

### **Pegwell Bay Bird Hide**

Unfortunately the Pegwell Bay Country Park bird hide is closed due to vandalism. Due to its robust construction, the vandals failed to gain entry and the damage was less serious than it might have been. The local police have been most helpful and are investigating the matter. If birders see any persons behaving suspiciously in or around the bird hide in future please report it to the police immediately

**(Tel: 01843 231055 or 01622 690690)**

Once repaired, the hide will re-open to the public as normal and will be unlocked whenever the country park is open i.e. every day except Christmas Day from 8.30 am to 7.30 pm (or dusk if earlier) and all birders are of course very welcome to use it. Regrettably this incident, like others in the past, has underlined the need to keep the hide locked outside normal opening hours. We appreciate this is disappointing to those who may wish to use the hide either very early or late in the day and we are therefore looking at ways of making the hide more accessible to all birders at these times. Anyone who may wish to use the hide early in the morning, therefore, can now borrow a key from Morris Archer, the owner of the mobile café in the car park, providing it is returned on the same day. Morris is normally on site from about 6.30 am every day except Monday.

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