

Swillington Ings Bird Group Locations

Astley Lake	As seen from the hide, from Swillington Park on the left to the new concrete path on the right bank.
Astley Lane	The road between Swillington and Great Preston/Allerton Bywater passing the main St. Aidan's site entrance.
Biffa Tip	The working landfill site behind Leventhorpe Ash Ponds.
Bullerthorpe Lane	Turn left off the A642 immediately after Swillington Bridge, this leads up to Temple Newsam woods and eventually to the A63 Selby Road.
Bullough Lane	Runs down from Rothwell Country Park to the canal.
Caroline Bridge	The third bridge downriver from the hide, near the far end of the main lake, across from Micklestown Ings.
Concrete Bridges	Between Skelton Lake and Knostrop, crossing the river and canal
Dolphin (aka Oulton)Beck	The stream running parallel to Fleet Lane at the far side of the set-aside fields – to the south west.
Eshald Lane Plantation	Along Eshald Lane which is first left along Fleet Lane after the last house coming from Woodlesford.
Fishpond Lock	The next lock back towards Leeds from Woodlesford Lock (also accessible from Bullough Lane).
Fleet Lane Plantation	On the left-hand side down Fleet Lane, before Water Haigh Farm
Fleet Lane Pond	The small area of water to the South of the railway line and east of Lemonroyd WWTW, with the Dolphin Beck flowing through it.
Fleet plantation	The U shaped wood at the base of Fleet Hill, following the canal and river upstream of the hide.
Fleet Lane set-aside fields	The two fields to the east at the top of Fleet Lane before the first house, now under cultivation so the name strictly no longer applies.
Goody Cross	The area at the junction of Goody Cross Lane and Whitehouse Lane just west of Great Preston and north of Little Preston
Hollinhurst Wood	The wood at the junction of Astley Lane and Bower's Row across from the main St. Aidan's site entrance. (behind the dragline from the hide).
Knostrop	The sewage works of that name (also spelled Knowsthorpe) and recently restored land (where Black-headed Gulls used to breed in a boggy marsh) to the west of the M1.
Lawns Farm	The farm to the south of Newsam Green Lane before the Biffa tip.
Lemonroyd	The area from Water Haigh Farm on Fleet Lane to the river by Lemonroyd bridge, including the Marina and Lemonroyd Lock.
Lemonroyd Bridge	The first bridge downriver from the hide, opposite the Marina.
Lemonroyd Lock	The lock where the river and canal meet.
Lemonroyd Plantation	Now named Water Haigh Plantation by Leeds City Council, the small wood across the canal from the Oil Depot, between the canal and railway line.
Lemonroyd WWTW	The sewage works next to Water Haigh Farm.
Leventhorpe Ash Ponds	On the north of the river, between Leventhorpe meadows and the Biffa Tip, currently out of bounds.
Leventhorpe Hall	The private dwellings behind Leventhorpe Hall Pond – the site of our largest (only) rookery.
Leventhorpe Hall Pond	The permanent pond in front of Leventhorpe Hall.
Leventhorpe (flood) Meadows	The fields to the west of Leventhorpe Hall Pond.
Leventhorpe Ox-bow	Part of Leventhorpe meadows, adjacent to the river.
Leventhorpe Plateau	The flat field to the west of the Biffa tip (including the slopes down towards Temple Newsam).
Leventhorpe Viewpoint	The raised area on the south of the river opposite the downstream gates of Woodlesford Lock.
Lowther Lake	The eastern-most part of the area, reached by following the footpath downriver from Caroline Bridge.
Lowther Ox-bow	The area between the river and Lowther Lake.
Methley Bridge	Also known as Shann House Bridge, the second bridge downriver from the hide.
Methley Copse	The small belt of trees at St. Aidan's just inside the fence at the north end of Methley Bridge.
Methley Triangle	The small copse at the north end of Methley bridge, between the river and railway line.

Newsam Green Farm Newsam Green Tip	The farm to the north of Newsam Green Lane before the Biffa tip. The completed and recently restored and grassed over area north of Leventhorpe Hall.
Old Astley Lane	The block off track past the Astley Lane riding Stables, joining the Coach Road behind Swillington Park.
Old Boathouse	Now burnt down and demolished, this was on the east side of the A642 just before the river bridge; the nearby plantations are now called Swillington Bridge Plantations by Leeds City Council.
Old Brewery site	Now the site of a housing estate, just east of the A642 north of the railway bridge.
Peasecroft Wood	The wood on the south edge of Great Preston.
Shann House Bridge	Also known as Methley Bridge, the second bridge downriver from the hide.
Skelton Grange Marsh	The pond on a concrete base at the site of the old (demolished) Skelton Grange Power Station, just upstream of Knostrop.
Skelton Lake	Previously part of the old Knostrop site, restored after opencast mining, adjacent to the river just west of Leventhorpe plateau.
Skelton Marsh	The area either side of Colton Beck from Pontefract Lane to Skelton Lake
St. Aidan's	Basically the 'old' Swillington Ings comprising the area between Astley Lake and Lowther Lake, now sub-divided into the areas below;
Eastern Reedbed	The area in the north-west corner between the hillside and the central pathway.
Western Reedbed	The area in the south-west corner between the channel and the central pathway.
Balance Reservoir	The pond behind Astley lake at the base of the hillside.
Channel	The canal-like water course between the riverside path and the western reedbed, running into Lemonroyd Lake.
Lemonroyd Lake	The pond between the river and the western reedbed, to the left of the causeway.
Causeway	Path heading north from Methley bridge, dividing Lemonroyd Lake from the Main Bay.
Main Bay	The largest area of open water, between the causeway and Caroline Bridge.
Ridge and furrow (Ings)	The flat area between the main bay and the hillside.
(Astley) Hillside	The hill behind Astley Lake and St. Aidan's.
Bower's Lake	The pond in front of the dragline.
The Dragline	The restored digger used to extract coal when the site was working
The Plantation	The newly planted area towards the top of the hillside, closest to the dragline.
Swillington Park	The area bounded by the river, the A642, the Coach Road and the west bank of Astley Lake, principally the lake viewable from the riverbank in Fleet plantation.
Swillington Ings	Historic name encompassing the areas now known as Swillington Park, Astley Lake, St. Aidan's and Lowther Lake.
Temple Newsam Woods	The woods either side of The Avenue from Bullerthorpe Lane to Colton Beck, including the Avenue Ponds (we do not include the House, Farm, Gardens or any of the land around them in our recording area.
Woodlesford Dredging area	the area between the canal and river just beyond Woodlesford riverbend.
Water Haigh Farm	The farm on the corner of Fleet Lane before the railway bridge.
Woodlesford Goit	The boggy areas either side of the path on the south side of the canal up from Woodlesford Lock.
Woodlesford Lock	The lock accessed off Pottery Lane in Woodlesford, near the new houses.
Woodlesford Riverbend	The area viewed from the viewing screen on the south bank of the river, about 200 yards upriver from Woodlesford Lock.