

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

There have been several changes to the Committee over the last year. Michael Fry took over the role of Hon. Treasurer following the last AGM and has taken on the challenge with a great deal of skill, persistence and enthusiasm. Ann Westcott, who has edited the newsletter since the early 1980s and has contributed for many years to the Committee, stepped down from her role as newsletter editor during the year. The editorship of the newsletter has passed to Tim Davis.

The ever-increasing significance of web-based communication has led the Committee to co-opt Chris Webster onto the Committee as 'Webmaster'. The website, which is already one of which we can be proud, is in a state of continuous improvement and we would encourage members to provide feedback and suggestions to Chris.

Away from internal Society matters, the Marine and Coastal Access Act received Royal Assent, meaning that the Lundy Marine Nature Reserve will become the first Marine Conservation Zone for Britain in January 2010. Keith Hiscock continues to contribute to the Lundy Management Forum and the Society provides the Secretary, Robert Irving, to the Lundy Marine Nature Reserve Advisory Group (now the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone Advisory Group).

We have had a long hard look at our financial position during the year and made changes in line with our commitment to run the Society on a sound financial basis. For example, in addition to those matters reported on by the Hon. Treasurer, and with the help of Tony Taylor, we have restructured our bird ringing programme to reduce the cost to the Society and encourage ringers to become members of the Society. In addition we have rationalised our distribution of free copies of our publications to encourage other learned bodies to either join as members or pay for copies.

PAUL JAMES
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

I would like to begin my report by thanking members who have sent donations via me to the Society, including those life members who continue to send donations. I would also like to thank members who have contacted me during the last year to update their contact details or to reply to letters that I have sent them. Finally I would like to thank all members who have set up a standing order to pay their annual subscription or have adjusted their standing order so that they now pay the correct amount.

Below are the current subscription rates:

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| Ordinary | £15 |
| Family | £18 |
| Concessionary | £10 (discontinued from March 2009) |

Would members please check they are paying the correct amount, and also note that the Society no longer offers the 'Over 60s' concessionary rate; this is only applicable to members paying that rate before March 2009. I would like to add that members who do pay the Over 60s rate are welcome to change to the 'ordinary' subscription rate. May I remind members that subscriptions are due in January each year; payment should be made by cheque payable to the Lundy Field