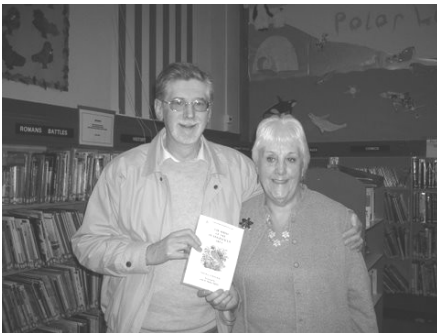


# Newsletter 2008

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Paul and Betty Bray

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**Langsett and Penistone Survey** - *'82 species were recorded during the survey.'*

**Finances** - *'Overall a successful year.'*

**This is my final report as President of the Club and it gives me much satisfaction, though not self-congratulation, to write it. The healthy state of affairs we find ourselves in prompts confidence in our future.**



Paul and Betty Bray with Michael Rayner and Harry Scott

**'Of particular note this year was the publication of our major report "The Birds of the Huddersfield Area" '**

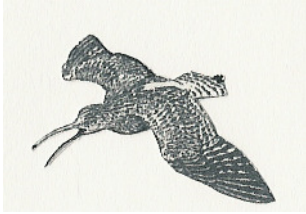
Our success has been brought about by a combination of factors. One major change to our advantage five years ago was our conversion to a charity, a move which brought in well over £250 through Gift Aid this year and which attracted a substantial bequest from a local benefactor. Our present membership, which stands at 91, is the highest it has been for many years. This increase came about despite our raising subscriptions. (Could it possibly be because they rose and is this a guide for future action?!) I maintain that we give exceptional value for our subscriptions: not only a set of engaging speaker meetings and Club evenings, but also an annual report, a newsletter, and a well used website. (When I last looked there were 926 posts under Local Sightings and 688 photos in The Gallery). Our own valuable surveys continued, on this occasion thanks to the hard work of Chris Abell and his gallant team. See Langsett report in this issue. In addition we make the Club known through our excellent publicity and are ably represented on outside bodies (most recently involved in a twite survey). We should remind ourselves that at about 60p per speaker meeting they are an exceptional bargain. Financially we are soundly based at the moment, thanks to our efficient and watchful Treasurer. (See his report in this issue.)

Of particular note this year was the publication of our major report "The Birds of the Huddersfield Area" written by Paul and Betty Bray and illustrated by Stuart Brocklehurst and Michael Pinder, with a foreword by John Mather. Just for the mighty compilation alone the authors would have deserved our unstinting gratitude but his report is so well-written, so informative and so attractively produced that they all have every right to be enormously proud of their work and the Club can be proud by association. We printed 200 copies out of some of our legacy and they are selling very well at £12.00, which buys 419 pages, another bargain. Behind its production lay work by a hidden team, who should be thanked too. At the club meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> the authors and illustrators presented the book to members (see photo). I think this work is a triumph.

Our 2005 Annual Report is in the last stages of its gestation and our thanks go to Brian Armitage, Russell Boland, Stuart Brocklehurst, Mike Cunningham, Mike Denton and Mike Wainman for undertaking the writing and printing.

It remains for me to say how enjoyable the last 6 years have been. It has been a privilege to have served such a thriving club; to have such a wonderful set of enthusiastic members, some attending meetings, others active in the field; and to have been supported by an excellent committee, who deserve the gratitude of all members for their diligence and devotion, all given so unshowily. Finally may I wish my successor well when he takes over in November. He will be a notable asset to the Club and will ensure it continues to flourish.

Michael Rayner.



## Michael Rayner to step down as President

Towards the end of last season Michael Rayner announced his intention to step down as club President at the AGM this coming November, after six years in the job. Members will perhaps be most familiar with Michael's 'up front' role in chairing our evening meetings, which he has done with his welcoming style and sense of humour, not least in that most difficult of all the President's tasks of thinking of ever more new and amusing ways to remind us of the need to feed the 'Duck' !

Less obvious has been his role behind the scenes in chairing the Committee, which he has done with great effect, again combining a light and always supportive touch with his school masterly experience to keep everything moving and we his committee colleagues in order. Hopefully, we have not caused him too much trouble.

**Michael can be proud of his period of tenure, during which the club has become much stronger: membership is up, our finances are on a much firmer footing, we have run successful indoor meetings programmes, with increasing participation of members themselves; run regular surveys, both for external organisations and within the club itself; launched the club web site and improved the quality of our publications, both annual reports and 'one off' books such as those by Mike Denton and Paul and Betty Bray.**

There is, however, one thing above any other which marks a major point in the club's history - our move to become a charity in 2003. It was Michael who suggested that we investigate whether we could do this and then oversaw the complex process of making it a reality; a step that has been fundamental to the turn around in the club's fortunes.

