

Northwest Reptile
Club

Newsletter

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NWRC

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Education, Conservation, Rescue



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WELCOME

What's occurring?

Summer Social Incoming!



Sunday 13th July, we host our Summer Social where we will serve BBQ and host our first NWRC sports day, as well and enjoy our reptiles.

13:00-16:00 @ Halls for All, Leyland. Keep your eyes peeled in the events WhatsApp group for further details.



CONSERVATION

The club attended our first conservation event of the year back in March. See below for a write-up from two of our club juniors as to their experience of the 2 days we did.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

What we have been up to
and what is on the way



What's Occurring

Reminder of key social dates for year: (All events Halls for All, Leyland)

Summer- 13th July- There will be a BBQ, and a sports day theme with events such as 3-legged race, obstacle courses, tug of war. Medals to be won- FUN TO BE HAD! Only £5 per member

Halloween- 26th October

Christmas- 7th December

Member meetings

First Thursday of every month- if you have any ideas of anything you would like to see at one of these meetings, a talk on a certain topic, a quiz etc.-(anything goes) then pop Phil an email on members@nwrc.club and let us know!



What else has the club been up to?

At this time of year, we often get lots of requests to attend educational events at Cubs, Scouts, brownies, youth clubs etc. and this year has been no exception. So far, since late March, we have attended 2 youth clubs, 1 brownies group, 1 photography group, 1 scouts' group and 1 squirrels' group with many more to come. These are not only important sources of donations for the club, but it is also a fantastic way to engage with future reptile keepers and members of NWRC.

Below are pictures from some of the events so far. If this is something you would be interested in helping with email Ian at secretary@nwrc.club (you do not need animals to attend and get involved)



CONSERVATION



Firstly, let us hear from Ethan!



In March, the NWRC members were given the opportunity to take part in the club's first ever Conservation Day!

I was keen to get involved in improving reptiles' habitat as I love the outdoors and getting to see reptiles in their natural habitat.

Before we got started, Mark the Ranger gave us a talk on the history of the Moss and the part it played in the war as well as the work that he and the other Ranger's do to ensure the reptiles that call this place home have what they need to thrive. I found

this particularly interesting as this has given me an awareness of a career opportunity that I had not thought of before.

After a quick health and safety chat I was let loose with hand saws and loppers taking down as many of the small trees as we could with the aim of providing the reptiles with basking areas, once the sun makes an appearance that is!

Safe to say that I enjoyed the day that much that I then put my name down to do it all again the following week.

Cannot wait until the next conversation day!



And also, from Izzy.

Hi, my name is Izzy. I am 10 years old, and these are my thoughts about my time at Risley Moss. We went over two weekends to help Ranger Mark do some conservation work. He first told us the history of Risley Moss and then showed us where we were going to be working. Then he showed us how to use some tools to cut down some trees. We cut down the trees to give the Adders that live in the area some better places to enjoy and get some sunlight. It was a bit gloomy and cold on the first week. We walked down to the area where we would be working and started to get to work. It was a bit tough, but we worked as a team and cut down loads of trees. We had some lunch halfway through and then after cutting down some more trees we went on a little tour in a different area to see if we could find some reptiles. We didn't find much because it was quite cold, but we found some frogs overall, it was lots of fun.



On the second week it was very warm and sunny. We met with Ranger Mark, and he told us what we were going to be doing. We went to a different area and cut down the trees, bushes, and brambles because there was no sighting of Adders in that area, so we wanted to clear some space for some habitats. We first went on a little walk, and we went on a tour to see some reptiles and there were lots of snakes and lizards to see. We saw Slow Worm Adders and common lizards. Then we got to work cutting down some trees in the new area. While doing all our hard work in the hot sun we saw some frogs in a little pond. It was hard work doing this in the hot sun, but we got through it together. We then all sat down for a lunch break but then got back to work we all took some water breaks because it was very hot and hard work. We cut down as much as we could and then finished cutting down everything. It was all lots of fun and hard work would love to do it again some time.



Other club news



Public events have started in earnest. We have already visited some of our friends from last year at Holgate's.' Caravan Park and Balshaw's High School. Both were extremely busy and great fun. We sadly had to cancel one event though due to lack of volunteers to help. We appreciate not everyone can't make every event but really appreciate every single volunteer that comes either for the whole day or the odd hour here or there. Every little helps! There are perks such as free entry to some of the great venues we go to such as AppleCast Farm where you can go explore the farm and it's attractions. One particular event we are looking forward to returning to is the Newbrough Fair 21st June- last year was epic with stalls, rides, a bar and about one thousand people. It was a brilliant day, and I cannot wait for this year.

Public events can be daunting if you have never done them, but you do not need animals, knowledge, or experience- come along hold an animal, meet some people, and mostly have FUN!

We have been asked by a couple of members about selling things at our events- as a reminder it is against club rules as a not-for-profit organisation for anyone to undertake sales or promotion of their own business at events where we are representing the club.

More Dates for 2025

21st June- Newburgh Fair
5th July- Broughton Primary
27th July- Creative Crafts (Wrexham)
3rd August- Creative Crafts (Lytham)
16th August- Mawdsley Village Fun Day
25 August- D&D Market (Liverpool)
13th September- Woodlands Animal Sanctuary



Keep your eyes peeled both on the events WhatsApp group and the club calendar and if you have any problems with accessing calendar contact Ian who will try and help.

Re-homing

The rehoming team have been busy rehoming a number of animals, from ball pythons to Leopard Geckos, Musk turtles and even a gorgeous Giant Day Gecko- the money we raise at events from donations helps (amongst other things) with the rehoming and costs such as vet bills to make sure all the animals are fit and healthy. Here are some of the animals we have rehomed this year so far!



Leonardo



Valtteri



Kara



Raphael

If you have any questions about anything to do with the club feel free to contact our Secretary Ian either via email secretary@nwrc.club or via WhatsApp 07483344879.