

***Norfolk and Norwich
Naturalists' Society***



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Presidents, Vice Presidents and Council members serving during 2019

(members served throughout the year except where stated otherwise).

Presidents:	Dr Carl Sayer <i>(to 12.3.19)</i>	Simon Barnes <i>(from 12.3.19)</i>
Vice Presidents:	Dr RE Baker, AL Bull, RC Hancy, PW Lambley, DI Richmond	
Chairman:	C Chapman	
Secretary:	J Emerson	
Assistant Secretary:	FJL Farrow	
Treasurer:	<i>Position vacant</i>	
Assistant Treasurer:	J Froud	
Membership committee:	G Carrick <i>(chair)</i> <i>(to 12.3.19)</i> J Hubbard <i>(chair)</i> <i>(from 12.3.19)</i>	J Froud <i>(secretary)</i>
Programme committee:	Ms DL Cheyne <i>(chair)</i>	Dr SR Martin <i>(secretary)</i>
Publications committee:	Dr AR Leech <i>(chair)</i>	Dr J Parmenter <i>(secretary)</i>
Research committee:	Dr AG Irwin <i>(chair)</i>	M Ghullam <i>(secretary)</i> <i>(to 12.3.19)</i> Dr NM Collins <i>(secretary)</i> <i>(co-opted from 12.3.19)</i>
Liaison Committee:	C Chapman <i>(chair)</i>	Dr J Parmenter <i>(secretary)</i>
Finance Committee:	J Froud <i>(chair)</i>	T Hodge <i>(secretary)</i>
Elected council members:		
Retiring 2019: <i>(All to 12.3.19)</i>	J Hubbard, D Nobbs, Dr. P Taylor	
Retiring 2020:	T Frost, T Hodge, R. Hawke	
Retiring 2021:	D Ashton, W Fitch, M Goddard, G Bond	
Retiring 2022: <i>(All from 12.3.19)</i>	E Carr, J Higgins, T Williams, T Kemp <i>(co-opted)</i>	

Co-opted Members: To be invited following the first meeting of the new council.

Hon. Independent Examiner: M. Benstead

Addresses:

Honorary Secretary: J Emerson, 108 Sleaford Green, Norwich, NR3 3JT.

NORFOLK & NORWICH NATURALISTS' SOCIETY . . .

The Society was founded in 1869 and became a registered charity in 1985 with registration number 291604. Its governing instrument is the constitution adopted on 4 March, 1983 as amended on 22 March, 1985, 16 March, 1999 and 21 March, 2006.

The management of the affairs of the Society is in the hands of a Council consisting of Vice Presidents, officers and elected members as listed opposite.

The Society President is nominated by Council to serve for one year and is a person who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of natural history.

The objectives of the Society are:

- to promote, organise, carry on and encourage education of the public and study and research for the advancement of knowledge in natural sciences and to protect endangered species.

To furtherance of the above objects but not further or otherwise the Society may:

- publish papers on the natural sciences, especially those relating to Norfolk.
- encourage the exchange of information between naturalists by means of meetings and excursions.
- protect endangered species by the collection of information, co-operative surveys, investigations and the dissemination of the useful results of such investigations.
- do all such other lawful things as shall further the attainment of the above objects.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Council has pleasure in presenting this Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2019. This was a special year; our 150th anniversary.

Membership at the end of 2019 stood at 619 (610 in 2018). The number of new members totalled 45 during the course of the year. The membership records have continued to be tidied with all members not paying subscriptions being deleted from the membership immediately after the correct number of reminders as stated in the rules. The majority of our subscriptions are now received by Paypal making this easier to monitor and control.

The Society ended the year with general account reserves of £101, 862.52 (£89,114.17 at the end of 2018), another substantial increase on the previous year mainly due to legacies received. It appears our members are actively seeking to leave funds to the Society within their last will and testaments! Former members have left a total of £21,386.98 during 2019 for which the Society is very grateful. Details of these legacies are in the notes on variances within the accounts. Among other things previous legacies have been used to support the construction of a research library at Wheatfen. At the time of writing the first tranche of books as requested by the county recorders are being delivered.

