

## SOME USEFUL INFORMATION

Except for the 'Wild' day, the courses will be based in and around the Centre. The backdrops are attractive and we make every effort to provide you with close access to a variety of birds, nice natural settings and good light for your photos

### **These are the things you will need to bring with you:**

Your **camera**. If you are on a teaching day, when a photographer will help you with your camera settings, it may be important to bring the manual as well. This should provide us with faster access to good solutions but will also enable you to find those for yourself after the day is over. As for lenses – bring all you have. We can make the most of all kinds, but longer lenses – say from 150mm upwards may offer more creative potential.

If your camera does not have a built in flash, you might want to bring a separate unit but it is by no means essential and, out of doors, it is unlikely to be used.

The **battery charger** (and any spare batteries if you have them) will keep you up and running for the day.

**A tripod or monopod** is useful but not essential. Make sure that you have the mounting plate on which to screw the camera!

**Memory card(s)**. You will be surprised at how many images you collect – especially when photographing birds which can move at critical moments. It is best to bring as much memory as you can. A **minimum** of 4Gb is recommended, especially if your camera has a large sensor (12 Mp+) and/or a fast frame rate.

**A notepad** and something to write with is very useful.

Except for the Half Days, all our courses include lunch and morning coffee. However, if you are out for a couple of hours, especially on a hot day, or if off-site, a **bottle of water** can be very welcome!

We will be spending most of the time out of doors, so a camera bag and clothing appropriate to the weather is recommended. A couple of bin liners might come in handy for emergency waterproofing and for lying on the ground if your subject requires it!

If you have any questions, we are happy to help. We can be contacted via email: [info@icbp.org](mailto:info@icbp.org)