

The Hullbridge U3A Bird Watching Group  
Monthly Report by Roy Simmons



The visit to Abberton Reservoir EWT Reserve was on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. It was a fine summers day, ideal for a Bird Watch. The drive to and from Abberton was difficult with road closures and diversions. So to those who persevered thank you for making the effort.

We met at the reserve carpark and allowing for the traffic we moved off at 10:30, and drove to the "Causeway". Here we were greeted by a vast number of birds, in particular; Spoon Bills, Egyptian Geese, many species of Geese, a Ruddy Shelduck, and Barnacle Geese, flocks of Mute Swan and Little Egrets, and a Great Egret. several species of Gulls and Terns, Cormorants, and a fly by passing of a Peregrine and a Kestrel. I think that this was best visit since our Welney trip quite a few years ago. We must do it again for the benefit of those who missed this opportunity.

Next month's meeting will be on the 23rd July at RSPB Wallasea Island Reservoir, meeting in the reserve's Car Park and moving off at 10:00 hrs. The Sea Wall Path is good, but the reserve paths are grass and can be wet and muddy in bad weather. There is a "Portaloo" at the car park but there are no other facilities.

Location:- Wallasea Island, Rochford, Essex, SS4 2HD

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