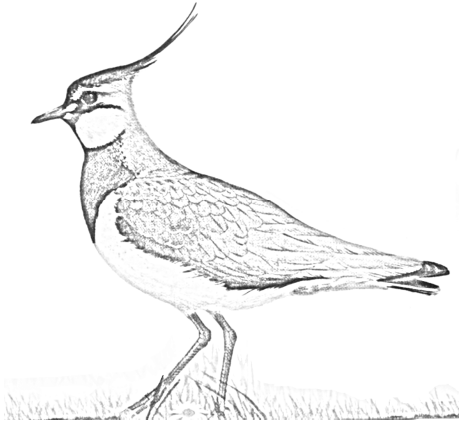
In fact, Michael had intended to step down last November, but, above and beyond the call of duty, generously agreed to do a further year in order that we could find a replacement. Alf King has volunteered, will be proposed by the Committee at the AGM and, if elected, will be another fine President.

Lest we think that all of the above was enough for Michael, we should remember that, until not long ago, he also chaired the Friends of Beaumont Park and was Planning Officer for the Civic Society. We should be doubly, or is it triply, grateful therefore for his considerable contribution to the club and will take the opportunity to thank him fully in November.

Meanwhile, this article marks his achievements in this the last newsletter under his tenure. His final score out of ten will depend much on the ingenuity of his 'Duck' reminders in the first part of the new season. No pressure then!

Mike Wainman.

# Langsett and Penistone Area Survey 2007



**‘Lapwing is the most common breeder and it was this species that gave the greatest difficulty’**

The southern part of the club area is under-recorded so a survey of breeding birds was carried out during May and June 2007.

The chosen area of approximately 12 sq.km stretched from the Snow Road on A628 in the west (gridline 16) to the edge of Thurlstone in the east (gridline 23). Gridline 00 which cuts through Langsett Reservoir and which forms the southern boundary of the club area was also the southern boundary of the survey. The northern boundary, the 04 gridline, which is about 1km north of the disused Manchester to Sheffield railway over Woodhead formed the northern limit.

The area was divided into 12 patches, each walkable on public footpaths or access land. 2 patches strayed south of the 00 grid line to allow access around Langsett Reservoir. The land sloped from west to east, the highest point being at 450m above ordnance datum, dropping to 210m in the east.

In the west the habitat is mainly heather moorland in with rough pasture. The pasture becomes more improved moving east with silage fields at the eastern edge. Agriculture is grazing predominately sheep but also beef cattle. Woodland around the reservoir is mainly conifer plantation, but there are also mature single conifers in the Little Don Valley and the plantations here are fringed with deciduous trees with some open clearings. The banks of the River Don also hold deciduous trees.

Despite being crossed by 2 trunk roads the area is virtually all farming, the only concentration of human activity being the car park at Langsett which is extremely busy at weekends.

Each observer was asked to carry out two visits, with an early morning start, spaced at least three weeks apart, during the period 1st May to 15th June. However the weather was appalling, with a prolonged wet spell over a large portion of the time and observers had difficulty in fitting in the visits. For the most westerly and exposed patch only one visit was possible and for 2 patches the second visit took place just outside the allotted period. Surprisingly, with what followed, access to the moorland stretches was restricted to footpaths only because of the fire risk following a dry and very warm April.

## Findings

82 species were recorded during the survey, 46 of these were considered as definite breeders, which for the purposes of this survey was defined as young seen, adults carrying food, adults with nest material or nest found. When likely breeders (i.e. singing or displaying males or other courtship behaviour) were included the total estimate of breeding species became 77. The estimated total number of likely breeding pairs was 1254, of which 312 were considered definite. The key findings were:

Lapwing is the most common breeder with 124 likely breeding pairs and it was this species that gave the greatest difficulty. At the first visit in May breeding would have been well underway and by the time the second visit was made the grass was too long to count chicks or birds keeping low in the grass. Also, the field east of A616 just north of the Flouch is known to hold large numbers of Lapwings. They are easily seen from the cars when passing, but ability to get good views of this field was considered too dangerous (it is a busy and fast road with no footway). It is considered that the numbers of likely breeders is an underestimate.

