



Registered Charity No 701627

Holderness Countryside

Journal of the South Holderness Countryside Society



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From the Chairman

Chairing is a key role on any voluntary Management
Committee. The Chairman must ensure that the
Management Committee functions properly, that there is full
participation during meetings, and that all relevant matters
are discussed and that effective decisions are made and
carried out. I am not a piece of furniture, I will not be sat



upon, I am not a chair. The noun Chairman can be used for either male of female holders of the post – so I have been elected Chairman.

As I stated at the AGM in May, I am not an expert at anything - certainly not anything to do with the countryside – but I am an enthusiastic amateur. We are already blessed with some wonderfully knowledgeable people who are members of the SHCS and have dedicated many years to it. I will need their help in many different areas and I can promise that I will be calling upon them frequently. I also promise that I will work hard to help this wonderful charity to meet its directives, to bring its name into more homes, to bring more people closer to nature.



We need keen enthusiasts to help in many different ways; bramble bashing and grass raking for the fit – bring a picnic and turn it into a family day! Grounds maintenance at Ivy House – gutters to clean and walls to paint. Writers of nature articles for our mag – if I can do it (see previous mags) then anyone can!

My parents have been involved with SHCS since I was young. I have grown up with it and seen our reserves flourish, as have my children, and soon my grandchild. Your children and grandchildren can do the same by joining our Young Nats Club – pond dipping and bug hotels coming up soon. Come along to one of our walks or talks – we have some fantastic speakers coming to visit this year.

Our contact details are in the journal, and we will be asking you to allow us to keep your contact details handy so that we can keep you updated on SHCS events. I leave you with a quote from an expert

"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living." - David Attenborough.

Tell your friends about us, check out our website, visit our Facebook page, and I hope to meet you soon.

Tracey Netherton

Chairman

South Holderness Countryside Society Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2018

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2017
	Fund	Fund		
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Member Subscriptions	866	-	866	974
Gift Aid	-	-	-	386
Countryside Stewardship	5,302	-	5,302	2,872
Fundraising – General	187	-	187	494
Fundraising – Young Naturalists	248	-	248	194
Meeting fees – Young Naturalists Member Donations	89 729	-	89 729	118 722
Interest Received	31	-	31	722 64
Grants and Donations		- \		
Wayleave	2,600 154	, - -	2,600 154	3,130 154
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Total Receipts	10,20	 06 -	10,206	9,108
Payments				
Fundraising and Society Activities	_	-	_	308
Services and Administration	2,353	-	2,353	1,828
IT Equipment	555	_	555	-
Ivy House Costs	2,037	, _	2,037	352
Young Naturalists Expenses	565	-	565	664
Conservation Projects	421	-	421	2,280
Toffling Hill Reserve Purchase	4,275	7,586	11,861	-
Total Payments	10,20	- - 7,586	 17,792	5,432
Net (Deficit) for Year	-	(7,586)	(7,586)	3,676
Cash and Bank Accounts				
Brought forward	41,552	7,586	49,138	45,462
Carried forward	41,552	0	41,552	49,138

South Holderness Countryside Society

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 January 2018

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	2017
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
Bank and Building Society Accounts				
Nat West Current Account	36,100	-	36,100	23,124
Nat West Current Account (YN)	1,276	-	1,276	1,923
Nat West Deposit Account (YN)	3,509	-	3,509	3,508
Leeds Building Society Account	-	-	-	20,583
<u>Cash</u>				
Cash in hand	69	-	69	-
Cash in hand (YN)	598	-	598	-
	41,552	-	41,552	49,138

Investment assets

Hollym Carrs nature reserve Beacon Lagoons nature reserve (£7,000 held to replace hide) Ivy House

1. Toffling Hill Reserve (£2,000 held for work to improve the reserve)

Assets retained for the Charity's own use	Cost
	£
Marquee	1,423
New Projector	988
Lawn Mower	175
Generator	60
2 Stihl Brushcutters	870
Ivy House Chairs	780
Jungle Buster Mower	-
Long-Range Hedge Trimmer	-

South Holderness Countryside Society Charity number 701627 Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2018 Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the members of South Holderness Countryside Society on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2018, as set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is sufficient.

