CROFT GRASSLAND/WOODLAND BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

11th May 2018

A breeding bird survey was carried out on Croft Grassland Local Wildlife Site on 11th May 2018.
The survey was carried out by members of Warrington Nature Conservation Forum members to assess the wildlife potential of the grassland now turned woodland site.

The woodland covers an area of 3Ha (approx.) and comprises a range of broad leaf trees of around 10 -15 years of age with a number of more mature trees – mainly oak, along the eastern edge.
An area of scrub was also noted along the east side.

The breeding bird survey (BBS) used the standard BTO species identification codes and broadly followed the BTO methodology based on territorial behaviour or singing male. The survey commenced at 7.30am and finished around 10am and followed the path route around and through the woodland itself.

The survey revealed the presence of 14 potentially breeding species in the woodland, two of which were summer migrants. Based on territorial activity the results of the BBS (pairs) were:

Robin [R.]	8	-	Dunnock [D.]	2	-	Wren [WR]	5
Bullfinch [BF]	1	-	Blackbird [B.]	2	-	Song Thrush [ST]	1
Goldfinch [GO]	1	-	Long Tailed Tit [LT]	1	-	Great Tit [GT]	1
Blackcap [BC]	1	-	Chiffchaff [CC]	2	-	Woodpigeon [WP]	1
Pheasant [PH]	1	-	Buzzard [BZ]	1			

In addition, and of note, a single Roe deer had recently passed through the woodland as indicated by tracks/slots left in mud on the path.

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