

MINUTES

BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 15th June, 7.00 pm Castle Hotel.

Expected : Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Molly Hardie, Malcolm Hutcheson, Anne Thompson, Enid Turnbull, M. Willians, Gill Young,

Apologies: John Rae

Item	Subject	Information and decisions to make
1	Minutes of last meeting (18th May)	Agreed.
2	Matters arising not shown below	
3	Indoor meetings	Roger Manning has agreed to speak on Wed. Nov.14th 2012 on “Wildlife Watch: Berwick and the Borderlands”. Fiona will ask Chris Livsey MOD Conservation Land manager at Otterburn if he will speak in Oct.2011.
	Walks	New Road Walk – Poor turn out of non-members. Rediscovery of 24 spot ladybird. Holy Island Walk July 10 th .Fiona will contact Andrew Craggs. Posters to put up.
4	Surveys	Nesting Gulls Check again before next meeting and bring results to meeting. Bats Surveys continuing but results disappointing. Cool weather? Butterfly transects Numbers very disappointing after excellent start. Wider Countryside surveys to start in early July. Small Mammals Disappointing numbers apart from the woodland. Ponds Molly to contact Mr Seed and Mr Leyland. Possibly other small ponds. Reptiles Stephen has plans for teaching event and searches in late summer. Practise on field near Fiona’s house. Stephen has not seen any reptiles seen this year. Opal Bugs Survey Transect to survey invertebrates from urban – suburban – rural Suggest members survey their own garden. Info. will be put in newsletter and newspaper.
5	On-the-ground problems	Tommy the Millers NWT’s Naomi Waite approached owners to survey field for a possible inclusion in Local Wildlife Site list. Owners agreed to allow study of field. Owners successfully applied for new farmhouse and have another application in for a shed, but TTM not affected. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment NCC initiative to earmark most

		of the remaining vacant land for housing including Bell Loning and field to W of TTM. Since there was no time to consult the committee, Fiona wrote objecting on various environmental grounds. A copy of the objection will be sent to Colin Marlee Assistant Ecologist at NCC.
6	Other activities	“Nature Adventures” evening at library 11 th June – thanks for help and support. Love Northumberland awards Group recommended by Iain Robson of AONB. Committee gave suggestions to Fiona so she could fill in the long form.
7	Data	Katherine Pinnock Pleased with appeal for “common species” records in BWG Newsletter. Nobody interested in “camera trap” TV series.
8	Any other business	Library Now has a “Meetings book”. Molly will write down surveys and activities of the Group, with a contact phone number. Needles Eye Malcolm indicated it was an excellent site for nesting birds
9	Date/venue of next Cttee Meetings	20 th July (apologies Gill Young) then 17 th August