



## NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

#### IN THE BAG! - What we've been up to...



On the **3<sup>rd</sup> May** RECORD and CMI! teamed up with the [Cheshire Mammal Group](#) (CMAg) at the stunning [Nunsmere Hall Hotel](#) in Oakmere – a familiar location to those who attended the CMI! Fungal Foray last year. Best not dwell on their ridiculously indulgent cream teas!



On the **9<sup>th</sup> May** ([Pond-Life](#)) CMI! ventured over to Reaseheath College to take a 'warts and all' dip into the lives of some of Cheshire's pond-dwellers. Andy Harmer ([Cheshire Active Naturalists](#)) delivered yet another informative and entertaining session, assisted by Rachel Hacking and Joel from OPAL. Many thanks to all!

OPAL have produced a fun, informative, interactive and FREE! water quality survey pack, based on the identification of key plants and animals. To order your free copy visit: [OPAL](#)



On the **19<sup>th</sup> May** Sarah, Eric, Paul and I spoke to Zoo members about working with our native wildlife species, both on site at Chester Zoo and throughout Cheshire ([Chester Zoo Native Species](#)).

RECORD has since acquired some valuable wildlife data as a result. Success!



On the **22<sup>nd</sup> May** RECORD/CMI! and CMAg celebrated International Day for Biodiversity ([IDB](#)), along with other local conservation organisations, at The Cheshire Region Biodiversity Partnership ([CrBP](#)) event at Delamere. A fabulous day! Lots of interactive activities and lots of wildlife records – not to mention the glorious weather! – oops! just did ☺



The **26<sup>th</sup> May** was Liverpool Bay Marine Recording Partnership (LBMRP) training day at Formby. We are awaiting ID confirmation for a 'critical' crab species – very exciting! Will keep you posted (not the one in the photo). CMI! will be the first to trial the key on the 11<sup>th</sup> July at our [Beach Party](#).

## TOTALLY TOPICAL!



THE RSPB [Make Nature Count Survey](#) gets underway on the **5<sup>th</sup> June** and runs until 13<sup>th</sup> June – a familiar process for those who already take part in their January Birdwatch – except this time they are particularly asking for House Martin sightings – and mammals too. Visit the website to download your recording sheet.



On the **22<sup>nd</sup> June** RECORD will be donning their 'best bib and tucker' and hitting the red carpet for the photo competition presentation ceremony at Eaton Park. The name of the winner will remain top secret until the big night. Winners and commended entries will be published on the website after the event.



On the **20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June** CMI! will be celebrating [National Insect Week](#) which runs from the **21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June**. See event details below. Click on the NIW link for free downloads.



On the **22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June** RECORD and CMI! will be at the Cheshire Show, so why not drop in and say hello? Great opportunity for you to bring us your wildlife photos to ID.



Otters are back from the brink of extinction! – largely due to improved river water quality and banning of pesticides. The Cheshire Region Biodiversity Partnership ([CrBP](#)) have captured this success story with the help of amateur film-maker Ron Thomas. The rare footage can be viewed on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheCrbp>

### REMINDER!



Mountains and Molehills: Habitats in Cheshire, opened at the Grosvenor Museum on the **22<sup>nd</sup>** and runs until **30<sup>th</sup> August**. For more information email: [grosvenormuseum@chester.gov.uk](mailto:grosvenormuseum@chester.gov.uk) or tel. 01244 402033

## ALERT!

BELOW IS A LIST OF OTHER WILDLIFE SURVEYS YOU MAY LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN:

[ADD AN ADDER](#)  
[BBC BREATHING PLACES LADYBIRD SURVEY](#)  
[BEAGLE PROJECT](#) – European schools biodiversity survey  
[BEE SCENE](#) – Schools and youth groups  
[BIG BAT MAP](#)  
[BIG SEAWEED SEARCH](#)  
[BIRDTRACK](#)  
[BUGLIFE](#) - Various  
[CONKER TREE SCIENCE](#)  
[EVOLUTION MEGALAB](#) - Snails  
[GREAT BRITISH SNAIL HUNT](#)  
[GREAT STAG HUNT](#)- beetle  
[MAKE THE ADDER COUNT](#)  
[MARLIN SEALIFE SURVEY](#)  
[MIGRANT WATCH](#) - Birds  
[MOTHS COUNT](#)  
[NATIONAL AMPHIB IAN SURVEY](#)  
[NATIONAL REPTILE SURVEY](#)  
[NATURES CALENDAR SURVEY](#) - various  
[PLANTLIFE WILDFLOWERS COUNT 2010](#)  
[U.K's WILDEST HIDE AND SEEK](#) - Wetlands  
[UK BUTTERFLY MONITORING SCHEME](#)  
[UK LADYBIRD SURVEY](#)

**IF YOU TAKE PART IN OTHER WILDLIFE SURVEYS, PLEASE LET RECORD HAVE YOUR DATA TOO! See RODIS below.**

### **SPECIES OF THE MONTH**



**ELEPHANT HAWK MOTH** - *Deilephila elpenor*

See [RECORD/CMI!](#) website for details.



**BEE ORCHID** - *Ophrys apifera*

See [RECORD/CMI!](#) website for details.

**WE NEED YOUR RECORDS! – No matter how insignificant they may seem!**



We are constantly looking for new wildlife recorders throughout the Cheshire region - but particularly the Ellesmere Port, Crewe, Nantwich and Stockport areas. It's easy! Why not have a go? We can offer you the training

and support you need. [Contact us](#) for an informal chat. You can submit data online using [RODIS](#), by phone - 01244 383 749, email [info@record-lrc.co.uk](mailto:info@record-lrc.co.uk) or post to RECORD, Oakfield House, Chester Zoological Gardens, Chester, CH2 1LH. Why not send us your photos and we'll pass them on to our experts for identification? Don't forget to send RECORD your 'species of the month' sightings.

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## NEXT CMI! EVENT



20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – [INSECTS LEVEL 1](#) – BEGINNERS – NATIONAL WATERWAYS MUSEUM, ELLESMERE PORT

23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE – [INSECTS LEVEL 2](#) – IMPROVERS – CHESTER ZOO

## ALERT! JUNE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20<sup>th</sup> June – Syrphidae and other Brachycera workshop – Rocksavage – [CAN](#)

27<sup>th</sup> June – Macclesfield Canal Photoblitz – Congleton – [CAN](#)

### July dates to watch out for...

4<sup>th</sup> July – One Earth Festival – Bickley – [CWT](#)

11<sup>th</sup> July – [CMI! Beach Party](#) – Wirral Country Park

16<sup>th</sup> July – Moths for Beginners – [Risley Moss Nature Reserve](#) – 9pm til late – [mail@rimaq.org.uk](mailto:mail@rimaq.org.uk)

17<sup>th</sup> July – Odonata Day – Abbots Moss and Shemmy Moss – [CAN](#)

24<sup>th</sup> July – Identification and Survey Techniques of Dragonflies and Damselflies – Bickley – [CWT](#)

25<sup>th</sup> July – Bumble Bee Ecology and Identification – Bickley – [CWT](#)

31<sup>st</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> August – [National Marine Week](#)

Another month has passed and things are really 'hotting up!'. Gardens are alive with critters of all descriptions. Take a breather, relax in your garden and watch your wildlife go by. Then let us know what you spotted.

Back next month. Enjoy!

Karen ☺



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