



Friends of
Holt Island
Nature Reserve

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The Friends Group
is a voluntary
organisation dedicated
to the promotion and
protection of Holt Island,
Wilhorn Meadow and
the Thicket in St Ives for
the enjoyment of all.

The Islander

Newsletter of the Friends of Holt Island Nature Reserve

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT

As we move into Spring, and look forward to the Reserve opening for the new season on April 6th, we thought you might enjoy having a look at some of the flora and fauna seen on the Island over the last year. So much goes on in our tiny seven acre space!

Next time you visit our website holtisland.org try out our little fun quiz we gave to visitors at the Community Fair in the Corn Exchange. The answers are there as well, just in case!

Many thanks to Susan Limentani and Nigel Spowell for their wonderful contributions.

TWEETS FROM HOLT ISLAND



Garden Warbler
Photo: Nigel Spowell



Treecreepers
Photo: Susan Limentani



Remember to ADOPT-a-BOX!
Great Tits from 2018, Box 22
Photo: Susan Limentani



Sedge Warbler
Photo: Susan Limentani

UP ABOVE AND DOWN BELOW



Common Darter
Photo: Susan Limentani



Scarce Chaser
Photo: Susan Limentani



Brown Hawker
Photo: Susan Limentani



Female Banded Demoiselle
Photo: Susan Limentani



Southern Hawker showing camouflage
Photo: Susan Limentani



Candlesnuff Fungus/Stag's Horn Fungus
Photo: Susan Limentani



Teasel
Photo: Nigel Sprowell



Rose Hips
Photo: Nigel Sprowell

SOME MORE TWEETS



Bluetit with a yellow face caused by pollen staining
Photo: Susan Limentani



Kingfisher (male)
Photo: Susan Limentani



Goldcrest
Photo: Susan Limentani



Goldcrest (male juvenile)
Photo: Susan Limentani



Goldfinch
Photo: Susan Limentani



Sedge Warbler
Photo: Susan Limentani



Garden Warbler
Photo: Nigel Sprowell



Grey Heron
Photo: Nigel Sprowell

PARENT BUG

AN ARTICLE BY SUSAN LIMENTANI

A clutch of final instar nymphs of the Parent Bug (*Elasmucha grisea*) found on an Alder leaf. 42 little shield bugs all neatly gathered in a creche and protected by the adult female since the eggs were laid. The adult Parent Bug is brown in colour and common around hawthorn, birch and alder. Holt Island Nature Reserve (August).



Alder leaf beside alder cone



Clutch of 42 fifth instar nymphs



1mm squares

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