

## Tophill Low Trip February 2026

Chris kindly led this trip as I was busy on my course at Bishop Burton College making mink traps (yes, I'm visiting the dark side of habitat management).

With a great turnout of seventeen despite the cold and dull day, Chris had arranged an introductory talk from John Barnard from Yorkshire Water. He took the group to see a large tawny owl high up in a tree near the entrance. The strong wind meant the waves on the water obscured many of the birds, leaving just heads visible. The group walked as far as the new hide with its tremendous viewing platform (below).



Phil and Tricia sent the bird lists and the photos are from Chris:

Green-winged Teal		Wigeon
Goldeneye	Shelduck	Moorhen
Tufted Duck	Shoveler	Gadwall
Mallard	Coot	Greylag Goose
Canada Goose	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Blackbird
Great Crested Grebe	Robin	Woodpigeon
Little Egret	Greenfinch	Wren
Great Cormorant	Goldfinch	Carrion Crow
Mute Swan	Great Tit	Rook
Marsh Harrier	Blue Tit	Herring Gull
Kestrel	Long-tailed Tit	Pheasant
Tawny Owl		

