

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

The weather was very calm and warm for January which was in some ways counterproductive, colder weather would have been better. Very little was around other than the groups of Blue Tits and Great Tits. There were a number of Blackbirds feeding the wet muddy areas which cover most of the Island following the proloner flood.

There were a large number of gulls (mainly Black headed and a few Herring) feeding and loafing on Hemingford Meadow and using the Backwater to wash. There was also a Little Grebe.

A large number of small fish have been stranded under the boardwalk nearest to the Backwater. It is hope to catch them in the near future to return them to the river.

The number of black Squirrels have increased markedly and appear to be spreading out to neighbouring areas. They seem to be becoming the dominant sub-species in St Ives centre.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Totals
Wren			1		1
Dunnock		2		1	3
Robin		1			1
Blackbird	1		3	3	7
Long tailed Tit			1		1
Blue Tit		4		7	11
Great Tit		3		1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>



Black Squirrel



Young Bream

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