

WELCOME

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2022 was another successful year for the LFS, mirrored by this Annual Report being one of the longest (but I hope still interesting) for a few years and with a distinctly marine flavour. After this page you will find the customary review of the society's activities during the year from our Secretary Michael Williams followed by membership news from Sandra Rowland, the state of our finances in the Treasurer's report from Chris Dee and a report on grants awarded in 2022 by the LFS by Jenny George. We also have inputs from our Lundy partners. Derek Green's Island Report offers an intriguing insider's view of the triumphs achieved and disasters avoided in managing the island, including the arrival of the eccentrically named 'Blue Thunder' and some really difficult times keeping the *Oldenburg* afloat, as well as the island power and water on. He also gives us some important news about Lundy's application to become a Bird Observatory. Rosie Ellis then reviews the conservation team activities and is especially appreciative of the help given by the visiting LFS Conservation Break volunteers. It seems appropriate that her account is followed by an obituary for one of the stalwarts of past working parties, Dave Preece, written by Trevor Dobie.

Things marine then feature, with the usual report by Robert Irving on the Lundy Marine Protected Area being followed by a detailed account, also by Robert, of the highly successful Lundy Marine Festival held in summer 2022, a one-off event supported in part by the LFS. Many of the organisms found by divers and rock-poolers during the festival are featured in the summary of marine biological records by Keith Hiscock in the records section of the report. A very beautiful Sea Slug stars on our cover.

The records start, with the birds ably written by Assistant Warden Stuart Cossey. The marine, freshwater and terrestrial records follow in the usual sequence. Much of this information comes from the entries you make in the LFS Logbook located in the tavern, the pages of which are photographed every year by Tim Davis and sent out to the specialist compilers to abstract records. Please continue to help by making entries, every observation counts but don't forget to add your name! Finally keep taking wildlife photographs; last year's request for illustrations for the Annual Report had a great response and some appear in this issue, thanks to all of you who submitted your photos.



This annual report sees the return of a subject absent for many years: Lundy Geology*, with an interesting account of the mineralogy of the granite waste at Quarries by LFS member David Ifold. Where to put it in the text was a puzzle, before biological records seemed logical but to preserve the traditional text sequence it comes after the usual back marker, the fungi report. One of David's photographs features on the back cover.

▲ 2022 LFS
Logbook cover in
January 2023 after
a year's service
(photo: Tim Davis).

Many thanks to all the contributors and record compilers. Well done. I am also grateful to Robin Padian for his excellent work laying out the report, and to Alan Rowland, Michael Williams, Tim Davis and Tim Jones for proof-reading the text, as well as to Mandy Dee for invaluable work on the photographs. Readers will see that this report no longer includes the LFS Constitution, which can still be found on the LFS website. The Lundy maps are also absent but are currently being redrafted and will re-appear next year.

*perhaps somebody can tell me the date of the last AR that contained any geology?