

Winter Lecture Programme January to March 2021

Jan 7 Martin Gilbert – Tigers of taiga forest

Martin is a veterinary epidemiologist based at The College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in the USA. He tells the story of his research to understand the nature and impact of canine distemper virus and the danger it poses to tigers, identifying ways the threat can be averted.

Jan 21 Stephen Westerberg – Whinchats at RSPB Geltsdale

Stephen is the Site Manager at RSPB Geltsdale. The site is a managed blanket bog which covers two thirds of the reserve. There is a good population of breeding birds on the site, with Whinchats breeding around the edges of the blanket bog. Alongside RSPB Volunteers he has set up a British Trust for Ornithology Retrap Adult Survival Project, which will be the focus of his presentation.

Feb 4 Tanya St Pierre – Get Cumbria Buzzing

Tanya will give members an insight into the Cumbria Wildlife Trust's (CWT) commitment to the Get Cumbria Buzzing Project. Due to the declining population of our wild pollinators, the CWT is working with local communities and other partners to take action against this decline across North West Cumbria. She will explain the steps being taken to provide a diverse range of habitats for us all to enjoy in the future, encouraging the public to make space for nature in our own environment.

Feb 18 David Thomason & Mandy Redburn – Cumbria on the Edge

I do not think David and Mandy needs any introduction to our members as they have been supporters of the Society for many years. Their latest presentation 'Cumbria on the Edge' will showcase some of the fantastic photography and the informative local knowledge they have acquired during their many outings in the County.

Mar 4 A short AGM followed by a presentation by our Chairman, Tony Marsh. Tony again should not need any introduction, as with David and Mandy he will be known to many of our members. His knowledge and superb photography will make for an entertaining evening.

All the above will be via Zoom due to the continued Coronavirus restrictions and will be restricted to members only. Tony will send out invitations to join the presentations the week of the due date.