

## Lavell's Wetland Trust (LWT) Bird News - LBN on WhatsApp

LWT members can subscribe to receive news of rare/uncommon bird sightings - **This service is ONLY AVAILABLE ON SMARTPHONES using WhatsApp, any member can join for a subscription of £2.00 year.** The service is administrated by Fraser Cottington. WhatsApp other benefits include 1:1, or 1:Many instant messaging and free high quality phone calls to anyone else on the group or anyone else you know using WhatsApp.

WhatsApp states there is an approximate charge of 65p per year after the first year, if in doubt please read their terms and conditions <https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/>

To get on the group you must first download and register WhatsApp, upon receipt of your £2.00 donation (per year) you need to ensure we have your mobile number, you will receive a message notifying you when you have been added to the LWT WhatsApp bird news group. NOTE: Joining the group means your mobile number is visible to the other members of the group, but not your name, unless you are already in their contacts.

**Joining** - First time new members to LWT can subscribe when registering via our [become a member](#) page.

**Adding LBN** - If you are already a LWT member, you can simply subscribe by going to our [donate page](#) and use the reference LWTLBN. Existing members can also go to the [Member Services](#) page (requires your [LWT login](#) and subscribe from there.

**Renewal** - If you need to renew your Bird News Subscription and pay using Paypal, simply log in and hit donate £2.00, as you are logged in the system can track your payment to your membership. If you do not use, or wish to use Paypal, please contact the Membership Secretary via

**Subscribing** - Can be done at the same time as joining LWT for the first time, or added after. If Paypal is your preferred payment method, log in to LWT and then use the subscribe button below.

- If you have any trouble logging in, you can still use Paypal by making the £2 annual subscription and putting your name and mobile number in the "Instructions to seller" box and using the reference LavellsWetlandTrust
- or sending the [application form](#) and a cheque for £2 to The Treasurer, Lavell's Wetland Trust, c/o Dinton Pastures Countryside Service, Davis Street, Hurst, Reading, RG10 0TH.
- or, if you renew your subscription by Paypal or by standing order, you can add the Lavell's Bird News (LBN) service by adding £2 to your subscription. Please complete the [application form](#). The service will start immediately we see payment and you are running WhatsApp.

### LBN WhatsApp Rules:

1. The group chat is for Dinton, Lavell's and Lea Farm bird news ONLY, but can include local news of relevance, such as a sighting of something exciting flying in our direction, or nearby.
2. Asking where a bird is, was last seen, or just inquiring if it still present, are all permitted
3. Bad language, or mocking any individuals posts are unacceptable
4. We are not a social media platform and do not want the news thread to become cluttered with thumbs ups, emoji's or other banter. If you like something, direct message the person
5. Please refrain from using the thread to have 1:1 discussions about other subjects, it is easy to accidentally send a message to the group
6. Do not share the locations of bird nests unless they are obvious and in full view. We ask this to protect the birds from any avoidable disturbance, or thoughtless actions
7. It is acceptable to send links to other sites to share bird and other wildlife photographs, blogs, or other sites, but not on a daily basis. Please understand we accept no responsibility for the content on any shared links
8. Breaking the above rules once means a one warning, continued improper conduct will result in you will be removed from the list

**Members' Area login instructions** Go to [www.lavells.org.uk](http://www.lavells.org.uk) then click members login

Put in your email address as your username, Click "lost password" Follow the instructions for setting a new password

### **Email preferences**

Beyond our GDPR data protection obligations, we are keen for LWT better inform you know about events and wildlife sightings relevant to your specific interests. So we will send out the occasional 'tick box form' so for example, if you love Butterflies and someone photographs a Purple Emperor at Lavell's, by ticking the 'Butterflies & Damselflies' section in 'your interests' you will be notified, when such things happen. It might be something as simple as the first Brimstone, or perhaps with birds, the first Swallow, Cuckoo, or Swift. Similarly if you want to know about our work parties, or our monthly, or annual dawn chorus guided walk, we can do that automatically, but only if you complete your email preferences.