



# NEWSLETTER

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## **2018 AGM of Friends of Hob Moor.**

Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm for a talk on the Freeman of York, 7.30pm Friends of Hob Moor AGM officially starts. Venue West Thorpe Methodist Church, West Thorpe. We will have a display and for the first time our Christmas cards will be on sale as well as our other Photo cards. Refreshments served after the AGM.

## **Committee Vacancies:**

We will have four vacancies on the Committee when we have our AGM and also a vacancy for an Events Co-ordinator (who phones and books our walk leaders) also (who would not need to be on Committee). Please seriously consider whether you could fill any of these rolls within Friends of Hob Moor. We would greatly welcome anyone coming forward. For more information and a nomination form please contact 01904 593788 or 07761085091.

## **Skylarks and Meadow Pipits.**

It has been thought that Skylarks no longer come and nest on Hob Moor. There has been a report of a sighting of a single Skylark rising and singing. We understand that Skylarks did disappear from Hob Moor but we are very keen to hear and encourage them back on Hob Moor. This is very much linked with the constant monitoring of how Hob Moor is land managed to enable the Skylark to return in numbers to nest. Please can any sightings of Skylarks be reported to Friends of Hob Moor who in turn will report the sighting to York City Council.

Meadow Pipits were present in numbers during the year and this is very encouraging.

## **Your Reporting Help:**

We would appreciate in future that if anyone sees any wildlife on Hob Moor, sightings of Meadow Pipits or Skylarks or in fact any wildlife of significance (foxes) that you contact the City of York Council via phone or email to report this. We desire that the council get to

know exactly the life that is sustained on Hob Moor. There has been some ignorance on the part of the Council as to exactly what wildlife habitats there are. Council 01904 551550; email [ycc@york.gov.uk](mailto:ycc@york.gov.uk) and asking to be put through to the Parks dept/Nature Reserve dept. Also, please message our website or Facebook. [www.fohm.org.uk](http://www.fohm.org.uk)

## **Are you interested in Meadows?**

The Ecology dept at City of York Council in conjunction with help from St. Nicks are launching a Project to monitor/count/record Meadow flowers and Grasses in North Lane and on Hob Moor. Called the **Meadow Keepers Project**. If anyone would be interested in learning more what is involved and joining this project we would be delighted to hear from you. Tel 01904 593788 or Mobile 07761085091 and your details can be passed to the relevant person.

## **Hob Moor School Planning Application:**

Plans have been submitted to City York Council for the creation of a new area of playing fields, wetland areas and timber walkways, erection of fabric shelter over outdoor class space. To view this in detail contact [www.planningaccess.york.gov.uk/applications](http://www.planningaccess.york.gov.uk/applications) with a reference number 18/01475/GRG3. At early discussions by Committee the concern is the Hob Moor boundary Hawthorn hedge and the little copse within the school grounds that we will be monitoring that this is not cut down and destroyed. The ridge and furrow protection it appears will not be open to the public but will be preserved for educational purposes within the school.

## **Keeping in touch:**

As you are hopefully aware new rules around data protection came into force in May and in order to comply with them we wrote to you asking for your permission to keep in touch. Thank you to all of you who responded either via email or post telling us that you still want to hear from us.

We do try and keep all our members informed as much as possible. As well as the twice-yearly newsletters that go out via email and in the post, we also send out regular emails with details of upcoming events and news. If you haven't been receiving these please drop me an email at [candic13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:candic13@yahoo.co.uk) and I'll make sure we have your most up to date details. You can also follow us on twitter @hobmoorfriends or on facebook.

## Events:

**Bird Walk** Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 6am Lead by Barry Bishop. Meet at the Yellow Railings entrance to Rail underpass.

**Litter Collecting** Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Bring garden gloves and if you have one then a litter picker. Litter bags will be provided. Continued thanks to our many volunteer litter collectors.

**Christmas Drinks for Hob Moor Dog Walkers** at the Cross Keys, Tadcaster Rd. Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm.

**Friends of Hob Moor Members Christmas Drinks** Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm at the Cross Keys, Tadcaster Rd.

**Sunrise Photo Shoot** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 at 7am (sunrise 7.26am) meet at the Yellow Railings entrance to the Rail underpass.

**Sunset Photo Shoot** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6pm (sunset 6.44pm) meet at the Yellow Railings entrance to the Rail underpass.

**Inspection Session on Hob Moor** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 10am All are invited to come and in two groups walk across the Moor and around the boundary to inspect in general the condition, wildlife and growth of the hedges, and to take photos. This is our way of together collecting any issues that are of concern to report back to City of York Council.

Thanks yet again to all our volunteer **Litter Collectors**, you do a great job.

We always welcome new members. To join please visit our website [www.fohm.org.uk](http://www.fohm.org.uk).

## Contact Friends of Hob Moor

Follow us on Twitter [www.twitter.com/HobMoorFriends](https://www.twitter.com/HobMoorFriends)

Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/FriendsOfHobMoor/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfHobMoor/?fref=ts)

Visit our website [www.fohm.org.uk/contacts](http://www.fohm.org.uk/contacts)

**Stephanie Luxton, Chair of Friends of Hob Moor** 07761 085091 or 01904 593788

## Useful contacts

**To report damage etc. urgently on Hob Moor (24 hrs) contact CYC: 01904 625751**

**To report motor cyclists on Hob Moor contact North Yorkshire Police: 101**

**To report dog problems:**

- If a dog bites a person, call the police and report the incident (101 for a non-emergency, 999 for an emergency)
- If a dog bites another dog, or any issues with people being harassed or intimidated by dogs, contact CYC: 01904 551551

**For removal of fly-tipped debris, litter, graffiti etc. contact CYC: 01904 551551**

**Members updates:** If you would like to be kept informed of news and events around Hob Moor we do have an email list. If you haven't been receiving these and would prefer a PDF copy of this newsletter as well as regular reminders of events then send your email address to the Friends of Hob Moor Membership Secretary at [candic13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:candic13@yahoo.co.uk)