SUSSEX BOTANICAL RECORDING SOCIETY

Newsletter No 34 - February 1993

Happy New Year to you all and good wishes for more exciting records for 1993.

After the AGM this year we plan to send you another newsletter with details of the most exciting 1992 records as reported at the Autumn Get-Together and AGM and for those unable to get to the AGM a note of any particularly under recorded 10km squares.

Mary Briggs

Enclosed is the 1993 list of Field Meetings and an up to date address list of members for your use.

Please note that the AGM will take place at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 6th March 1993 **at Staplefield Village Hall.**

The Autumn Get-Together will also be at **Staplefield Village Hall** on a date to be fixed at the AGM. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Coffee and tea will be available after lunch and at the end of the afternoon.

In addition there will be **TWO EXTRA MEETINGS** on 24th and 25th July led by Tim Rich and Paul Smith, assessing tetrad recording - a continuation of the 1992 work. Meet at Stedham Crossroads as before SU 861218 at 10.45 a.m. on both days. As last year, you are invited after the meeting on Saturday 24th to join Tim and his mother for tea. Directions on the day.

SUSSEX BIOLOGICAL RECORDERS SEMINAR 13th MARCH, 1993

You are cordially invited to attend the 1993 Seminar. This will be held on the 13th March, 1993, at the DOWNLANDS CENTRE, Downlands School, Hassocks.

We have moved the seminar to Hassocks, as it is in the centre of Sussex and has a train station. Please arrive at 10.15a.m. for a 10.30a.m. start.

An agenda will be available on the day.

The morning will consist of selected feedbacks from last year's topics and talks by FRANCIS ROSE on HEATHLANDS and JOHN COOPER on GEOLOGY.

An extended lunch will be followed by a number of short presentations on a wide variety of topics.

Throughout the day there will be plenty of opportunities to meet the other Recorders. We are encouraging groups / individuals to bring along displays - hopefully there will be something of interest for everyone.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided at the cost of £4.00 per head.

R.S.V.P. to:

Leonie Alpin, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, W. Sussex. BN5 9SD.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

I will/will not be able to attend.

LUNCH : YES [ ] NO [ ] Vegetarian [ ]

Other special dietary requirements :

Please let me know if you would like to set up a display stand.

Please return as soon as possible so we can organise the number of lunches needed.

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1991 was an outstanding year for interesting finds, particularly the reappearance of old records - in many cases with large numbers of plants at the site. The long cold, wet spring following the two hot summers gave good growing conditions for many plants, particularly some of our more 'southern' species.

The good records are also due to the diligence of our many sharp-eyed recorders; their work forms the solid centre of our Society, and we send thanks to all.

Details of the records, and the year's recording in general are reported at the two meetings.

Some members I hear are confused as to whether they should record in tetrads or in 10 kms. The answer is simple: please record in either, whichever is most convenient to you (but remembering to note the area recorded on the care - by crossing through either the appropriate tetrad, or the whole 10 km, on the top left of the card). All tetrad records can very easily be assimilated into 10 kms, when required as these. But tetrads are often a convenient-sized area in which to record - unless your travels take you around one or more 10 kms.

If each member records the area near home this would give us a good covering of the counties. Before the February meeting we hope to prepare a list of those 10 kms which have few post 1987 records; any member unable to come on February 29th who would like to know of underworked areas please contact the East and West Sussex Recorders.

Mary Briggs
President

The Atlas of Sussex Mosses, Liverworts and Lichens is now with the printers and we hope to have copies available for sale at the A.G.M. Apart from maps of bryophytes and lichens, the book includes a comprehensive account of the ecology of Sussex by Francis Rose, with many references to the vascular plants as well as bryophytes and lichens.

Hawkweeds. I am still prepared to act as Recorder for Hieracium in Sussex. I am always glad to receive specimens for identification, either neatly pressed or fresh. It is usually necessary to have the whole plant above the ground in order to determine the species; the plant should not be uprooted, however, but cut at ground level. If there are only a few specimens (say 3 or 4), none should be collected. The key to South East England hawkweeds is useful for at least getting near to the species; if any member has not got this and would like a copy, I can provide one. The three commonest species are H. perpropinquum, H. trichocaulon and H. exotericum agg (incl. grandidens): these probably account for over 80% of the hawkweeds in Sussex.

Rod Stern
Chairman

East Sussex Verges, Woodland Survey, East Sussex Red Data Surveys

Please contact Paul Harmes as soon as possible if you have any information regarding these.

Mrs. Amoore has decided to retire as Treasurer of the Society and accordingly Mrs. Matcham (Secretary) will be pleased to receive nominations for a replacement before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 1992

At Staplefield Village Hall, 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

A.G.M. with reports; members slides; tea and cakes

AUTUMN GET TOGETHER - SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 1992

At Woodmancote Village Hall, 11.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.
(map and directions attached)

Notices and short reports and we look forward to welcoming

DAVID STREETER with a talk on ASHDOWN FOREST

Bring your own lunch
(No facilities for cooking potatoes etc)

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available.

If any member has problems with tranport to either meeting please contact one of the Officers or a member of the committee and we will endeavour to organise a lift.