It is my responsibility as Independent Examiner to:

Examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the Act

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and

State whether any matters have come to my attention that require disclosure

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view. The report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

That gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements:

To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed By:

SOUTH HOLDERNESS COUNTRYSIDE SOCIETY

Charity 701627 TREASURER'S REPORT AT 2018 AGM

Receipts

Membership subscriptions were down by 15% reflecting a loss of membership through mortality or moving on and some people renewed late. Members' donations increased slightly to £729 and we are able to claim Gift Aid on most of this. I am trying to combine the claiming of Gift Aid with the annual Independent Inspection of Accounts which will save the Treasurer a great deal of work and minimise data processing under the new General Data Protection Regulations.

Countryside Stewardship payment was abnormally high in 2017 due to late repayment of capital expenditure for works conducted on Hollym Carrs during 2016, and to a new payment system in which half of this year's payment was paid early. We were grateful to receive a donation of £2000 from Associated British Ports and an annual donation of £600 from the Sir James Reckitt Charitable Trust, the latter to help cover our administrative costs. General fundraising was significantly lower while fundraising for the Young Nats was higher than in 2016/7. Note that interest received on our investment was only £31. In all, £10,206 was received which placed us above the £10,000 threshold for reporting to the Charity Commission.

Payments

We spent nothing on fund raising activities yet money still poured in, as detailed earlier. Spending on services, administration and IT equipment taken together were approximately £1000 higher than last year. We had a very generous donation from the Sir James Reckitt Charity for IT equipment during 2016 which was carried over and fully utilized in the purchase of laser toners for the printer and a laptop computer and software to drive the projector. We are now able to print more colour in *Holderness Countryside* less expensively than before, having refurbished a laserjet printer generously donated by Centrica several years ago. We also stocked up with consumables and should not have any significant printing costs for the next two years.

Ivy House running costs were significantly higher than in the previous year. This was due partly to delaying payment of a rather large electric bill pending enquiry; expenditure on new tables and chairs; felling and removing some dangerous conifers and paying to have the grounds maintained. Young Naturalists' expenses were down as also spending on conservation projects.

By far the most significant expenditure in 2017 was the purchase of Toffling Hill Nature Reserve. To meet this cost we exhausted and closed the Restricted Fund supplementing it with funds from the general account to a total of £11,861, which included the legal costs.

By an amazing coincidence, on our general account, we spent exactly the same amount as we earned, £10,206! Our net deficit of £7586 was exclusively from the Restricted Fund, which is now closed.

This year forecast

We have withdrawn our investment in the Leeds Building Society which was giving only a pathetic 0.05% interest. We have looked for a better rate of interest with the least restrictive access and least risk and think we can better the yield by 15x. There's another avenue to investigate and I'll be putting a proposal to Executive in the next couple of weeks.

We are looking to invest in a heavy-duty ride-on grass cutter for use on both of our Hollym reserves and a strong transport container to store it in, to be sited at Ivy House. We will have to set a budget for proposed expenditure at Toffling Hill, and we have to remove some more dangerous conifers at Ivy House. Our healthy balance includes £7000 of yet unspent insurance claim which will be used to help fund a new bird hide at the Kilnsea Wetlands reserve. These large items of developmental expenditure will enable us to more effectively meet the Society's obligations. We also have to take a critical look at our insurance cover which may incur higher running costs. Already the rate of income is exceeding expenditure in this first quarter which seems healthy, but we will still have to watch that our basic operating balances do not go into deficit. We have been fortunate in recent years to have had unexpected cash injections and we cannot rely on serendipity.

Peter J Cook, Treasurer, 11 May 2018

Minutes of the annual General Meeting of the South Holderness Countryside Society held at the Patrington Church Rooms on May 11th 2018 at 7.30pm

Nineteen card holding members were present, constituting a forum

- 1... Apologies: Harry and Pauline Bursell, Bill Marwood, Tom Fox, David and Karen Constantine.
- 2.... The Outgoing acting chair (Margaret Kennedy) welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 3... Adoption of the minutes of the last AGM Prop TN. sec GH ...AIF
- 4.... Matters arising from those minutes....... None
- 5.... Adoption of Annual Report Prop CU. Sec AM... AIF
- 6..... Treasurer's Report... Treas (PJ Cook) read his report and explained income and expenditure Acceptance of report Prop GH. Sec JM... AIF
- 7.....Appointment of Inspector of Accounts for next year.. Proposed Steve Morgan be retained Prop AM sec MK.....AIF
- 8... Outgoing acting Chair (MK) read her report giving brief summary of Society business for 2017

