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WALK REPORT

CLITHEROE CASTLE GROUNDS

CLITHEROE, RIBBLE VALLEY, LANCASHIRE

DATE: 9 May 2026

TIME: Approximately 11:00 AM

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Overcast

HABITAT TYPES: Castle grounds, town park, semi-rural urban habitat

ROUTE SUMMARY

The walk followed the tarmacked pathways throughout the castle grounds, including several stepped sections around the elevated areas of the site. Despite the stairs, the route was relatively easy and suitable for a short wildlife walk.

WALK DURATION: Approximately 15 minutes

DISTANCE: Less than 1 mile

DIFFICULTY: Easy, though several stair sections are included

BIRDS IDENTIFIED (10 SPECIES)

1		**Eurasian Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*	Singing from mature trees within the grounds.
2		**Eurasian Blue Tit** *Cyanistes caeruleus*	Frequently active in ornamental trees.
3		**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus*	Observed moving through tree canopy in small groups.
4		**Eurasian Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*	Heard within dense shrubbery and stone edges.
5		**European Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*	Seen feeding near open grassy areas.
6		**European Greenfinch** *Chloris chloris*	Observed within mature parkland trees.
7		**Eurasian Blackbird** *Turdus merula*	Commonly observed throughout the walk.
8		**Common Wood-Pigeon** *Columba palumbus*	Seen around open lawns and wooded sections.
9		**Common Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*	Heard calling from tree cover.
10		**European Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*	Frequently encountered along pathways.

Clitheroe Castle Grounds, Clitheroe

UPLOADED PHOTOS

Yes

MERLIN BIRD ID SCREENSHOTS INCLUDED

Yes

NOTABLE SIGHTINGS

Notable species for this short urban walk included Long-tailed Tit and Eurasian Blackcap.

GENERAL WALK NOTES

This was a short town-centre walk around the historic castle grounds at Clitheroe. The park provides a mixture of mature trees, open grassed areas, stone walls, and ornamental planting, offering good habitat for common urban and semi-rural bird species.

Despite being located within the town centre, the castle grounds supported a good variety of woodland and garden birds. The elevated areas around the castle also provided pleasant views across the surrounding Ribble Valley landscape.

The location benefits from ample nearby parking and easy access, making it well suited for a quick lunchtime or casual birdwatching walk.

CHECKLIST SUMMARY

Total Species Identified: 10

Most Notable Species:
Long-tailed Tit and Eurasian Blackcap

Merlin Bird ID Records:
Included in report documentation

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