

Coming of Age 1976-2026 Rutland Water and the Balfour~Browne Club



Both celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2026. Here is a chance to improve the beetle species list on this iconic aquatic reserve. It is surprisingly under-recorded but we would like to support recent efforts that show it to have great potential, especially with finds of *Hydrophilus piceus* moving westwards, *Macroplea mutica* at its furthest inland location and the Nationally scarce *Bembidion quadripustulatum*. The last Club meeting in the area was in 1985!



Rutland Water is the largest man-made water body in the UK with over 17 miles of shoreline if you want to walk or cycle that far. The reserve is about 1000 acres managed by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust (L&RWT) and while it has had great publicity with the Bird Fair, the 8 large lagoons and 30 plus ponds are available to explore with water, mud and vegetation to find lots of beetles. It will still be the bird breeding season at this time of year and there will be Schedule 1 waders present like Avocet and Little-ringed Plover, therefore we will try to minimise disturbance, for example by dipping/searching on the scrapes but examining trays/specimens away from the edges.

We will meet at the Anglian Water Birdwatching Centre for 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 20th June. Your hosts will be Tim Sexton and Beth Fox from L&RWT and Kev Rowley from ACCT.

- Address: Egleton, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8BT
- Grid Reference: SK879071 What3Words ///stamp.newsprint.ditching
- You can read more and get a map of the area at <https://www.lrwt.org.uk/rutland-water>
- There is a wide range of accommodation available around Rutland Water, easily accessed online.

If you intend to come please let Kev know by e-mailing kevrowley@live.co.uk. This meeting will be joint with CoSoc and is in addition to the Club Meeting at Carrick-on-Shannon, Ireland in May. Note also the possibility of a meeting in Vienna in 2027.