 Acceptance of report Prop NG. sec AM...AIF
- 9...Appointment of Officers of the Society for 2018
 - Chair...... Tracey Netherton Prop Margaret Kennedy. Sec F Kennedy.... AIF Vice Chair..... Margaret Kennedy... Prop Nora Garton. Sec Gillian Hart......AIF
 - Treasurer...... Peter John Cook... Prop Margaret Kennedy. Sec F. Kennedy... AIF
- 10...Renewal of appointment of committee members (by rotation)
 - Jeffrey Marshall... Prop Gill Hart .sec F Kennedy.......AIF
 - David Constantine... Prop Karen Constantine. sec Richard Netherton.......AIF
- 11... Andy Mason and Terence Lount also continue their membership of the committee And Freddy Kennedy continued as General Secretary
- 12..... Minutes 2018There was no other business to be discussed.

The next AGM will be on Fri May 10th 2019

AGM meeting Fri May 11th. 2018

After the official business of the Society was concluded, there was a short interlude for those present, long serving members and new members to have some light refreshment (provided by the members) with tea etc courtesy of Steve Moore and to meet and get to know other members present.

This was followed by an illustrated talk, given by Tracey, about the use of wild flowers in cooking. The making of beverages and salads, and the preparation of various common or garden "Weeds" as nourishing food. She had also brought some prepared examples of various beverages to be tasted by those present.

She emphasised her warning that, in nature, most plants which are edible also have a counterpart which is noxious, or even deadly poison, and that extreme care should be taken when selecting plants from the wild.

A very good, and interesting, presentation.

Young Nats Page



This is my bat box in my garden. It is sheltered by my bird house and two trees, but it still gets some sun. I put it up in April 2018. I get lots of bats but none in the box yet.

Adam Hoey age 9



Once again this year our started work with a Garden" after mixing fresh the richness of the flower they did manage to get at flower bed (and some on the then continued to plant Daisies and Alyssum, all to bees and butterflies.



budding young naturalists have vengeance. Re-planting their "Bee compost with new soil to improve bed. The mixing went OK, and least some of the mixture on the yard, and some in their boots), Aubretia, Marigolds, Michaelmas specially chosen for their attraction

2018 will show the culmination of our Young Nat Veterans RSPB Gold Awards. Charly and Adam have been with us since they were even too young to attend primary school. They had to wait until they had reached the minimum age until we were allowed to have them as members. (A couple of months is a long, long time when you are only four and three quarter years old). Now, these two are our senior members, our Veterans, and it shows, very much in their avid interest in the Natural World. Our Newest member, Ben who has only been with us this year, has already started on his Bronze Award.

Tracey has now attained her CRB certificate for working alone with our children, therefore giving us more flexibility in what we can offer our members. She has far more energy than Margaret and Freddy, and although she follows Margaret's original curriculum, she has her own ideas on what to organise with our members. Watch this space.

There will probably be an outdoor visit to some local piece of countryside again this year, and after asking the children where they would like to visit brought forth a whole list of possibilities. When the leaders have had time to properly investigate them, check with a coach company, check insurance, is there a place where we can have lunch? etc. see how many parents or even grandparents would like to accompany the children etc. etc. we shall see what unusual and interesting things we can discover.

Garden Wildlife Jobs for Summer

In July, some baby creatures, such as frogs, toads and hedgehogs, will be beginning to emerge – and they will need a helping hand in the form of food and shelter.

Sowing biennial flowers and mowing perennial meadows are other wildlife gardening jobs you can do in July – find out more below.

Help baby frogs

Grow pond-side plants so that frogs have safe hiding places. Leave areas of long grass around your pond to provide shelter for emerging frogs, toads and newts. Take care when mowing to avoid harming any amphibians sheltering there.



Avoid trimming hedges



Blackbirds and thrushes often nest as late as August, so don't trim hedges until the last of this season's birds have left their nests.

Sow biennials

Sow wildlife-friendly biennial plants, such as honesty, teasels (pictured) and foxgloves that will flower next year.



Feed hedgehogs



Leave out water and meat-based dog or cat food (ideally chicken flavour) for hedgehogs. Babies should be emerging any day now and this extra food will help them fatten up before going into hibernation in late autumn.

