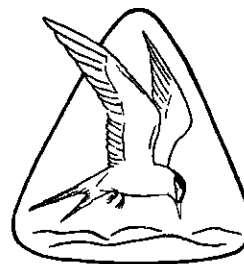


Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

Top Ten Facts



1. Established as a Local Nature Reserve in 1970.
2. It is 326ha. (805 acres) of SSSI with shingle ridges, saline lagoons, saltmarsh, reedbed, pits and grassland containing 3,713 species, including 93 Red Data Book species and 9 Red List breeding birds, including Grey Partridge, Skylark and Turtle Dove.
3. Nature Reserve has a Management Committee representing:
 - a. East Sussex County Council
 - b. Environment Agency
 - c. Sussex Wildlife Trust
 - d. Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve
 - e. Private Landowners
 - f. Rother District Council
 - g. Icklesham Parish Council
 - h. Rye Town Council
 - i. Sussex Ornithological Society
 - j. RSPB
 - k. British Association of Shooting and Conservation
4. 4 staff employed and part funded by East Sussex County Council.
5. 200,000 visitors a year, including 18,363 into information centre which was opened by volunteers for 2,170 hours in 2007.
6. There are 4 wheelchair accessible birdwatching hides with more than 9km. of paths suitable for some wheelchairs.
7. Friends group established in 1973 and now has 1,829 members and contributed £23,500 to the reserve in 2007.
8. Staff guided 74 public events and 38 educational groups in 2007.
9. All this cost £168,000 in 2007.
10. For more information visit www.WildRye.info

