

Chairman's Report 2010

- 1. Biodiversity Action Plan.** I am delighted to report that the Overton Parish BAP is now completed and has been printed. Copies are available to anyone who would like one and the BAP will shortly be put on the OBS web site.
I would like to thank everyone who was involved with producing the BAP. I would particularly like to thank Julia Nethercote from BDBC and Jane and Ed Beckmann for their help in preparing the BAP for printing. I would also like to thank the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for their assistance with its production.
- 2. Past activities.** OBS members enjoyed a varied programme of activities and talks over the past 12 months. We would particularly like to thank Peter Hutchins for his input to many of the activities, especially the dawn chorus walk, trip to the Vyne estate, the combined OBS/RSPB evening walk, his talk on Gardening for Wildlife and organising our day trip to the Isle of Wight.
Our survey work this year has concentrated on the dormouse survey – thanks to everyone who participated. We will be continuing with this in the coming autumn. We also started a survey of glow worms in St Mary's churchyard. Again, this will be carried on next year.
- 3. Future events.** Our programme for the next 12 months will include a mixture of visits, talks and work parties at Little Meadow and Micheldever Spoil Heaps.
We will have a return visit to Andover Down Wildlife Garden and a day trip across the border to Thatcham Wildlife Discovery Centre and Bowdon Woods.
On the 22nd May we will be involved in a joint event with the WI when there will be a day of activities under the title "Living for the Future".
Details of all the events for the coming 12 months can be found on our web site.
- 4. Membership.** There are currently about 100 paid up members. This is a slight decline from last year and we would encourage anyone who knows a potential new member to encourage them to join.
- 5. Finally,** I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and to Julian and Jillian Aburrow for volunteering to join us. I would particularly like to thank Lucy Sloane-Williams for all her hard work as Treasurer over the years since OBS was formed – almost 10 years ago. I would also like to thank Alan Stevens for being willing to take on the role of Treasurer.

Kenneth MacKenzie,
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