Cut down perennial meadows

Use a strimmer to cut down perennial meadows. Leave seed heads where they fall for a few days to let the seeds scatter into the soil, then gather up the clippings for compost. Then mow the meadow the meadow to make the meadow short and even. Remove all the mowings to avoid enriching the soil – most wildflowers grow best in low-nutrient conditions.



Tracey Netherton 23/05/18

Aboard the UNIMOG

April 14th2018 and a party of twenty-one members of our society including three Young Nats had a special day out "On Safari" at Spurn. We all clambered aboard the all- terrain Unimog, climbing the special mobile stair to board, some with more agility than others, and off we went. The approx. three mile trip to the lighthouse, our first stop, must have taken us well over half an hour, bumpety-bumping along the uneven terrain. Remains of the original Spurn roadway were noticed, laid broken and shattered where the North- sea tidal surge had smashed it during the winter storms. Old wartime blockhouses were also there, discarded as if a giant had become bored with playing with them, and dropped them on the beach as a small child would with his toys.



First stop, the one hundred and twenty- eight- foot tall lighthouse. Newly renovated with constantly playing video shows about the peninsular and its inhabitants, for the general edification of the visitors. Most of our party, who, being all members of the South Holderness Countryside Society, and were therefore entitled to this whole outing free of charge, remained either on the ground floor or the first level, but, as always, just a few



wanted to climb to the very top. Young Adam, one of our Young Nats was eager to explore, and, as he was not accompanied by his parents on this occasion, Freddy had to go with him up all those stairs. He was convinced, when the two of them finally reached ground level again, that at least a couple of hundred more steps had been added.

Our party, accompanied by Andy Mason, our guide for the day (and a member of our society) took those who were interested to see the jetty and headquarters of the Humber life-boat crew, then further, to the very point whilst imparting to us, some interesting points of the areas turbulent history. The gun

emplacements, sites where during the last 1939-45 war, quick firing anti-aircraft guns had defended this country from marauding enemy planes.

On returning from the point, we passed the Spurn coastguard station with its ever watchful radar, and clambered aboard our fantastic vehicle for the return trip. Over the dunes, through the hollows we were tumbled about in our seats and in passing, the remains of the old Spurn railway was noticed as it made fleeting appearances out of the sand.

All in all this was a really good day's outing. Thanks to Andy. The new visitor centre is now open for refreshments and to see exhibits about the peninsular.

This spur of land in the very mouth of the Humber where the river meets the North Sea, is in a state of perpetual movement. In the recent storms, for instance, there has been a movement of some sixty metres landwards, towards the Humber estuary, but an important place for wildlife, especially for migrating birds both upon entry to our shores, and those departing. The Spurn rangers, like Andy, have their work cut out to look after this wild and sometimes stormy place.

Margaret. (Vice Chair)

The British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) is a voluntary network of trained marine mammal medics who respond to call outs from the general public, HM Coastguard, Police, RSPCA and SSPCA and are the only marine animal rescue organisation operating across England, Wales and Scotland. Not only are they called upon by the other emergency services, but they also train their staff.





BDMLR is a registered charity and is operated entirely by volunteers. Their rescue teams are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This year is their 30th Anniversary.

They have a wide range of equipment strategically placed throughout the country to deal with strandings of marine animals, oil spills, fishing gear entanglement and in fact any type of marine animal in trouble. This includes rescue boats, equipment trailers, whale and dolphin pontoon sets, a whale disentanglement kit and each area has a medic kit with essential supplies.

Our visiting speaker on October 12th is a volunteer from the BDMLR. Find out how a positive attitude, don't mind being wet and cold, and being able-bodied can help marine life in distress around the country.

Contrast

Liken the shepherd quietly tending his sheep Liken the mother gently soothing her child To craggy hills with hollows dark and deep To bustling towns where the wilful run wild

Liken the gypsy itchily roaming the byways Liken the fledgling never far from it's nest To the voyage we chose on life's faltering highways Which, ultimately leads to our eternal rest

So liken this life, albeit happy or sad
Then liken the grave where we have no choice
To the wonderful things we have seen, and are glad
That we know not of death and it's mysterious voice.

For life is a journey, our hotel id God's earth. When the holiday is over our decay feeds her worth

Gill Hart.

