

Date	Venue	Leader	Activity
7 Jan	WWT Slimbridge	Bill Francis	Wetland Centre tour
4-12 Feb	Winter Duck 18	Martin Routledge	WeBS
Mar-Apr*	Somerset Levels	Pete Evans	Field Meeting
12-19 May	Islay Mist	Team Knight	Field Meeting
Jun*	Orkney Is.	Keith Cowieson	JNCC Seabird Census
Aug*	Bird Fair and Catterick	Julia Springett?	Ringing experience
Nov**			Post AGM field meeting
Dec*	Somerset Levels	Pete Evans	Field meeting

\*Provisional as at Nov 2017.

\*\*Only if members are interested in it being held.

Seabirds Census 2018-19. Drs Alex Banks and Niall Burton, Natural England (NE) and BTO's Seabird Census coordinators respectively, have given the following update on progress on the delayed, national, periodic JNCC Seabirds Census:

A national Seabirds Census co-ordinator post has now been established. This will enable necessary coordination and mobilisation of volunteers like us, and allow allocation of specified seabird sites. Therefore, although some data has already been collected from regularly monitored seabird breeding sites in 2015-17 (by reserve wardens and the like), next year and the year after will allow us and fellow 'citizen scientists to be involved (and receive a modest element of funding too).

A similar scheme is planned to run in 2019. That said, all is still dependent upon funding from central government sources being made available. Dr Alex Banks, the Senior Environmental Specialist – Marine Ornithology from NE and our guest speaker at the AGM updated us along these lines.

Per Keith Cowieson in the 2017 AGM minutes.

