

## Castle Acre – The Past is All Around Us

### Autumn and Winter Birds – Identification and Surveys.

**Friday 19 November 2021**

This activity will be delivered by Nick Moran, the British Trust for Ornithology's Training Manager. His role includes organising and delivering face-to-face training in bird identification and bird survey techniques, as well as producing and maintaining various online materials to support BTO volunteers and other birdwatchers. Nick previously worked in the BTO Surveys team running BirdTrack, the online system and smartphone app for logging bird sightings in the field.

Indoor Session 09.30 – 10.30

- Introduction to the birds of Castle Acre and the Nar Valley and their importance on a national scale.
- Learning how to identify birds, with a focus on farmland species.

Outdoor Session 10.30 – 12.30

- Outdoor walk and bird identification practice.

Lunch 12.30 – 13.15

Indoor Session 13.10 – 13.30

- An introduction to binoculars, how to use and choose them (\*NB binoculars are highly recommended for this event but will NOT be provided. Participants should bring their own/borrow some, if at all possible)

Indoor Session 13.30 – 14.00

- Listening to birds – the basics

Outdoor Session 14.00 -15.10

- Outdoor walk and bird listening practice.

Indoor Session 15.10 - 16.00

- How to take the next step: the importance of recording birds.
- Practical using BirdTrack; Garden Birdwatch and introducing other enjoyable surveys.

#### **Venue:**

This activity will take place at the village hall, Pyes Lane, Castle Acre PE32 2XB and around the village and by the River Nar.

The village hall is fully-accessible. Footpaths will be uneven and could be slippery.

#### **Timing:**

**Start Time 09.30**

Lunch 12.30 – 13.10

Finish Time 16.00

#### **Please bring with you:**

- Binoculars, pens and pencils and a notebook and a clipboard.
- Clothing (including waterproofs) and footwear suitable for practical work outdoors.
- Your lunch –please bring a packed lunch with you