

MINUTES

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 15th August 2006
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

Attending: Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M Williams.

Apologies: Elizabeth Bamford, John Inglis.

Item	Subject	Decisions to make	Outcome
1	Minutes of last meeting	Agreed?	Correction: It is Elly Hamilton not Louise Bessant who is dealing with red squirrels in Kylee Woods. Then agreed.
2	Matters arising not shown below.	Discuss briefly if required.	E.T: F.A. to be reimbursed cost of report folders. M.W: Vice Chair of AONB, Richard Patterson has come to the end of his term of office as mayor of Berwick.
3	Birds on Golf Course	Presentation 22 nd Aug 7.00 pm. Who? Ross Buchanan.....+?	Chris Kanefsky has raised an issue regarding copyright of the bird survey. This matter must be resolved.
4	Little Beach (Notice board)	Progress?	M.H. & J.I. produced sample text and illustrations for consideration. RSPB and BTO to be approached re. possible support.
5	Needles Eye.	Letter from Steve Pullan. What next?	Steve Pullan gave comprehensive account of DEFRA rules in relation to farmland subsidies. BWG agree these must be adhered to by landowners. Not appropriate for the group to interfere.
6	Requests for help Coastal heath Spa Well, Spittal	FA FA/MH/LC	In response to NWT request, F.A. has supplied information on coastal heaths. Mike Greener of the Spittal Improvement Trust has requested advice on improving the natural environment. L.C. to lead a bat survey. M.H. to liaise with M.G. M.G. has suggested an exchange of

			information between the two groups, and has also joined BWG. Welcome Mike.
7	<p>Surveys: Bats Butterflies (T the Millers) Squirrels Verges</p>	<p>Brief verbal reports on how these are going. LC. What next? FA/MH JR Finished? Send to whom?</p>	<p>Bats. Survey of area around Palace Green completed. Kipper Hill to Cumberland Bastion has been developed further. Both to be written up. A very rewarding season. Possibility of looking for hibernation sites beneath bastions to be explored. Butterflies. Very successful season. M.H. offered to produce a grid of squares for entry of data. Survey may be resumed next year. Red Squirrels. Survey continuing. Evidence of red squirrel presence, but none actually seen. Results of all the above surveys to be sent to relevant national bodies. Verges. Reports are completed. Copies to go to AONB, NWT, BBC, NCC, English Nature. Thanks Fiona.</p>
8	<p>Events: Butterfly count (Cocklawburn) Whinney Hill October birds Sue Maddox/Wooler AGM Next Summer's outings?</p>	<p>(Advertiser article – Molly) Report and thanks EB has organised Details Ask Sue to lead field meeting? When? Date, speaker? Ideas, please.</p>	<p>Holy Island Walk. Molly's article in Berwick Advertiser was well received. Thanks Molly. Butterfly Count at Cocklawburn successfully completed. Millenium Atlas is a good source of butterfly distribution. Thanks Malcolm. Whinney Hill. F.A. has arranged for location maps to be posted on the website prior to the visit. October Birds. Meet 10.00am rose garden, Flagstaff Park, Saturday 7th. Wooler. Sue and Bob to be invited to lead walk in Wooler area in the spring. AGM. L.C. suggested Kate Vincent could talk on 'House Sparrows'. No firm decision taken. Outings. Discussion deferred.</p>

9	AOB		<p>M.H. had been approached by several people concerned about estuary development.</p> <p>F.A. to contact T. Cadwallender of AONB on how best to get information to important decision-makers. Members to contribute any information they have collected.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm.</p>
10	Date/venue of next Meeting	Castle, Wednesday 20th. Sept. 7.00pm.	