- Other breeding waders were 2 pairs of **Oystercatchers** and 3 pairs of **Common Sandpipers** around the Reservoir with **Curlew** (24), **Snipe** 6 and 1 pair of **Golden Plover** likely breeders on the upland areas. The importance of pasture for feeding was illustrated by a flock of 9 of the latter feeding near the A616.
- Despite the area being known for raptors, disappointingly few were recorded, but given their shyness in the breeding season this is not totally surprising.
- After Lapwing the most prolific breeders were **Willow Warbler** 118, **Chaffinch** 116, **Wren** 101 and **Robin** 51
- The **Coal, Great and Blue Tits** had 26, 37 and 37 breeding pairs respectively, along with 4 **Long Tail Tits** and 1 **Willow Tit**.
- **Blackbird** was the most common thrush, with 34 pairs ahead of 17 **Song Thrush** and 6 **Mistle Thrush**. A pair of **Ring Ouzels** was considered to be likely breeders but the single **Fieldfare** seen on May 1st was most likely to be on its migration north.
- Of the other warblers and summer visitors the highlights were 2 pairs of **Wood Warblers** which made a welcome return after being absent for many years. It was pleasing to discover 1 pair of **Pied Flycatchers**, 5 **Spotted Flycatchers** and 2 **Redstarts** all of which are just hanging on in the area.
- A pair of **Swifts** observed copulating in mid air were counted as breeding, but no definite nest site was found.
- Other single breeding records were for **Stock Dove**, **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**, **House Martin**, **Tree Pipit**, **Dipper**, **Stonechat**, **Wheat-ear**, **Nuthatch**, **Raven** and **Crossbill**
- The 80 **Rooks** were an estimation of number of nests in one Rookery in Patch7

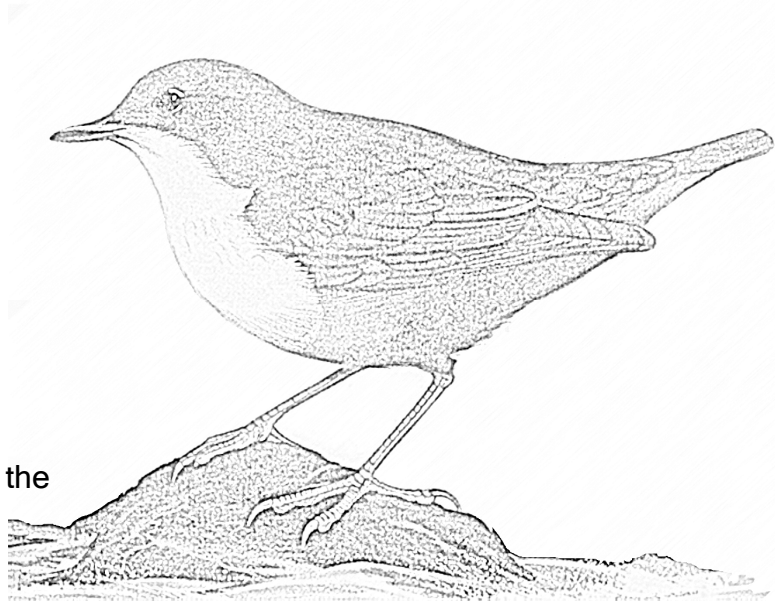
In addition to the weather conditions noted earlier, the other major factor affecting the number of birds was the forestry operations in the woods around Langsett Reservoir. Here there was considerable thinning of the conifers along

with the construction of new hard access paths. The chain saws, the heavy machinery and the continual presence of operatives must have caused disturbance, although apparently not to the Wood Warblers.

By spring 2008 this work had been completed with the wood much more open and hard paths likely to attract many more casual visitors. The survey should be repeated sometime in the future using the same methodology to find out if there have been any adverse effects on the birds. Also an extra earlier visit would be beneficial where Lapwings and Raptors are likely to be breeding.

I would like to thank Mike Denton, Mike Wainman and Brian Armitage for their advice when putting together the scope of the survey.

