatear, Merlin, kestrel, buzzard, greylag, Canada, mallard, Wigeon, teal, tufted, snipe.	Tom O-P & Ian Sleightholm	Transport provided and approx 2 KM walking over uneven ground.
Writing & Curlew illustration workshops <i>Booking Advised</i>	£10 (per adult or per family)	Great Chamber	Highlights: professional writer Karen Lloyd (http://karenlloyd-writer.co.uk) & artist Fiona Clucas (http://www.fiona-clucas.co.uk) .	Karen Lloyd & Fiona Clucas	Notepad and pencils provided
Curlew Pulli Ringing <i>Booking Essential</i>		West Moor Track	Likely to include curlew & lapwing, plus possibly other wader chicks.	Jill Warwick & East Dales Ringing Group	Bring packed lunch, sturdy footwear and wet weather clothes.
Curlew Photography <i>Booking Essential</i>	£30	Castle Car Park	Chance to be placed in hotspots to view and photograph Wensleydale's abundant birdlife, with photographer Andrew Robinson, who has been photographing curlew locally for decades.	Andrew Robinson	Transport provided.
River Walk <i>Booking Advised</i>	£5	Mill Farm Car Park	Guided by estate ghilly Brian Towers from local beauty spot Redmire Falls to Rodbox Wood, through ancient woodland, hoping to see dippers, kingfishers, sandpipers, oystercatchers, nuthatch, pied and spotted flycatchers, woodcock, and more.	Brian Towers	Sturdy footwear. Approx 5 km.
NW/Cumbria Meeting	Free	Great Chamber	Join Karen Lloyd and other interested parties to discuss the situation and a way forward for curlew recovery in Cumbria.	Karen Lloyd	
Curlew & Wader Poetry Recital & Planet Birdsong			Taking place on the moor, hopefully to a background of calling and displaying birds. Everyone welcome, whether to recite or just to listen. http://www.planetbirdsong.org	Karen Lloyd & Planet Birdsong	Shuttle runs from Carperby
Ring Ouzel Walk & Talk	£5	Apedale	Richard Wells has been studying ring ouzel here for several years and will guide you to some of our hot spots.	Richard Wells	
BTO Volunteer Training <i>Booking Essential</i>		Castle Car Park	Make your birdwatching count by taking part in BTO's Breeding Bird Survey.	Dave Hodgkinson, BTO Professional trainer.	

