

NWT Breckland Local Group, report from Fiona Roat, Treasurer and Vice Chair

The group is a committee of 10 NWT members who organise walks and talks for the public, in order to promote the Trust and its work and hopefully raise some funds. The group works under affiliation with NWT and is bound by their rules and regulations. This meant that due to NWT wishing us to hold events only on their premises in the latter part of last year to March this year, we did not manage to start up again after Covid, until a talk in March on the Wildlife of Costa Rica. People still seemed understandably cautious of indoor public meetings and it was a small audience. Since then we had a guided walk at Frenze Beck Nature reserve, Diss. This is managed by The River Waveney Trust, again not overly well supported, but it is a bit out of our area.

The end of this month we have a fully booked evening at East Wretham looking for Nightjars and other night creatures, led by a Trust member of staff. In June we have a walk to see wild flowers in Saham Toney, led by Jo Jones of Breckland Flora Group. They work alongside Plantlife, Natural England and Forestry Commission England to preserve the rare Breckland plant species.

The events are promoted by NWT on their website and via members leaflets and emails and I use local publications.