Chris Abell



# Survey Results

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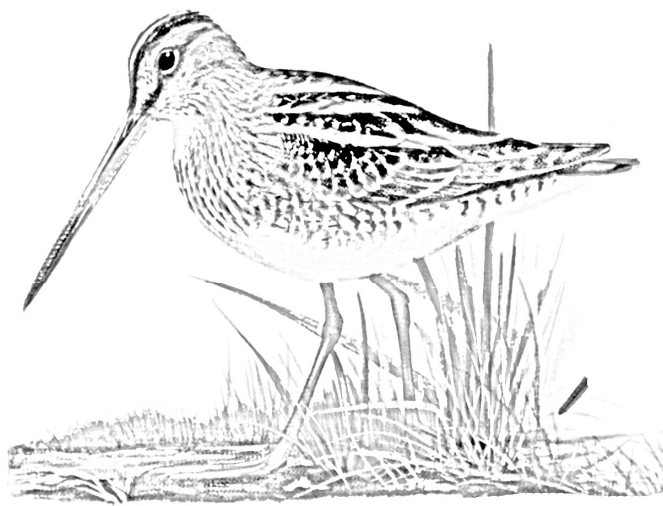
Breeding Species	D	L	LT	N
Grey Heron	0	0	0	3
Canada Goose	5	9	14	0
Mallard	11	16	27	8
Teal	1	0	1	0
Tufted Duck	0	1	1	0
Sparrowhawk	2	0	2	1
Kestrel	0	0	0	2
Red Grouse	0	11	11	0
Red Legged Partridge	0	1	1	0
Grey Partridge	0	1	1	1
Pheasant	0	18	18	3
Coot	0	0	0	1
Oystercatcher	0	2	2	0
Golden Plover	0	1	1	9
Lapwing	12	112	124	0
Curlew	1	23	24	1
Common Sandpiper	2	3	5	0
Snipe	0	6	6	0
Lesser Black Back	0	0	0	2
Woodpigeon	4	56	60	29
Stock Dove	1	0	1	4
Collared Dove	1	5	6	6
Cuckoo	0	3	3	1
Tawny Owl	1	2	3	1
Little Owl	1	2	3	0
Swift	1	0	1	4
Green Woodpecker	0	2	2	0
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	7	8	0
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	0	1	1	0
Skylark	0	19	19	0
Swallow	6	28	34	15
House Martin	0	1	1	9
Tree Pipit	0	1	1	0
Meadow Pipit	1	11	12	12
Pied Wagtail	11	5	16	3
Grey Wagtail	1	2	3	2
Dipper	1	0	1	0
Wren	12	89	101	0
Duncock	4	23	27	5
Robin	13	38	51	0
Redstart	1	1	2	0
Stonechat	1	0	1	0

**D:** Definite breeding pairs.

**L:** Likely breeding pairs.

**LT:** Likely total of all breeding pairs

**N:** Number of birds recorded but no evidence of breeding



Breeding Species	D	L	LT	N
Northern Wheatear	0	1	1	1
Blackbird	17	17	34	0
Ring Ouzel	0	1	1	0
Fieldfare	0	0	0	1
Song Thrush	5	12	17	0
Mistle Thrush	2	4	6	4
Garden Warbler	0	5	5	0
Whitethroat	1	7	8	0
Blackcap	2	22	24	0
Wood Warbler	0	2	2	0
Willow Warbler	11	107	118	0
Chiffchaff	1	16	17	0
Goldcrest	6	7	13	0
Spotted Flycatcher	2	3	5	1
Pied Flycatcher	0	1	1	0
Willow Tit	0	1	1	0
Coal Tit	10	16	26	0
Great Tit	19	18	37	0
Blue Tit	25	12	37	0
Long Tailed Tit	0	4	4	3
Nuthatch	0	1	1	0
Treecreeper	3	3	6	2
Starling	10	10	20	207
Jay	1	0	1	3
Magpie	1	2	3	25
Jackdaw	2	2	4	21
Raven	0	1	1	0
Rook	80	0	80	181
Carrion Crow	0	2	2	12
Tree Sparrow	0	3	3	0
House Sparrow	4	0	4	4
Chaffinch	13	103	116	0
Siskin	0	5	5	1
Greenfinch	1	17	18	0
Goldfinch	0	15	15	10
Bullfinch	0	5	5	0
Redpoll	0	3	3	0
Linnet	1	7	8	2
Crossbill	0	1	1	0
Yellowhammer	0	6	6	0
<b>Total number of birds</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Total number of breeding species</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>77</b>	
<b>Total number of species recorded</b>	<b>82</b>			

**‘Thanks to those who braved the elements to carry out the fieldwork and for submitting the information clearly.’**



# Publications

At the inaugural meeting of the Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1966, T.D. Bisiker said that the purpose of the Club would be “to promote the study and protection of wild birds by bringing together the interests of local birdwatchers”. Later, in the first constitution, it was stated that the Club will disseminate knowledge of the birds of Huddersfield by producing an annual report and by presenting lectures on differing aspects of bird life. The Club has achieved these goals admirably and, over the years, has not only produced an annual report but also supplementary documentation which has put the Club ‘on the map’ regarding its writing and publication skills.

