

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1982

In consultation with the Landmark Trust, the Field Society, and other interested parties, the Nature Conservancy Council has steadily worked towards the establishment of a statutory marine reserve in the waters around Lundy. It is anticipated that the necessary enactments will take place in 1983. In addition to the marine reserve, consideration is also being given to a conservation plan for the island as a whole and here the Nature Conservancy is using as a guide a draft document prepared in considerable detail by the Field Society.

As part of a national survey the Society has co-operated with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in carrying out a census of all sea bird nesting sites on Lundy, the information being stored both photographically and on a computer. Consideration is also being given to putting the subject index of the Society's Annual Report onto a computer.

During the year we have given a grant for the purchase of seedling trees to assist in the continuing programme of planting, for with the Landmark Trust we believe that the provision of further arboreal cover will be of lasting benefit to the island. The planting work has been carried out by Peter DeGroot.

1982 saw the successful publication of the first edition of an enlarged Field Society Newsletter as distinct from the Annual Report. Admirably edited by Ann Westcott, this has been followed by a 1983 edition accompanied by a Birdwatchers Supplement, the latter being produced by Richard Campey, Chris Baillie and Keith Mortimer. It is intended that both these enterprises will continue in the future.

The Society's affluence continues to be linked with the Annual Excursion to Lundy and for the past two years we have relied on the excellent services of Waverley Excursions Limited. We offer our thanks and good wishes for their continuing success.

Two Field Study Holidays were planned for 1982 but because of lack of demand only one was held and although it was a happy occasion it lost money. No such holidays will be held during 1983 whilst we consider what form they should take to meet future needs.

At the beginning of 1982 Bob Britton gave up the post of Honorary Treasurer to the Lundy Field Society after ten years. During his period in office we have flourished financially and all those present at our last AGM joined in a vote of thanks for excellent services. I trust that he will continue as an active member of the Society for many years to come.

Lundy remains open to us all as a most pleasurable place to visit and stay. For this we are most grateful to John Smith and his wife and to the Landmark Trust.

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