**COURSE INFORMATION SHEET**



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| **Course Title:** Half-DayBird Safari - Filsham Reedbeds & Combe Valley | | | **Day/Date/Year:**  Monday 11 May 2020 |
| **Start Time:** 9.30am | | **Finish Time:** 1pm | |
| **Course Tutor:** | Mike Russell | | |
| **Course description and subjects covered** | Filsham Reedbed is one of the largest reedbeds in Sussex and is an important stopping off point for birds on both spring and autumn migration.  On this spring walk we’ll be looking out for our summer visitors and listening for the chatter of Reed Warblers and Sedge Warblers and the squeal of the Water Rail in the reedbeds.  Marsh Harriers are now regular visitors as are Bearded Tits. We will also continue on into the Combe Valley and a newly created country park which takes us through grazing land, wetlands and new ponds and scrub areas.  No previous knowledge or skills required, just enthusiasm! | | |
| **Meeting point / Venue address:** | We will meet in the Bulverhythe car park off the A259 at St Leonards, the entrance is opposite Bulverhythe Road, the postcode is TN38 8DY  Please look at Google maps for details of route. | | |
| **Other sites to be visited:** | Filsham Reedbed and Combe Valley.  <http://combevalleycountrysidepark.com/> | | |
| **What to bring:** | * Suitable clothing and footwear for being outside * Bring water, sunscreen and hat as we will be out in the open * Drinks, lunch refreshments for the morning * Binoculars and a telescope if you have one * A Field guide might be useful though leader will have one available | | |
| **Other Information:** | There are no toilet facilities at Filsham | | |
| **Public Transport:** | A number of buses pass along the A259 . Contact Traveline for bus services at [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk)  Nearest train station is West St Leonards. | | |
| **Accessibility:** | It is flat walking on uneven ground that may be muddy after rain. There are some stiles  We will be walking for 3-4 miles. | | |