Major supplementary publications have included *An Atlas of the Breeding Birds of the Huddersfield Area* and, more recently, a book entitled *The Birds of the Huddersfield Area*. The Club founder and first President, T.D. Bisiker, would have been extremely proud of these achievements had he been here to witness the Club’s evolution.

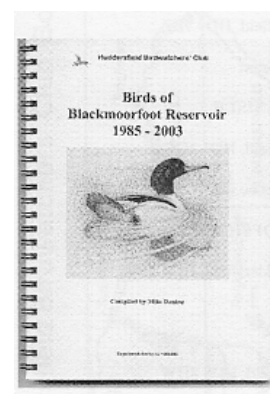
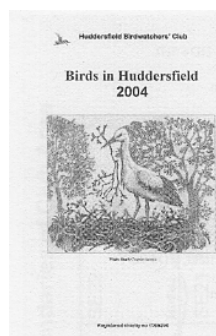
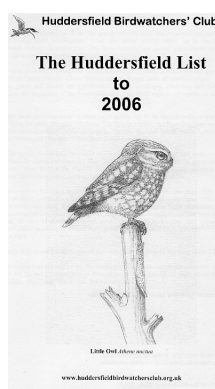
**‘All the publications for which the Club has more than a single copy are available for purchase’.**

**‘This is therefore an ideal opportunity to fill any gaps in your collection’.**

The Committee have always felt it pertinent to maintain copies of all Club publications. In an effort to ascertain the total number of each publication, several Committee members were consulted, as was our own library. The list attached itemises all 48 Club publications.

All the publications for which the Club has more than a single copy are available for purchase. This is therefore an ideal opportunity to fill any gaps in your collection. It goes without saying that without your continued supply of local sightings, the Club would not be in a position to produce these publications. For the Club’s continued success it is paramount that you continue to send your records to the Club Recorder.

Mike Denton



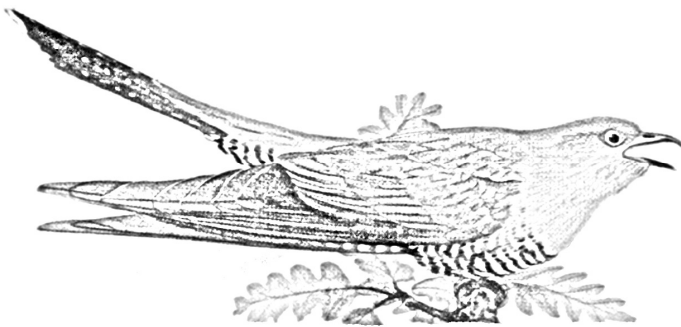
Title of Club Publication	total
The Birds of the Huddersfield Area	38
The Huddersfield List to December 2007	78
The Huddersfield List to December 2006	11
A Survey of the Breeding Birds of Beaumont Park, Huddersfield 2005	0
Results from Bird-ringing in the Huddersfield Area	0
An Atlas of the Breeding Birds of the Huddersfield Area	0
Birds of Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1985-2003	25
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1974-84	0
Blackmoorfoot Reservoir 1959-1973	0
Birds in Huddersfield 2004	18
Birds in Huddersfield 2003	34
Birds in Huddersfield 2002	1
Birds in Huddersfield 2001	20
Birds in Huddersfield 2000	1
Birds in Huddersfield 1999	3
Birds in Huddersfield 1998	59
Birds in Huddersfield 1997	23
Birds in Huddersfield 1996	10
Birds in Huddersfield 1995	1
Birds in Huddersfield 1994	36
Birds in Huddersfield 1993	3
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Birds in Huddersfield 1978	1
Annual Report 1977	2
Annual Report 1976	1
Annual Report 1975 (Status of Birds in the Huddersfield area 1959-1974)	1
Annual Report 1974	1
Annual Report 1973	1
Annual Report 1972	1
Annual Report 1971	1
Annual Report 1970	1
Annual Report 1969	1
Annual Report 1968	1
First Annual Report 1967	1
First Report June-December 1966	1

# Local patch outings

Our Local Outings continue to be supported by a small but loyal band. The four were led by Chris Abell, Russ Boland, Mike Denton and Mike Wainman. Our thanks to them for giving their time and energy to these ventures. M.R

