

## AGENDA

### BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009, 7.00 pm, Castle Hotel.

**Attending:** Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Molly Hardie, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, Elizabeth Martin Fisher, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams

**Apologies:**, Gill Young.

Item	Subject	Information and decisions to make
1	<b>Minutes of last meeting (July)</b>	Are these OK?
2	<b>Matters arising not shown below</b>	
3	<b>Royal Border Bridge</b>	On Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> JI discovered ecologists ( <a href="http://www.whitcher-wildlife.co.uk">www.whitcher-wildlife.co.uk</a> ) doing (another) bat survey under the RBB, commissioned by Amco who are going to re-inforce the pillars of the bridge. Apparently they are in ignorance of Ruth's (our) survey and "lighting brigade". Assume vice versa? Do we inform Tim Kirton? Are WW aware of House Martins?
4	<b>Swifts in Tweedmouth</b>	Sorry, FA hasn't yet drafted letter to Housing Association and Network Rail. Will do!
3	<b>Recent events and surveys</b>	<b>Bats.</b> Longridge: observed emergence of several hundred pipistrelles, dramatic and exciting. Spittal: windy evening, but a few pipistrelles recorded by Seaview railway arch. FA had been having difficulty with bat sounds on computer; discovered that software had become corrupted, problem now solved (all thanks to JR). Identification book (out of print but on CD) now ordered from Alana. Will have another go at identification ourselves, and then perhaps contact Steve Betts again (he kindly offered further help if needed). <b>Small Mammals Survey.</b> 10 Longworth traps in T the M revealed bank voles, field vole, common shrew, water shrew and woodmouse. Very worthwhile exercise. Plans for further surveys in Cocklawburn, T the M and elsewhere.
4	<b>Forthcoming surveys and events</b>	<b>Rest of August, Grassland survey</b> . FA now has plant lists from NWT, will arrange days for surveys a.s.a.p. <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Bat Survey</b> of Holy Trinity Church of England and Parade <b>September to November. Air Quality Survey</b> for OPAL (Open Air Laboratories) Network. <b>Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup></b> , Bat Survey of Drill Hall and The Parade Several other events arranged for later in September.
10	<b>Any other business</b>	
11	<b>Date/venue of next Cttee Meetings</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> September, then 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct., 7.00pm at Castle.