

The Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre was opened to the public in August 2022. Since then, the popularity of the building has gone from strength to strength. Visitor numbers continue to increase as more people discover the delights the reserve has to offer. We welcome visitors on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays and bank holidays offering a range of refreshments but the Visitor Centre offers so much more. For many it has become a social hub where friends meet and relax either inside the building or in the picnic area outside.

For all our visitors, whatever their level of mobility, we are able to offer leaflets and self-guided booklets providing information about the reserve, together with maps and photographs. This literature enhances the experience of discovering the diverse habitats within the reserve.

Colourful displays adorn the walls, many of which change according to the season. The building hosts illustrated talks for our members and several local societies, whose focus is on wildlife, regularly use the venue for their meetings.

Through our strong links with Calderdale College, we sometimes have wildlife themed merchandise available for a donation. We also have calendars available with a wildlife photograph taken on the reserve for each month.

We host bat nights and moth breakfasts at various times of the year, both of which are extremely popular with the public. Calderdale Children's Library Service visit regularly in the school holidays and the Visitor Centre becomes a hive of activity with children and adults engaging in craft activities following a book reading.

With the continued support of the public and the wonderful team of volunteers, the Visitor Centre will continue to be pivotal in the success of Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve.

Opening times

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays 10.00 - 16.00