Thanks to the membership the Society's finances can be said to be in a very healthy position. In fact, in the healthiest position in which they've even been, and the Finance committee did an excellent job in balancing the books. I am pleased to see the hard-working Jim Froud has consolidated his position within the committee in standing for the Treasurers position, aptly supported by Tim Hodge as Assistant Treasurer.

The Membership Committee suffered this year from lack of attendance, but Jim Froud stepped in to keep the committee afloat. Fairs and festivals the Society attended were well subscribed. Perhaps the best was at the Science Festival in October where we reached out to thousands of adults and children alike.

The Photographic Group met several times during the course of the year and continue to share ideas and techniques. As digital photography becomes ever more popular it is worth pointing out these meetings are open to all members and interested photographers. Photography has a major part to play in the future recording of the county's wildlife and the group is excellently led by Hans Watson.

Education is something to which the Society is committed. Talks are a substantial part of what the society does to promote the wildlife within the county and 2019 was no exception. The programme committee once again put together a fantastic and popular series of events. Carl Sayer, Bernard Webb, Stuart Newson, Hans Watson, Garth Coupland, Jeff Price, Greg Bond and Charlie Halliday all gave talks on subjects that once again were far ranging and interesting. The contribution by the speakers is very much appreciated. I would also once again like to thank the workers who laid out the hall, served refreshments and manned the projector; without them these events simply wouldn't take place.

The programme of workshops and field meetings continued throughout the summer months covering areas as diverse as Great Yarmouth Cemetery to Cley NWT and Weybourne to Ling. These included a wide variety of subjects; Birds to 'spots and dots', fungi and Lichens to Dragonflies. All this represented some outstanding organising by Stephen Martin of our Programme Committee. Thank you again to the leaders, organisers and participants alike in making them all entertaining and successful.

Our thanks also go to Simon Barnes who took us through our celebratory year as president.

Members got together in the summer and celebrated our anniversary at How Hill. The weather however was not as stunning as the location and the hoped-for Swallowtail Butterflies 'on the wing' did not happen. However, all those who attended had a good time.

The Research Committee led by Tony Irwin has pulled together results of research within excellent articles on Winterton that were published within Transactions. During much of 2019 Tony led research in the Buckenham area and it is hoped this will culminate in publication within a year or so. I'm looking forward to hearing more about the research the committee will be taking on board during 2020. The recorders evening is scheduled for March and is also eagerly awaited.

Tony Leech led the Publications Committee and pulled together the 2018 Bird and Mammal Report. The articles and photographs included are a tribute to Andy Stoddart who once again acted as the report and photographic editor. Richard Moores ended his first year as mammal recorder with a marvellous mammal report. Tony also oversaw the publication of Roy Baker & Derek Howlett's 'Haddiscoe Island' and in early January the publication of Transactions had some wonderful reviews. At the time of writing we are eagerly awaiting the imminent publication of the 'Transactions for 2018', a volume on 'Emma Turner' and of course 'Norfolk's 150' which documents 150 species within the county in celebration of our 150th year.

The Norfolk Natterjack, our quarterly newsletter, allows members to contribute a wide variety of articles. The publication is excellently edited and compiled by Francis Farrow.

The Society's Facebook page continues to be heavily used with over 1700 members. Thanks are due again to Andy Musgrove for acting as our administrator. This is the Societies window on the wildlife of the county and thanks are due to contributors who help to make this a resource that can be used by all.

Comments continue to be made about the Society's website and this remains a centre for information on the Society. It is a tribute to Jim Froud's hard work

It is pleasing that during the course of the year some good links with other organisations within the county have been forged by the new Liaison Committee. The Society's relationship with the Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service (NBIS) and Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) are strong ones and working arrangements continue to be developed with our team of county recorders.

The role of our county recorders is a difficult one. Often a thankless task. My thanks are given to every single one of them. Tim Hodge has taken over as County Hoverfly Recorder, and following the deaths of John Goldsmith and Robin Stevenson, the roles of Bat Recorder and West Norfolk Bryophyte Recorder have passed to Richard Moores and Julia Masson, respectively.

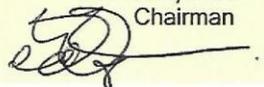
In 2019 several trustees came to the end of their term in office as members of council at the AGM and I thank them wholeheartedly for their service: Mary Ghullam (Research secretary), George Carrick (Membership Chairman), Pam Taylor (council), David Nobbs (council). I extend my gratitude to these and all who have contributed.

