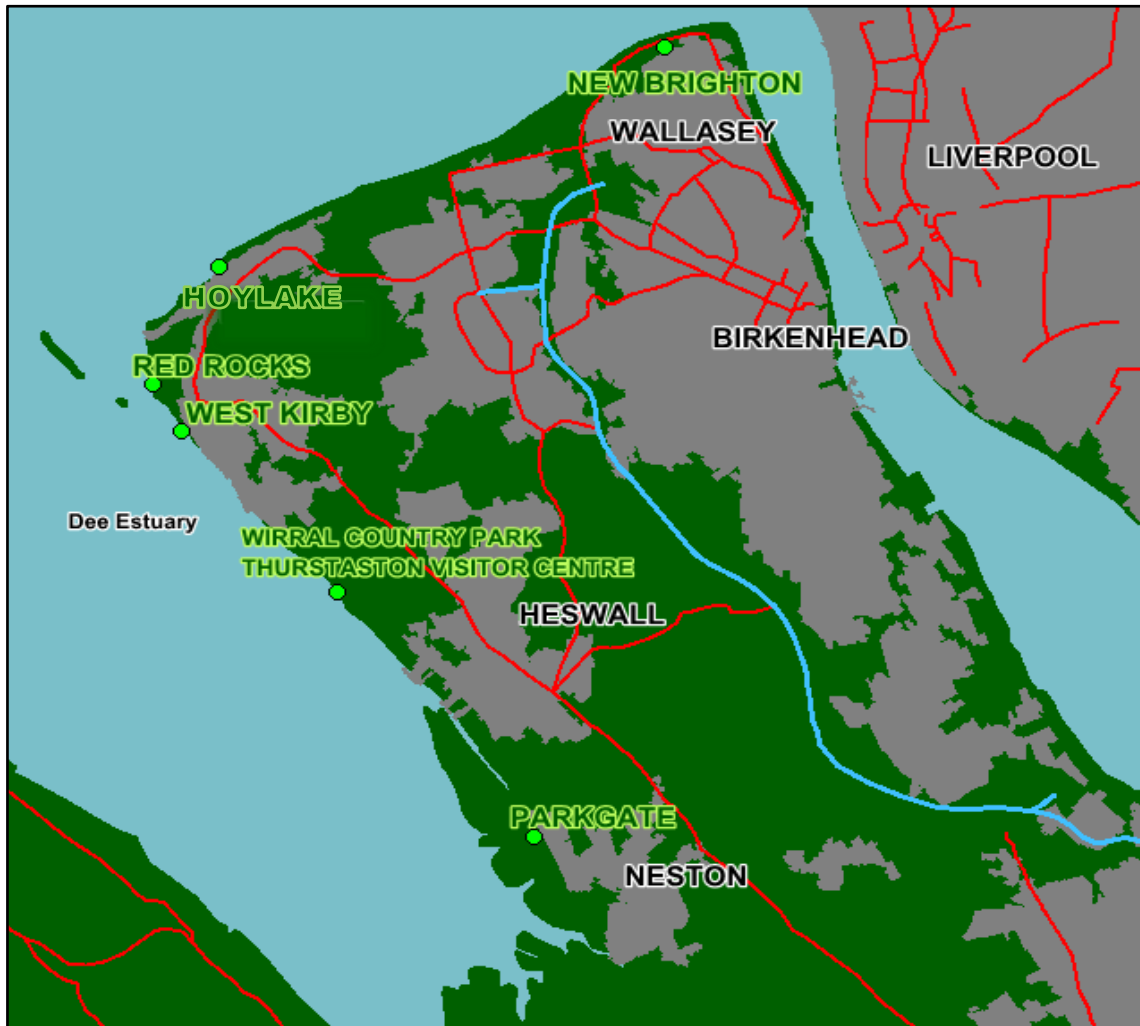




# WIRRAL WADER FESTIVAL Sat 14<sup>th</sup> and Sun 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Join us for the UK's first wader festival!



