**COURSE INFORMATION SHEET**



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| **Course Title:** Half Day Bird Safari - Lewes Levels & Newhaven Tidemills | | | **Day/Date/Year:**  Wednesday 26 February 2020 |
| **Start Time:** 9.30am | | **Finish Time**: 1pm | |
| **Course Tutor:** | Mike Russell | | |
| **Course description and subjects covered** | This is a two-site based safari. We will first visit part of the Lewes Levels to look for a range of wintering birds and can hold good numbers of wildfowl in wetter years. Also, we hope to see flocks of wintering thrushes, finches, larks and buntings while in some years Short-eared Owls overwinter.  We will then travel about 7- miles to Newhaven Tidemills for a short coastal birdwatch but specifically look for Purple Sandpipers, the most reliable site for this species in Sussex.  No previous knowledge or skills required, just enthusiasm! | | |
| **Meeting point/Venue address & nearest post code** | We will meet at the Monks House car park in Rodmell, post code BN7 3HF.  From the A27 turn south onto the Kingston-Newhaven road. At the village of Rodmell turn left immediately past the Abergavenny Arms and the car park is about 400 metres down the road.  Directions for Lewes Tidemills will be given on the day.  Please look at Google maps for details of route. | | |
| **Other sites to be visited:** | Two sites: Lewes Levels and Newhaven Tidemills. | | |
| **What to bring:** | Suitable clothing and footwear for the time of year.  Refreshments.  Binoculars and a telescope if you have one  A field guide might be useful though leader will have one available | | |
| **Other Information:** | Free car parking at both sites  There are no toilet facilities at either site. | | |
| **Public Transport:** | Contact Traveline for bus services at [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk) | | |
| **Accessibility:** | We will be walking on rough tracks which can be wet after rain and some grass tracks. At Newhaven we will be walking on shingle.  We will be walking for 2-3 miles. There are no seats or hides | | |