

The flora and fauna of Hunshelf Parish

The Parish of Hunshelf may, on the face of it, be much like any other rural/semi-rural area located on the fringe of a major northern city in the UK. That is certainly true, but if you look hard enough, you will find a diverse and interesting landscape incorporating broad leaved, mixed and coniferous woodlands, rivers and streams, cultivated farmland and grasslands and even some areas of upland heath.

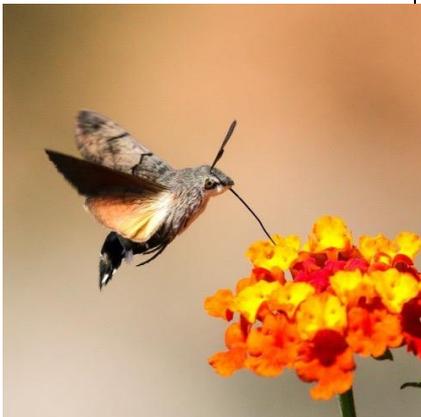
A wide variety of flora and fauna is present in the parish throughout the seasons and the “Nature Table” articles of the Hunshelf Chat have over the years focussed on some of these in order to share knowledge and provide parishioners with more opportunity to enjoy the environment that they are part of.

I was “brought up” on a Sheffield council estate in the 60s & 70s, which at that time was a nice place to be, but I still loved to visit the countryside each weekend and made many visits walking, birdwatching & fishing to the likes of Bradfield, Rivellin, Ewden, Strines & Underbank. Later in life I had the opportunity to move to a lovely village called Green Moor and my wife Mal and I have been here for over twelve years now. I have enjoyed writing articles for the nature table for a few years and you will have probably gathered I am interested in anything to do with nature and also a little obsessed with photography. As a long term RSPB member and Committee Member/E-Newsletter Editor for the Sheffield Bird Study Group (SBSG) you will find that my articles tend to be biased towards birds and birdwatching.

The articles I have produced for the Hunshelf Chat Nature Table are summarised below and are referenced to the Chat issue number which will be available in PDF form from the website.

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Ref	Title	Summary	Chat Issue	Photo
1	“Little Brown Job” – Hunshelf Birds (Part 1)	Birds of the Parish starting with Sparrows (image – Tree Sparrow)	Issue 74 Sept 2013	
2	Extremely rare insect found at Green Moor	A Hornet mimic Sawfly found in a garden in Green Moor was only the second ever record for Yorkshire	Issue 74 Sept 2013	

3	Hunshelf Parish Birds (Part 2)	Tits and Owls of the Parish (image – Willow Tit)	Issue 75 Dec 2013	
4	Invasion of the Tree Bee (bombus hypnorum)	Describing the expansion of this species throughout the (including Hunshelf) since its first appearance in 2001	Issue 75 Dec 2013	
5	Hunshelf Parish Birds (Part 3)	This edition covers finches found in the area (image – Goldfinch)	Issue 76 Mar 2014	
6	Hunshelf Parish Birds (Part 4)	This article covers the Warblers found in the Parish (image – Willow Warbler)	Issue 77 Jun 2014	
7	Hummingbird in Green Moor?	The occurrence of the Hummingbird Hawk Moth	Issue 78 Oct 2014	

8	Watch out for winter visitors	A description of the species of birds that can be found in the winter months (image – Waxwing)	Issue 79 Dec 2014	
9	Spring is around the corner	An article covering the spring arrival dates for common migrant birds in the Sheffield area (image – Swallow)	Issue 80 Mar 2015	
10	Obsession, disease or both?	The scientific study of Lepidoptera (moths & butterflies) – Moths found in the Parish (image – Buff Ermine moth)	Issue 81 Jun 2015	
11	Avian Pox in Green Moor	Article covering the spread of avian pox in the countryside and evidence of the disease at Green Moor	Issue 82 Sept 2015	
12	The Red List	Garden bird species that are currently found on the RSPB's threatened red list	Issue 83 Dec 2015	

13	RSPB – Big Garden Bird Watch 2016	Article covering the World's largest bird survey and the results from 2015 (previous year) (image – Starling)	Issue 84 Mar 2016	
14	Lead ammunition and the risks to wildlife	Legislation covered by the EU chemicals regulations (REACH) and the findings of the University of Oxford (image – Mute Swan)	Issue 84 Mar 2016	
15	£1,000 reward offered as more birds of prey are illegally killed in the Peak District National Park	Reward offered by the RSPB. Derbyshire Police are looking for information relating to the killing of an Osprey and a Buzzard (image – Common Buzzard)	Issue 84 Mar 2016	

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