**Where: Thurstaston Visitor Centre**

**Time:** 10am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday

**Parking:** Wirral Country Park, Thurstaston CH61 0HN

**Where: West Kirby and Red Rocks Nature Reserve**

**Time:** 11am – 2pm Saturday, 11.30am – 2.30pm Sunday

**Parking:** Dee Lane and along the Promenade (South Parade), West Kirby (CH48 0QG) and Stanley Road, Hoylake (CH47 1HZ)

**Where: Hoylake**

**Time:** 11am – 1pm Saturday, 11.30am – 1.30pm Sunday

**Parking:** Hoylake Promenade, (North Parade) (CH47 3AL)

**Where: New Brighton**

**Time:** 11am – 1pm Saturday, 11.30am – 1.30pm Sunday

**Parking:** King's Parade and Marine Promenade (CH45 2PB)

**Where: Parkgate Nature Reserve**

**Time:** 3pm until dusk Saturday and Sunday

**Parking:** Old Baths Car Park, Parkgate (CH64 6RN)

(Nearest post codes used)



## Wirral Country Park, Thurstaston Visitor Centre

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

### **Meet Alan Davies and Ruth Miller of *Birdwatching Trips with The Biggest Twitch***

- Join them for a wader watch on Thurstaston beach at low tide in the afternoons.

### **Live art demonstration by Robert Parkin**

**Kids' painting competition** - Winning entries from both days (prizes to be announced) will be displayed at the North West Birdwatching Festival at Martin Mere.

### **Art events at Shore Cottage Studio (located on Thurstaston beach)**

- Saturday: Design and make a wading bird scarf (booking only)
- Sunday: Drop in and create a laser cut wading bird greetings card

### **Second-hand wildlife book sale**

- Ken Mullins Books
- Garrick Books

### **RSPB Optics and Cheshire Wildlife Trust merchandising for sale**

**Wader exhibit** - from the World Museum Liverpool and the British Natural History Museum, London.

### **Birdwatching Magazine and Wader Quest stands**

**Rockcliffe Raptors** - see birds of prey up close (Saturday only).

### **A series of short talks**

- Wader Quest – Community Wader Conservation (Sat 2pm)
- Matt Thomas – Shooting Waders (Sat 2.45pm)
- Alan Davies and Ruth Miller - The Biggest Twitch (Sat 3.30pm)
- Allan Conlin - Wader Identification (Sun 2pm)
- David Clare, Liverpool University - Wader Food in the Mud (Sun 2.45pm)
- Scott Reid - Digiscoping (Sun 3.30pm)

**Creatures in the mud** - (Sat and Sun 1pm - 3pm) examining the creatures that live within the mud flats.

**Raffle** - A great variety of prizes to be won.

**Films showing all day in the theatre** - (when talks are not taking place).

**Beach-cleaning** with Heswall Soroptomist beach cleaners on Thurstaston shore (Sunday only 1.30pm start).



[www.waderquest.org](http://www.waderquest.org)  
[www.deeestuary.co.uk](http://www.deeestuary.co.uk)

## West Kirby / Cheshire Wildlife Trust Red Rocks Reserve

Sat 11am – 2pm, Sun 11.30am – 2.30pm

**High tide bird watch** with the *Dee Estuary Voluntary Wardens* as they protect wader flocks on the beach and have the opportunity to get a close look at the birds through telescopes. You can also learn more about Red Rocks Nature Reserve from the *Cheshire Wildlife Trust*.

**Live wader roost webcam** in the Wirral Sailing Centre car park, Dee Lane.  
- there will be a chance to watch a live wader webcam with images from Little Eye island

There will be opportunities to brush up on your SLR/bridge camera skills.

**Wildlife walk at Red Rocks** with *Cheshire Wildlife Trust* (starting at 1pm Saturday and 1.30pm Sunday. Meet at Wirral Sailing Centre car park CH48 0QG).

## Hoylake

Sat 11am – 1pm, Sun 11.30am – 1.30pm

**High tide bird watch** with the *RSPB* and *Dee Estuary Voluntary Wardens*

From the promenade nine species of wader are regularly seen and it's a chance for you to brush up on your identification skills. If you don't have a telescope there will be some provided.

## New Brighton

Sat 11am – 1pm, Sun 11.30am – 1.30pm

**High tide bird watch** with the *RSPB*, *Wirral Council Rangers* and *Cheshire Wildlife Trust* at the pontoons on the Marine Lake.

**Learn how to digiscope birds** (Sunday only)

**Meet the *New Brighteners***, a local beach cleaning community group.

Afterwards warm up in the *Caffe Cream* with a 'Wader Warmer' or at the *Floral Pavilion*.

## RSPB Parkgate

Saturday and Sunday 3pm until dusk.

Dusk birdwatch - Old Baths Car Park  
The possibility of seeing Hen Harriers and Short-eared Owls.