## Digley Saturday 31st May

### **'Highlights - a pair of Cuckoos perched out by the bridge'**



Mr and Mrs President and three members, John Palliser, Nick Mallinson and Roger Mitchell, joined me this sunny morning for a highly productive circuit from Digley Reservoir to 'Blackpool Bridge' then over the moor to Issues Road and back to Digley. We saw 37 species in total, including the usual suspects, with highlights being a pair of Cuckoos ( perched out by the bridge - one eyeing a nearby Meadow Pipit ), Short-eared Owl ( on the edge of the moor, west of Issues Road ) and Little Owl, Snipe ( one displaying, a pair and four chipping ), a pair of Buzzards, one Oystercatcher, one singing Reed Bunting, pair of Linnets, pair of Tufted Duck on Bilberry Reservoir. There were moderate numbers of Lapwing and Curlew (one chick), five singing Skylarks, numerous Pied Wagtails and Meadow Pipits. In addition, several hares and a female Roe Deer were seen. We did not spot any Ring Ouzel or Wheatear - as Mr President complained several times!

A very enjoyable morning! Thank you to those who came. I hope to see more members next year.

Milke Wainman

# 'The Birds of the Huddersfield Area'

Hopefully most members will now be aware of this wonderful new book by Paul and Betty Bray (with illustrations by Stuart Brocklehurst and Mike Pinder) that we published in February, when the authors and our two artists were presented with the first copies at one of our meetings. The pictures of the covers below will give you an impression and the rear cover lists the content.

The book has had an enthusiastic reception and I cannot commend it too highly. We were privileged to include a foreword by well-known Yorkshire ornithologist and long standing friend of and speaker at the Club, John Mather, and the following extract speaks for itself:

**"Beautifully produced and well written, this treatise offers much to learn and enjoy. As long as there are birdwatchers with the knowledge and dedication of Paul Bray, the future of the more serious side of British ornithology is secure. He and his wife are to be heartily congratulated, as are the Huddersfield Birdwatchers' Club, one of the most active and successful such clubs in Yorkshire, for their involvement in the publication of this work, thus deservedly ensuring its place in the national archive."**

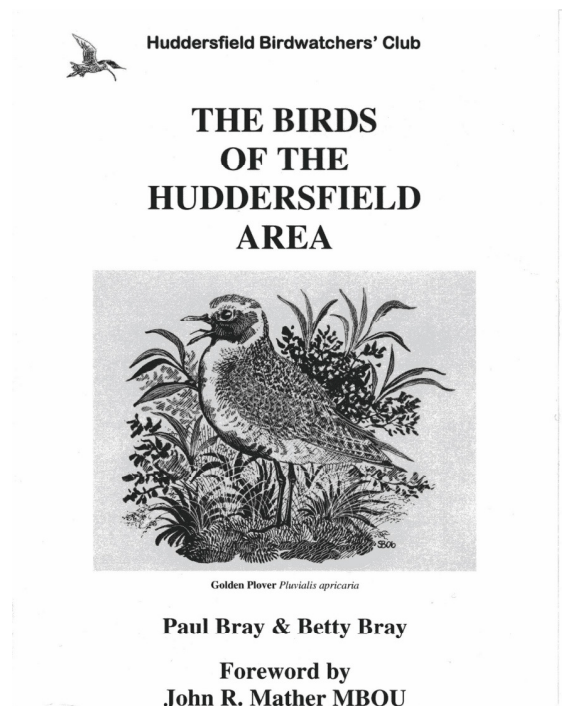
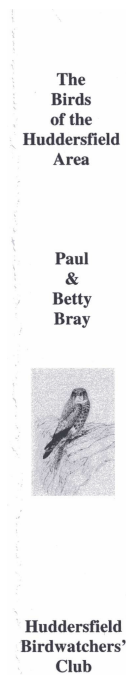
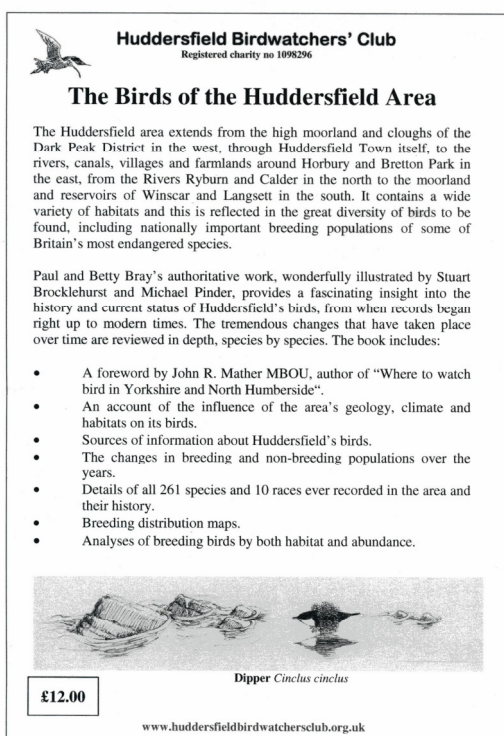
The good news is that the book has been selling well and, at the time of writing, around three-quarters of the print run has been sold. Publication required a considerable up-front investment by the club and I am pleased to say that it looks as though we shall at least break even.

