



HAM NEWS Bulletin – August/Sept/Oct 2010

BREAKING NEWS

We now have a website, which we are in the process of updating. Events and all details will be posted up on the site regularly, so please do visit the site often to see what we are up to

www.herefordshiremammals.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

HAM Summer Barbecue at the Weir Gardens, Swainshill

We are holding a summer barbecue for all HAM Members. The event will be taking place on the evening of Friday 20th August from 6.00pm onwards. Please bring your own refreshments including food to go on the barbecue. This will be followed by a walk around the gardens with bat detectors to check the local roost for Pipistrelle bats and possibly the riverside for Daubenton's bats. More information will be sent out soon. If you are interested in attending, then please contact Jessica Lamerton on 01432 341837 or

jessicalamerton@yahoo.co.uk

Monthly HAM gathering

There will be no monthly gathering in August due to the summer holidays, so the plan is for the next gathering to take place on Wednesday September 8th at 8.00pm. Venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

HAM AGM

We are holding the next HAM AGM meeting for 2010 on Thursday 14th October. Location and venue details will be sent out prior to the meeting. We welcome any new recruits/volunteers for the Committee, if anyone is interested, then please do get in touch with Hilary Smith on 01432 357732 or

h.smith1@mypostoffice.co.uk

The AGM meeting talk will be with Dr Henry Schofeld of the Vincent Wildlife Trust talking about the work he has been doing in the underground tunnels in Poland called 'Nietoperek' which is the most important hibernation site for bats in Europe with approx 30'000 bats overwintering there.

BATS

Waterway survey for Daubenton's bats at Risbury which is 2-3 miles north of Bodenham time to be confirmed about 8.00 pm ish

Saturday 14th Aug

Monday 23rd Aug

Please contact Dave Smith if you want to attend on Tel: 01432 266937 Mob: 07905849842 or email on

davetreesmith@aol.com

Daubenton Surveys at Bartonsham Dairies and Bodenham, dates tbc for August
Please contact Tim Barber on Mob: 07753 682915 or tbarber@herefordshire.gov.uk

Bat box checks

Sunday 12th September – Lea & Pagets

Sunday 10th October – Ast Wood

Sunday 14th November – White Rocks at The Doward

Sunday 12th December – Nupend

Contact Dave Smith on 01885 400310/07905 84942 or davetreesmith@aol.co.uk if you want to attend and for more details.

DORMICE

Dormouse box checks at Queenswood, to meet in the car park at 9.00am.

Wednesday 18th August

Wednesday 22nd September

Thursday 14th October

Please contact Hilary Smith on 01432 357732 or h.smith1@mypostoffice.co.uk if you wish to attend.

OTHER

Messages from Mammal Society

AUTUMN SYMPOSIUM

"New Techniques in Mammal Research"

26-27th November 2010, The Meeting Rooms, London Zoo

This special two-day meeting will explore new techniques in mammal research focusing on four key themes: **population genetics, population monitoring, movement and behaviour**. Our speakers are world leaders in using and developing new technologies and techniques in these areas. We will cover a huge range of new developments from the latest in DNA analysis, camera trapping, ultrasonic bat detecting, stable isotopes, accelerometers, RFID tags, and even monitoring humans using mobile phones!

SURVEYS

The National Small Mammal Monitoring Scheme

Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in the first Spring session of the NSMMS, here's to many more years of successful surveying! Most of the results have now come in (don't forget, please send them to our Southampton office), look out for the results here and on the website soon!

HAM has already been conducting surveys in the county, please contact Hilary Smith on 01432 357732 or h.smith1@mypostoffice.co.uk to find out for more information and where before registering with mammal society.

National Bat Conference 2010

BCT's National Bat Conference is the biggest annual event in the bat calendar. This year's programme will cover many exciting and varied subjects. If you have never attended our Conference before then do consider coming along - there's always something new to learn, even for the most knowledgeable bat enthusiasts!

Start date: 10/09/2010 14:00

End date: 12/09/2012 15:30

Venue/location: Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3TU

Cost Range of packages available - from a day rate of £105, up to a premier weekend package of £270.

Contact Dave Sutton: dsutton@bats.org.uk / 020 7501 3638. <http://www.bats.org.uk/conference>

Mammal News

There is an article in the Mammal News about Polecat monitoring that Vincent Wildlife Trust are doing again this year. Survey runs from Sept 15th to October 15th, and involves noting any polecats, stoats or weasels when you are driving about the country. For more information contact John Messenger

jmessenger@vwt.org.uk

NOTICE

A number of people have said that they are not receiving the newsletters from us by email.

If you are having trouble with receiving the newsletter regularly, please ask your spam filter to accept the emails from Mike - Herefordshire Action for Mammals" <mike@herefordmammals.fsnet.co.uk> in order to receive them.

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If any HAM members wish to contribute articles, stories or photographs of interest for the website, then please do send them in to the Newsletter team at: hamnewsletter@hotmail.com