

SUSSEX BOTANICAL RECORDING SOCIETY

NEWS LETTER NO. 26, JANUARY 1988.

Dear Member,

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, 16th April, 1988, starting at 2.30 p.m. at Staplefield Village Hall (on B. 2114 TQ276282). The business will include the presentation of 1987 accounts, appointment of Auditor, fixing the subscription for 1989, reports on 1987 activities and the election of Officers and Committee. These are at present: Mr R. Stern, Chairman; Mrs K. Amore, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr A. Hoare, East Sussex Convener; Mr A. Knapp, West Sussex Convener; Mrs P. Donovan and Mr G. Forster. Mr Hoare wishes to resign as Convener, but is willing to stand for the Committee, as are all other officers and members. Nominations should reach me before the day of the A.G.M.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1988 are now due, and may be sent to me, or paid at the A.G.M. The rate is unchanged at £2 for one, and £1 for each additional member at the same address.

ALIEN PLANTS IN SUSSEX Mr Hoare asks for records for 1987 to be sent to him. He feels sure there must be many more than the small number which he has received.

WOODLAND SURVEY No progress has been made with this project, which is of considerable conservation importance. The Committee asks someone interested to volunteer to act as convener for getting the work started. If interested, let me know, or write to our Chairman, Mr Stern, for more information.

NEUTRAL MEADOWS The N.C.C. is interested in finding old "unimproved" meadows on neutral soils for conserving. If you know of any in your district, please send me particulars (owner, address and map reference) and I will send them off together.

RORIPPA REQUEST Dr John Dickie of R.B.G. Wakehurst Place is currently researching Rorippa palustris. We called this plant R.islandica in the Sussex Plant Atlas, but see C.T.W. Excursion Flora ed. 3 for more recent distinctions. Our Sussex plants have so far been R.palustris (with erect stems and lower leaves with large ovate-oblong terminal lobes, etc.).

Dr Dickie would be grateful to hear of 1988 sites for the above species, and also of recent localities of R. sylvestris and R. amphibia. Please send details of any seen in 1986 or 1987 to Mary Briggs.

PLANT LISTS FOR 1987 should be sent to the Recorders at once (if not already done).

1986 ADDITIONS TO THE SUSSEX PLANT ATLAS Copies of these were available at the get-together last November. Those that were not taken then are included with this letter. There is no charge. Mr Donovan kindly did them at cost price, and this has been met by our funds.

BRIGHTON BOROUGH has recently appointed an "Urban Wildlife Assistant" who is surveying patches of land in the Borough with a view to declaring them Urban Wildlife Sanctuaries ("ecoparks"). She asks if any of our members have plant lists of such places, or would be willing to help her with the survey. I have a detailed list of proposed sites, but give here only their grid reference (to help you to see if you are near any of them). Will anyone who could help with this please let me know. (TQ 323047; 331056; 329046; 315075; 302075; 299072; 296074; 327074).

PROGRAMME OF 1988 FIELD MEETINGS This is enclosed with this letter. Note that attendance at the Plant Seed Bank at Wakehurst is limited to twenty persons, and application must be made to Mr Hoare. Others may join the party for the afternoon. Also, the Thorny Island outing is on M.O.D. Land, and intention to attend must be notified to the Convener or Leader a week before the visit (details on the programme).

Yours sincerely,

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