

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The annual report for 2009 was published and dispatched in November 2010 under the editorship of Colin McShane and along with the 40th newsletter (which this year was edited by Tim Davis) has been well received by members. 2010 saw continued surveys and research on the island supported by Derek Green and Nicola Saunders. The Lundy Field Society Journal published formal research papers for the Society and it is good to see its growing academic reputation. However, members should also be aware of the range of survey and research carried out in 2010 from bird ringing, moth trapping, freshwater ecology, and botanical surveys, some of which feature later in this report. In addition, the work of Professor John Hedger on the fungi of Lundy continues, and this will shortly result in a field guide for Lundy published by the Lundy Field Society.

The society benefited from strong representation on other relevant bodies in 2010. We have been represented by our Chairman on the Lundy Management Forum. Keith Hiscock is also chairman of the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone Advisory Group with our representative on the group being Robert Irving. In addition to our regular representations we also have responded to the consultation about the proposed Atlantic Array wind farm to the north of Lundy and have contributed to discussions about the future of St Helen's Church on Lundy.

Publicity relating to the existence and work of the Society has been a key activity with work ranging from maintenance of the Tavern logbooks and the library to conservation breaks. In addition several special events have been held for island visitors, including a moth trapping evening by Andrew Cleave and a bird ringing demonstration by Paul James. Simon Dell has continued with the programme of guided Lundy walks.

The website development programme continued in 2010 under Chris Webster as webmaster. The website is now a great advertisement for the society but further development is planned which will make the website the access and holding point for both current and historical data.

In summary: during 2010, the Committee members have continued to inform, champion, represent, publish and publicise the Lundy Field Society on behalf of you, our members.

PAUL JAMES
March 2011

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to begin my report by thanking members who have sent me letters, e-mails and annual subscriptions; adjusted their standing orders in order to pay the correct subscription; and especially to thank all members who have sent donations to the Society. Several life and honorary members support the Society by giving donations or paying an annual subscription, for which the Society is very grateful.

Current subscription rates:

Ordinary	£15
Family	£18

Please note that the concessionary rate for pensioners and students was discontinued in March 2009; only members paying the concessionary rate at that time are entitled to continue to pay the £10 rate. Many of those who are entitled to pay the concessionary rate do in fact pay the ordinary rate; our thanks go to those members.

May I remind members that subscriptions are due in January each year, and payment should be made by cheque payable to the Lundy Field Society and sent to me, or by standing order; please contact me if you wish me to supply you with a standing order form.

Reminder letters

In November a number of reminder letters were sent out with the Newsletter. As a result 14 members paid their arrears, five members declined to renew their membership and 16 did not reply. In fairness to other members, those who did not pay their arrears have been removed from the mailing list.

Paid up members 2010:

Type	Number
Corporate	1
Family	79
Honorary	16
Life	66
Ordinary	136
Organisations	2
Pensioner	65
Total	365

As you will see from the information above, we now have 365 members of the Society, which actually amounts to over 400 members when counting at least 2 for each family membership. We also send our publications to sixteen institutions and six bird observatories. A total of 72% of our membership pay an annual subscription.

Membership trends

2008	350 members
2009	373 members
2010	365 members

You will note that membership numbers are quite stable; in fact the trend line shows a slight increase in members. 2009 does appear to have been a bumper year for new members, but unfortunately thirteen of those new members only remained with the Society for one year.

New members

Welcome to the following new members of the Society:

Derek Baggott	Hertford
Tom Bedford	Oxford
Ian Campbell	Wimbledon
Peter Farmer	Cheltenham
Richard Fowling	Cambridge
David James	Atherington

Kevin Johns
Chris Osland
Belinda Perry
Mark Stothard
Steve Sutcliffe
Jay Travers
Sharron Blackmore
Graham Boorman
Paul Doubler
Jennifer Bowers
Paul & Gillian Clarke
Rebecca Goh
Eric Goldsworthy
Chris Howe
Ms Kaye
Mary & Brendan Macauley
Neil Smith
Roger Powell
Jayne Archer
Andrew & Kirsten Swift
National Marine Biological Library

Penrith
Oxford
Bideford
Minehead
Haverfordwest
Tintagel
Ilfracombe
Stoke Poges
Cardiff
Coventry
Wickford
Ilfracombe
Kings Langley
Bristol
Bristol
Cheltenham
Basingstoke
Exe Valley
Exe Valley
Bath
Plymouth

E-Mail addresses

If you have an e-mail address please let me know for inclusion on the database; if you have changed your e-mail address please update it – you can do this via the website if you wish at www.lundy.org.uk/lfs or by emailing me directly on sanr@btinternet.com.

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