The bad news, for those who have not yet bought it, is that with stocks reducing you will need to move quickly to secure your copy. Please do not miss this opportunity to own this landmark book about Huddersfield's birds.

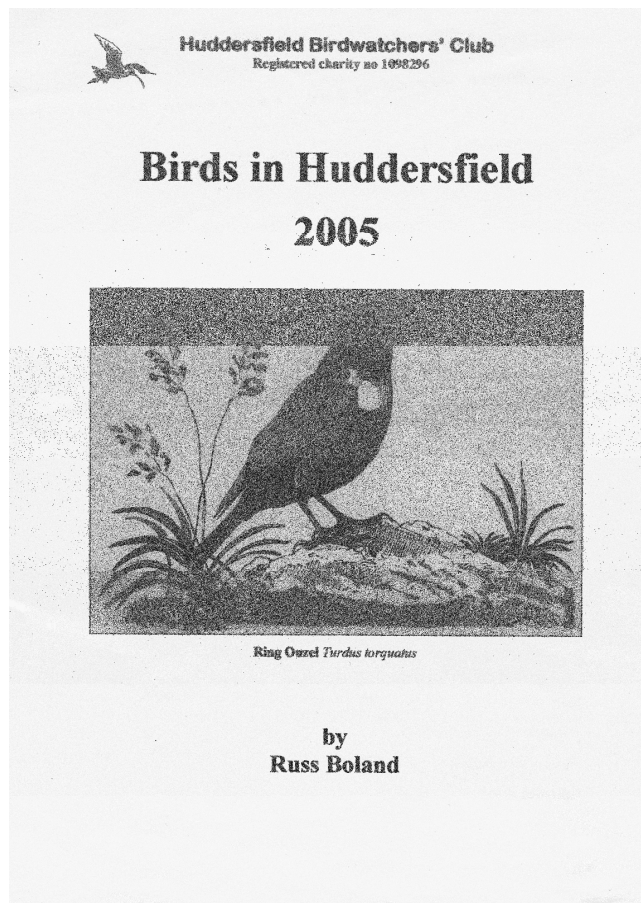
***"The Birds of the Huddersfield Area"***, 419pp, price £12.00, plus £3.00 p&p, total £15.00.

Available from Mike Wainman, Treasurer, 2 Bankfield Park Avenue, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 7QY, Tel. 01484 469232, [m.wainman@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.wainman@ntlworld.com). Make cheques out to Huddersfield Bird-watchers' Club (no cash by post please).

Also available from In Focus Denby Dale, Toll House Bookshop Holmfirth, Armitage's Garden Centres, Huddersfield Tourist Information Centre, RSPB Fairburn Ings, and at Club meetings



## 2005 Annual Report



At the time of writing (late June) the 2005 annual report (see picture) is almost ready to go to the printers.

Written by Russ Boland, with illustrations by Russ, Stuart Brocklehurst and Mick Cunningham and articles by Mike Denton and two Wakefield birders, it is another excellent piece of work. Thank you to all of the above and, of course, to our Recorder Brian Armitage for all of his work throughout the year and in compiling the records from which the report is derived.

The year 2005 was particularly interesting, with two species new to the Huddersfield area: Avocet and White-tailed Eagle, full accounts of which feature in the report.

If you were a member in 2006/7 you are entitled to a free copy and, depending how quickly we can get them printed, it will be sent out directly to you, either with this newsletter or separately before the start of the new lecture season.

Otherwise the report will be for sale and details will be available in due course on the club web site and at club meetings in the new season.

Mike Wainman

### **Stuart Brocklehurst's Blog**

Members will be familiar with Stuart's bird illustrations which have been a feature of our annual reports for some years and, of course, graced Paul & Betty Bray's recent book "The Birds of the Huddersfield Area". The lucky few who attended the members evening in the latter part of last season were also treated to a fascinating insight into Stuart's considerable talent in wildlife art and how this has developed since his early days at art school, with many of his paintings and drawings.