I would like to extend my personal thanks once again to James Emerson, our secretary, who has tirelessly produced accurate and very timely minutes to meetings and stepped into my shoes whenever necessary. It has been said more than once that the answer to the question is 'James Emerson' ... now what's the question? I rely on him heavily.

As we move into a new decade the world is faced with many issues not least by those posed by climate change. It is without doubt that the records and publications of the society accumulated over the past 150 years will prove very useful in opposing some of these issues.

There are many ideas I still have to take our great society forward and I look forward to being a part of the Society during 2020, and subsequent years.

Carl Chapman
Chairman



Norfolk & Norwich Naturalists' Society

Registered Charity 291604

RECEIPTS		2019	2018
Voluntary sources	A1.1 Subscriptions	12657.25	12292.05
	A1.2 Grants / legacies	21386.98	62757.98
	A1.3 Sundry donations	1591.82	669.75
Trading activities	A2.1 Bird report sales (prev yr edn)	132.51	605.86
	A2.2 Bird report sales (current yr edn)	1446.02	1743.84
	A2.3 Sales of other publications	701.30	106.98
	A2.4 Delivery / postage	0.00	0.00
	A2.5 Workshop attendance fees	0.00	0.00
Income from assets	A3.1 Interest on Savings	872.38	747.05
Total receipts		38788.26	78923.51

PAYMENTS		2019	2018
		Total	Total
Lectures & meetings	B1.1 Room hire / speakers' expenses	535.00	642.25
	B1.2 Workshops	345.92	0.00
	B1.3 Programme card printing	322.80	286.20
	B1.4 Exhibitions and publicity	2898.14	302.40
Publications	B2.1 Transactions (incl postage)	2959.94	1961.00
	B2.2 B&M - (incl postage)	5923.16	6779.75
	B2.3 Sales expenses, fees, postage	65.51	1431.82
	B2.4 Occn Publications (incl postage)	2511.69	2000.00
Membership services	B3.1 Printing & stationery (incl N'jack)	3016.79	3357.34
	B3.2 Postage to members	243.17	980.41
	B3.3 Paypal fees, reminders, new members	92.22	159.72
	B3.4 Website	98.24	59.88
Research & education	B4.1 Research	1023.01	0.00
	B4.2 Education	0.00	0.00
Governance	C1.1 AGM expenses: print+post	106.46	0.00
	C1.2 Public liability insurance	654.56	654.56
	C1.3 Consumables, envelopes, labels	12.08	25.26
	C1.4 2019 expenses/events	4668.65	0.00
	C1.5 Publication sales postage (carried forward)	7.05	0.00
	C1.6 Committee printing, stationery & postage	136.09	0.00
	C1.7 Ind exam / miscellaneous	419.43	211.83
	C1.8 Total payments	26039.91	18852.42

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Movement in funds / end-of-year assets		2019	2018
		Total	Total
Movement in funds	Start of year balance	89114.17	29043.08
	Receipts	38788.26	78923.51
	Payments	26039.91	18852.42
End of year balance		101862.52	89114.17
Assets at period end	Represented by:		
	Cash at Barclays	7098.13	16811.15
	Paypal account	0.00	0.00
	Teachers Saving A/c	94764.39	73505.03
	Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
	Unbanked cheques	0.00	0.00
	Less uncleared cheques	0.00	-1202.01
End of year balance		101862.52	89114.17

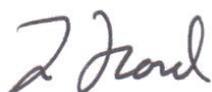
Notes on variances:

A1.2: Largest legacy in 2019 was from Eunice Phipps, others were from Ada Hankinson and final payments from Basil Ribbons.
C1.8 shows over £7,300 "extra" spending, mainly from B1.4 and C1.4 -
B1.4 includes net spending on the How Hill visit, commemorative badges, car stickers, the Science Fair and the purchase of a projector and screen.
C1.4 is expenditure due to celebrating our 150th year and, as some commemorative publications have been delayed, there will be more in the 2020 accounts

Note that in 2018 we discontinued to refer to "the Peet Fund" in accounts, but continue to acknowledge its donor, the Sarnia Trust, in our printed publications.

J Froud - Assistant Treasurer

07/07/2020



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

NORFOLK AND NORWICH NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 291604

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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