The Yorkshire Jurassic Coast

In May we went on holiday to Dorset and I was looking forward to doing some fossil hunting on the World Heritage Jurassic Coast. Although it was a fantastic holiday and a much needed rest, I was left a little disappointed by the lack of fossils. Of course North Yorkshire is second only to Dorset and is a fantastic place to go fossil hunting. But you don't have to go too far.

Here on the Holderness Coast we are spoilt. Mainly because less people collect fossils here. We are blessed with a magnificent coastline and I spend lots of my time on the beach. There is something so healing about being next to the sea and it has been proven to help with wellbeing and reducing stress.



Hunting for fossils is something I love and my collection keeps increasing with every walk on the sand. We generally get a narrow selection on this coast but it is the condition of them that really makes the difference. For instance I found a superb example of a nautilus the other month; sadly it was broken in half. One day I will find a complete one.

Ammonites, gryphia (devil's toe-nails) and belemnites are our most common fossils here and if you're lucky there might be an echinoid (sea urchin) lurking in a beach.



All you need to get out there and begin finding fantastic fossilized wildlife is a reasonable reference book and a hammer with safety glasses. The best beaches are usually away from the main towns and often require a cliff climb unless you go to Spurn or Kilnsea.

David Attenborough began his fascination with all things nature by hunting for fossils. It was great to see the 'Sea Dragon' ichthyosaur display, at Charmouth in Dorset, dedicated to the great man. OK I suppose Dorset does beat East Yorkshire for spectacular fossils but for the keen amateur it is worth a look and not a 200 mile journey away.

Andy Mason 11/06/18

PUBLICATIONS

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Items for publication may be emailed to the Editor (brian.gill60@btinternet.com). Please ring the Editor to discuss items in manuscript. The Society welcomes articles of general interest in the genre of natural and social history pertaining to southern Holderness. These must have educational value under the terms of our Charitable Objectives (see below). The views expressed are those of the contributor. Contributions are acknowledged along with the relevant articles. Other publications may be produced from time-to-time.

YOUNG NATURALISTS CLUB

The Young Naturalists' ("Young Nats") Club meets twice monthly at our Ivy House Centre in Hollym. Supervisors have Enhanced DBS certification. Members must be of primary school age, 5 – 11 years. Young Nats are taught and encouraged to take a more positive interest in natural history and to publish articles in *Holderness Countryside*. Articles should be sent to the Editor via email or a telephone call to arrange collection.

SCHOOLS

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MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Single Adult: £12. Family: £14. Corporate membership will be considered.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The South Holderness Countryside Society was first registered as a Charity No 701627 on 30th May 1989. Defined objectives of the charity are;

- (1) Work principally within the area of Holderness, (East Riding of Yorkshire) for the region's natural and local history.
- (2) Educate the public in the natural and local history of the area.
- (3) Secure the preservation and protection and improvement of natural history.

Management of the Society's affairs is by elected Trustees.

The restoration of Ivy House, our headquarters, was part funded by the National Lottery.



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

June (Excursion) A guided walk with Tony Porter looking at Historic Hedon. This walk is around the Town taking in some principal buildings and takes the little known byways. Along

the walk you will learn of pubs, people and plagues, along with corruption, churches and change.

The walk commences from Market Hill car park on Sunday June 17th at 2.00pm and takes about 2 hours. All walks are on normal footpaths and roads and are more accessible.

Costs Adults £4.00...... under 16s £2.00.



Your guide is Tony Porter who has lived in Hedon for nearly 40years and after a career at sea takes great pleasure in passing on his love of History and storytelling.

July (Excursion) A Back to Nature Day focussed on Toffling Hill and Ivy House. A fun educational day for all ages. Watch our website and Facebook page!

September 14th Dr Rohan Lewis introduces us to Medicinal Plants. *Judicious and paineful herbarists* – the 1633 Herbal of John Gerard and Thomas Johnson.

October 12th BMLR are the only marine animal rescue organisation operating across England, Wales and Scotland. Find out about their work along our coastline.



BDMLR in action - BDMLR

Unless otherwise stated the venue is Patrington Church Hall at 7.30pm.

The hall is situated behind the HOLDERNESS INN on HIGH STREET with parking available in St Patrick's car park.

Alternative access can be gained via NORTHSIDE COURT but car parking very limited.