

Wild About Perton

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We were joined by members of two other local 'Friends' groups, Bilbrook and Essington for the first wildlife walk of 2019 taking in both Upper and Lower Lakes before moving on to Smiths Rough and Dippons Lane.

Although the sky was overcast, the temperature was reasonably mild for early January and after the excesses of Christmas it was a pleasure to be out in the fresh air to enjoy the green spaces of Perton.



Upper Lake was busy with the usual avian residents, Canada geese, mute swans and moorhens and coots. Tufted ducks were plentiful and amidst the numerous mallards a new addition was seen, a gadwall, with delicately marked greyish plumage and a bold white flash of speculum along its side. The fence posts on the central island were all occupied by black headed gulls with

one single lesser black backed gull standing out due to its much larger size and startling yellow legs.

Alongside the path, daffodil spears are already showing well above the leaf litter where collared earth stars could be seen in abundance, the gentlest of touches against this curious fungus releases clouds of brownish spores into the air. Britain's smallest bird the goldcrest, flitted in the hedgerow while flocks of redwings, our Scandinavian winter visitors foraged the pasture alongside Dippons Lane. Following the River Penk flowing through the molehill studded green, we made our way back to the centre of Perton for well deserved refreshment!

The next walk takes place on
Saturday February 2nd 2pm from
Perton Library

