



# SWT Clyde Members Centre Newsletter

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**CHANGES:** This edition is given over to details of change within Clyde and Glasgow & Clydeside Members Centres and will be distributed to members of both MCs. Future editions will revert to Clyde members only.

## BOUNDARY CHANGES

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### CHANGES BY POST CODE REDISTRIBUTION

Glasgow & Clydeside (to be known now as GLASGOW Members Centre) will take over the following post code areas from Clyde: G41, G42, G43, G44, G45, G52 and G53. These areas are all in the South side of Glasgow.

### REASONS FOR CHANGE

The area covered by Clyde MC ranges over nine local authorities - all of North Lanarkshire, East Dunbarton and East Renfrewshire, most of Inverclyde and Glasgow, and some of West Dunbartonshire, Argyle and Bute, and Stirlingshire. Glasgow and Clydeside MC works within the area formally known as Glasgow & Clydeside Support Group, which covers Glasgow North of the River Clyde.

For Clyde, this has meant that it has been impossible for our small committee to represent our members as we would have wished, the area being too large and far-flung.

For Glasgow & Clydeside it has meant that the opportunity to expand committee, events and membership was difficult, being limited to a small area.

Both committees felt that, by implementing some boundary changes and re-shaping our respective "patches" by a more appropriate dispersal of post codes, there would be scope to improve our effectiveness in representing our members. ●

## Letter From Ruth Llewelyn, Chair of Glasgow MC

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**FOR MANY YEARS** there has been confusion in members' minds about the overlaps between "Clyde" and "Glasgow & Clydeside". In one way there is no confusion since we are all members of SWT and may take part in, or offer services to, any SWT activities. There is, however, a certain logic in putting Glasgow as a whole into one Members Centre with, we hope, an expanded committee.

At present our committee works very hard to come up with an excellent programme of excursions and talks, to raise funds for the Trust, and to examine planning applications for their potential effect on wildlife. We also take part in active volunteer work at Loch Ardinning and Possil Marsh, and have provided input to the recently published Partick Wildlife Trail. We enjoy what we do, but there is so much more we could achieve if we had a larger committee. We are frequently asked to provide support and wildlife advice for local events such as school gala days and local park open days, but we cannot attend as many as we would like.

I'm sending out an appeal in this newsletter for those members who would like to participate and have a little time to spare to get in touch with me (see contacts above). This could be as little as participating in occasional volunteer work or putting up posters in your local library or, if you have a little more time, joining our friendly team on the committee. ●

## CLYDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- There will still be a full programme of walks and talks within the Kirkintilloch / Bearsden areas.
- Cumbernauld Naturewatch Group events will continue as usual.
- A new Watch group for children aged between 5 and 10 is now operating in Kirkintilloch. If you wish your child to join, please get in touch at [admin@clydeswt.org](mailto:admin@clydeswt.org).
- We would like to see Watch groups in the following areas: Balloch, Dunoon, Cumbernauld, Kilsyth, Paisley and Kilmacolm. If you are interested in leading or helping form a group in any of these areas, please get in touch by contacting [chair@clydeswt.org](mailto:chair@clydeswt.org).
- We would like to be able to inform our members by email of some of the important news from the Trust, such as Allan Bantick's bulletin and the work of the Conservation Committee, which is currently only available to Members Centre committees. If anyone wishes to receive these and other communications from us, please let us know by contacting [admin@clydeswt.org](mailto:admin@clydeswt.org).
- Our events programme can now be found on our website, [www.clydeswt.org](http://www.clydeswt.org), or in the little booklet distributed with the main magazine.
- We welcome news and wildlife sightings from your area for the next newsletter and also on our website blog. Please contribute to making a success of your Members Centre by emailing [admin@clydeswt.org](mailto:admin@clydeswt.org).
- We need more Committee members living within East Dunbartonshire to help us with our new projects. If you are interested, please contact us at [chair@clydeswt.org](mailto:chair@clydeswt.org).
- Future editions of this newsletter will reflect the new boundary for Clyde MC.
- CONTACTS FOR CLYDE MC: as above, or telephone Patricia Stewart on 0141 775 3850. ●

## GLASGOW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The Glasgow website is [www.swtglasgow.org.uk](http://www.swtglasgow.org.uk) and here you will find details of our committee and of the excursions and talks planned for this season. You can also find photos taken on previous outings.
- For those who would like to take an active role in support of the Trust's aims, we are hoping to offer volunteer days at Possil Marsh Reserve soon.
- By joining our email database (by contacting the Chair – see below), you will receive regular reminders of upcoming excursions and talks, and information about fund-raising/volunteer days.
- CONTACTS FOR GLASGOW MC [chair@swtglasgow.org.uk](mailto:chair@swtglasgow.org.uk) or telephone Ruth Llewelyn on 0141 576 2151. ●

## ATTENTION CLARKSTON AND DISTRICT MEMBERS OF CLYDE

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**G46, G74, G75, G76, G77:** We are holding a "Wildlife Question Time" evening on Monday September 20th at Clarkston Lesser Hall, to which all members in that area are cordially invited. We look forward to having the opportunity to meet you and also to ask you if you think there may be scope to form a new group, and what form that group might take. Further details of this will be in your local press, libraries, etc. nearer the time, as well as on our website. ●