

A Wass Moth Collector...

Dr Archie Heron, a previous inhabitant of Wass, was passionate about moths and butterflies throughout his life. He spent many years collecting daily data on the moths in Wass.

This type of data is of scientific interest as it helps to provide information about climate change. He also built up an extensive collection of specimens. On his death these were donated to York Museum.

This weekend, a small part of his collection will return home to Wass on loan from the museum.

We are grateful to all the speakers who have enabled us to broaden the scope of the weekend and to consider other aspects of our natural history; to Shandy Hall for the loan of display cases and to York Museum for loan of the moths.

We are also grateful to:

North York Moors and Coast LEADER project
Ryedale District Council
NY Moors Lime and Ice Project



Swallow Tailed Moth

Wass

Wass is a small village near Byland Abbey, nestling on the southern edge of the North York Moors.

All events will be held, and walks start from, Wass Village Hall, Wass Bank, YO61 4AX where some parking is also available.

Booking Info

All events and activities are free, although for some numbers will be limited and therefore booking may be advisable. Refreshments will be available on Saturday and Sunday from 11am until 3.30pm

For more information and booking for events please contact:

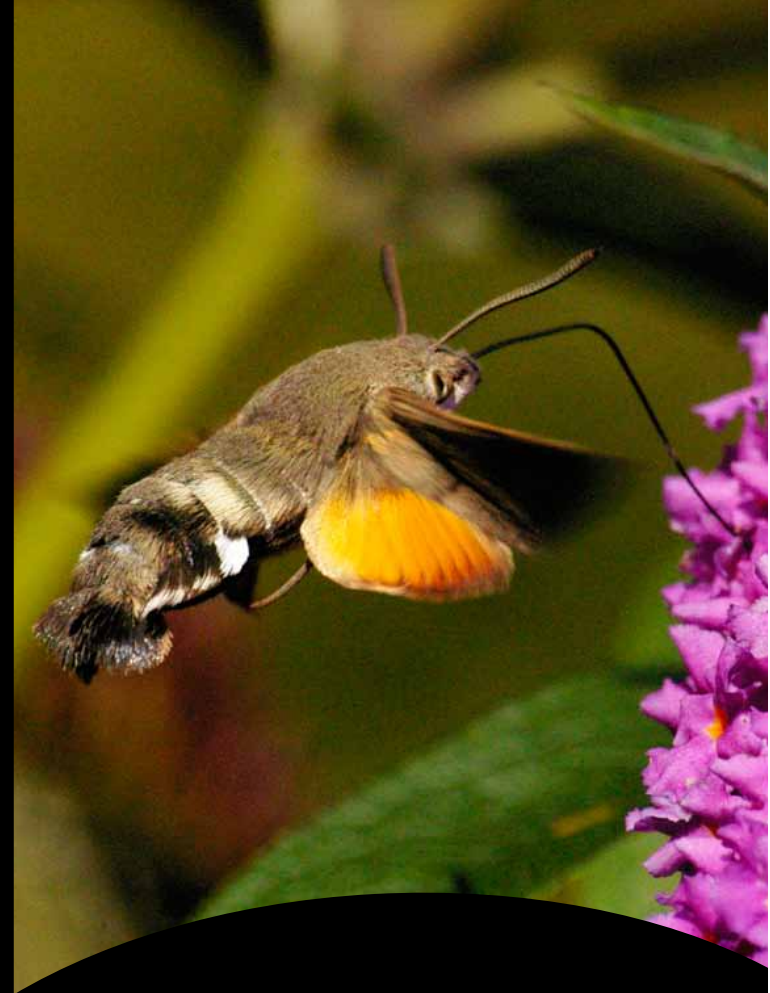
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Discovering Wass

A Natural History Weekend

Fri 27 April to Sun 29 April

Talks / Walks / Exhibits

FREE / Wass Village Hall



Events Programme

Friday 27th April

- 6pm Private Reception
- 6.30pm Opening of Exhibitions
- 7pm 'A Bat Talk and Walk' with Mr Simon Bassindale - NY Moors Ranger **B**
- 7.30pm 'An Introduction to Moths' talk followed by moth trapping. Dr David Chesmore

Saturday 28th April

- 10am Moths talk and release of any moths from the trap Dr David Chesmore
- 11am 'Birds of Wass' talk/local walk Mr Barry Bishop **B**
- 11.30am Wass Lodge Mr Giles Scott
An informal discussion looking at the architectural drawings of Stapylton Lodge, planned but never built
- 2pm 'Smallholding with Shetland Sheep' talk Mrs Heather Mundall

- 3pm 'The Flora of Roadside Verges' A walk with Mrs Jill Magee **B**
- 7.30pm 'Moths at Shandy Hall' talk followed by setting of a moth trap Mr Patrick Wildgust

Sunday 29th April

- 10am Moth trap checking Patrick Wildgust
- 10.30am 'Birds of Wass' talk/local walk Mr Barry Bishop **B**
- 11am – 1pm Rocks and Fossils display Mike and Benedicte Windle NE Yorkshire Geology Trust
- 1pm Dragonflies talk Mr Keith Gittens
- 2pm Local Geology walk Mike and Benedicte Windle **B**
- 3pm 'The Flora of Roadside Verges' A walk with Mrs Jill Magee
- 4pm Closing of Exhibitions

B Booking advisable

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Local artist Laraine Simpson works in oils, pastels, watercolours, and a variety of drawing materials. She is a 'Fine Arts' painting graduate of Central St Martin's, London, and will be working as Artist in Residence on Saturday and Sunday to inspire us with some images of the weekend. During the residency Laraine will be exploring the beauty of the shapes, patterns, colours and textures of the specimens on display using a mixture of traditional and experimental creative techniques.

Laraine will also run short workshops to help anyone who wishes to develop their artistic and observational skills. Spaces are limited so book early! If you do wish to participate please remember to bring along your own preferred art materials although there will be a limited supply available in the workshops.

- Saturday 10.30 - 11.15am **B**
Children's Art Workshop
- Sunday 10.30 - 11.15am **B**
Open Workshop
- Sunday 2.00 - 2.45pm **B**
Workshop for adults