

Cambridge Society of West Cheshire and North Wales

The Secret Life of Chester Zoo Nature Reserve

Venue and Date - Via Zoom – Wednesday 19 January 2022, 5pm

Cost - £5 per household

THE SECRET LIFE OF CHESTER ZOO NATURE RESERVE



Five years ago at Chester Zoo, an agricultural field with a history of use for grazing or silage was turned into a mosaic of flower-rich meadow, ponds, reedbeds and wet meadows. This expanded the tiny woodland that had been planted some years early in one corner of the field as the beginnings of a Nature Reserve.

Since then, the animals and plants arriving and taking advantage of this new space have been regularly recorded, and this talk focuses on the changes that have taken place as wildlife has quietly moved in. The monitoring programme focuses on plant diversity, dragonflies, butterflies, birds, bees, wasps and hoverflies, and the presence of each and how they are using the site gives us more information about the changes that are happening and the management of the reserve. The talk will provide a virtual visit to the reserve at various points across the spring and summer, introduce you to some of the vast network of plant and animal lives being lived out there, and give an insight into the process of gathering information.

Join Chloe Aldridge, Monitoring Officer at RECORD, Cheshire's Local Environmental Records Centre, as she talks about her work on this project, in partnership with Chester Zoo's UK Conservation team, and learn more about how the habitats on the nature reserve are providing space and opportunities for a range of the UK's native wildlife.

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Reply Slip –Chester Zoo Nature Reserve – please reply by Friday 14th January 2022

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