Stimulated by his talk to us, Stuart has now, as he puts it, "decided to come out of the closet" (artistically speaking) and developed a web site opening up much of his work to a wider public. Why not pay Stuart a visit on [www.wildlifewithpenandbrush.blogspot.com](http://www.wildlifewithpenandbrush.blogspot.com) ?

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## Notice of AGM

The 42nd Annual General Meeting is to be held at Huddersfield Central Library at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th November. A full agenda will be issued at the meeting but the following posts are due for election.

- Conservation Liaison Officer
- Recorder
- Secretary
- 2 Committee Members to serve as Publicity Officer and Newsletter Editor



All nominations must be in writing and should be with The Hon Secretary 14 days before the meeting.

At the AGM in November Pat Foster, our Publicity Officer, and Meg Dunford, our Newsletter Editor, will both be standing down. I should like to take this opportunity to thank them both so much for the work they have done for the Club.

Pat made sure our meetings were announced in "What's On" in The Examiner, as well as producing our striking posters for display in libraries and the Tourist Office. Meg produced our attractive newsletters. This, her last, is the best she has done even by the high standards of earlier ones. It shows clearly how much work and imagination she brought to the task. Both have served the Club very well in presenting it to our members and the public, and deserve our gratitude.

We are now looking for their successors and would welcome any offers of help.

Michael Rayner

## Club Finances 2007/8

We anticipated that 2007/8 might be a more difficult year financially, but in the event it has turned out better than expected and it looks as though we shall finish with an operating surplus of over £300, plus some £500 from investment of club funds.

The late Denis Manchester generously left the club £100 in his will and the no-show of two speakers produced unexpected savings. Membership increased to 91 (89 in 2006/7) and together with the new subscription rates led to a Gift Aid contribution from the government of over £250. InFocus and Eurodata of Denby Dale continued to sponsor and offer free printing of our newsletter.

*'The Birds of the Huddersfield Area has been eagerly awaited and will certainly benefit local birders, who should not be without a copy.'*

*I would urge anyone with the slightest interest in the Huddersfield area's birds or local ornithology generally to obtain a copy.'*

*Dave Pearce, Waxwing Books.*

We invested some £1,400 in publishing Paul and Betty Bray's fine book "The Birds of the Huddersfield Area" and I am pleased to report that it looks as though we shall at least break even, thanks to successful sales. This is a bonus, because the Committee were committed to supporting this excellent work regardless. In addition, we published the 2004 annual report at a slight loss, though it is of course provided free to members..

The Club would like to acknowledge the generosity of Dennis Manchester, one of our founder members, in leaving a legacy of £100 to the Club.

Michael Rayner

Our thanks once again go to InFocus and Eurodata Print for their sponsorship.

**2008/9 subscriptions now due !**

Subscriptions rates for the coming season are unchanged and are now due.

**Please send your subs now** directly to Mike Wainman using the slip below. This method of collection has worked well over the last two seasons - it avoids queues and delays at the indoor meetings and makes a Treasurer's life a little easier !

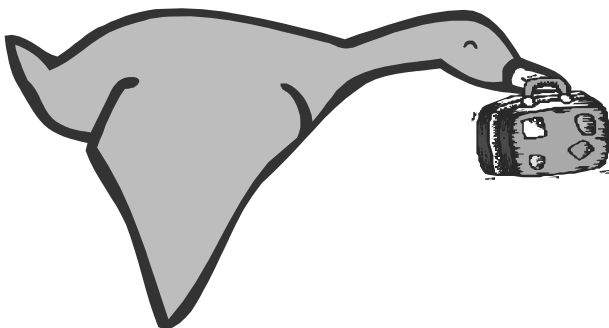
In 2007/8 the Club received over £250 in **Gift Aid** and this is an important source of income for us. Most members have already signed a Gift Aid form and it will still be valid, so nothing further is required. However, if you are a taxpayer and have not provided a signed form, please help by asking Mike for one (Tel. 01484 469232 or email [m.wainman@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.wainman@ntlworld.com)). It costs you nothing and the Club can reclaim an extra 28% of the value of your subscription or donation as a tax rebate from the government.

**Address and email update:** please also ensure that you fill in your postal address, telephone number and your email address so that we can check that club records are fully up to date.

Thank you your support.

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Name(s):	
New address:	
New Telephone no.	
Email address:	
Subscription (tick): <b>Single £13</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Couple £22</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Cheques only please (no cash) made out to <b>Huddersfield Birdwatchers' Club</b>	
Post to: The Treasurer, Mike Wainman, 2 Bankfield Park Avenue, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 7QY	



I'm back .....

See you on September 9th. 7.30p.m.  
Huddersfield Junior Library



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