

Sorby-Breck Ringing Group

February Newsletter 2006

"To provide data from ringing activities to support the conservation and knowledge of bird species in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire."

Diary Dates for Group Members

2006

5th-15th April

Visit to Cyprus

Ringling and Migration, December 2005

Only one area recovery made the 2004 list of recoveries, a Common Sandpiper ringed as a pullus on 21.06.92 at Ladybower Reservoir. Retraps on 19.06.99, 11.06.00 and 01.05.04 demonstrated through colour-ringing the fidelity of this Common Sandpiper to its natal site.

Totals in themselves say little, but as a percentage of the National Total provide a National significance for some of our ringing efforts. The following table provides interesting examples.

Species	National Total 2004	Sorby-Breck 2004	% Group / National Total
Hobby	81 (pullus)	14 (pullus)	17%
Grey Partridge	8	3	38%
Jack Snipe	86	6	7%
Snipe	199	27	14%
Short-eared owl	40 (pullus)	8 (pullus)	20%
Grey Wagtail	353	75	21%
Waxwing	752	73	10%
Ring Ouzel	229 (pullus)	24 (pullus)	10%
Carrion Crown	54	7	13%

It is of note that in 2005 we ringed 169 Grey Wagtails, 48% of the 2004 National total!! There were 31 Common Redpoll ringed in 2004. In 2005 we ringed 9, 29% of the 2004 total.

Subs are now due. C and A ringers £50.00, trainees £10.00.
To Philip Lawson, 1 Filter Cottages, Rivelin, Sheffield. S6 5SP.

Ringers Meeting 16th January 2006

- Apologies - Keith Clarkson, David Hallam, Roy Frost, Mike Wareing and Jon Hornbuckle.

Secretary's Report

- Finance in good order (see next page)
- Ring stocks - discussion on using older rings
- Razorbill species and A₂ to be sorted/swapped with BTO. Geoff to sort, also ring size H to be returned 4-600
- Thanks to Phil

Special Species - Interesting observations and discussion.

- Geoff talked about ringing at Williamthorpe, numbers of Snipe and Grey Wagtails
- Ray talked about Tree Sparrows/ringing at Mike's farm
- Stuart talked about Waxwings and colour ringing

Geoff talked about setting up a Website in January 2007.

Dave Williams quite happy with the way the records are sent in.

Treasurers Report

2005 was financially good for the group we received over £1000 in donations, a refund of £400 and £1200 in subs. This enabled us to achieve our proposed expenditure target plus duck traps and £500 of rings. The rings were bought cost £2200 for 14000 rings over the past 15 month since our last meeting we have used between 10 or 11 thousand rings and we have over 5000 rings in reserve at Geoff's with more in our ringing boxes. It has been suggested we should rationalize our ring stock by rounding up rings from ringers who seem to have ceased ringing, comments from the members present were much appreciated.

It was proposed that we keep the subs at £50 as 10000 rings 7000 a's 1000 aa's 1000 b's and 1000 c's would cost £1500 which should easily be covered by subs, and a few donations. With the stocks we already hold this should be more than enough for our needs and provide us with healthy stocks should we have a run on a single species during 2006.

Phil Lawson.

S.B.R.G. Balance Sheet for year ending 31/12/05

Balance Oct 2004	£81.70		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Subs		Rings. B.T.O	£2194.00
18 @ £50	£900.00	Reports & Postage	£148.70
2 @ £55	£110.00	New Rope	£120.00
3 @ £40	£120.00	Duck Traps	£136.00
4 @ £10	£40.00		
	£1170.00		
Donations			
Severn Trent	£400.00		
Derbyshire C.C	£200.00	<u>Total</u>	<u>£2598.70</u>
Thryburgh Roth.	£60.00		
S.B.S.G	£76.00		
S.N.H.S	£120.00		
G. P. Mawson	£148.70		
	£1004.70		
B.T.O Refund	£403.79		
<u>Total</u>	<u>£2660.19</u>		
		<u>Balance</u>	<u>£61.49</u>

Hen Harriers

In March 2005 I was on a map reading and survival course in the Lake District. On the same course were the field workers that monitor the Hen Harrier in the North of England. During the next few days they invited me to visit a Hen Harrier site in early July. Hopefully the breeding season would be going to plan and there would be chicks old enough to ring and wing tag.

July arrived and the breeding season was going to schedule. We were soon on our way to visit two nest sites, both with chicks.

The first nest site had two chicks unfortunately the oldest nestling decided to fly as we got close to the nest, the other was ringed and tagged by our trainer who showed us how and where to fit the tags on the bird's wings.

The second nest site had just one chick, which was ringed and tagged by a professional Ranger from Southern Ireland. As he had travelled further than me he was given the opportunity to ring this bird.

A new time was agreed for a second visit during the first week in August but animal predation prevented me from ringing this nest site. The Hen Harrier was eluding me yet again. Eventually later on the 8th August, I did ring and tag a Hen Harrier.

In this sensitive breeding site in the North of England there were 11 attempts at nesting with 8 nests managing to fledge young birds. Animal predation, human interference, egg collectors all played a part in the failures. Despite being the most protected bird in the UK the numbers of Hen Harrier are still falling in England. Pressures from human interference are still contributing to the demise of this impressive moorland raptor. We can only hope that the species strategy of moving into new moorland territories will mean that Derbyshire and South Yorkshire moorland will serve the species in the future more hospitably than it has done in the past.

Jack Street.



January 2006 Totals
 Monthly Species Totals Report

	Jan 2006					Total 2006	Jan 2005
Mute Swan	4					4	13
Canada Goose	4					4	1
Teal	1					1	
Sparrowhawk							2
Moorhen	1					1	
Jack Snipe	1					1	4
Snipe	3					3	14
Great Spotted Woodpecker							2
Grey Wagtail	1					1	2
Pied Wagtail	6					6	2
Waxwing	39					39	67
Dipper							1
Wren	7					7	8
Dunnock	7					7	11
Robin	9					9	10
Blackbird	21					21	33
Song Thrush	2					2	11
Redwing	5					5	27
Mistle Thrush							1
Blackcap	1					1	
Goldcrest	13					13	15
Long-tailed Tit	26					26	43
Willow Tit	2					2	3
Coal Tit	7					7	11
Blue Tit	63					63	105
Great Tit	32					32	40
Nuthatch	2					2	5
Treecreeper	2					2	5
Magpie							1
Jackdaw							1
Starling	4					4	1
House Sparrow							8
Tree Sparrow	6					6	
Chaffinch	17					17	19
Greenfinch	22					22	29
Goldfinch	49					49	14
Siskin	28					28	
Common Redpoll	2					2	
Lesser Redpoll	5					5	2
Bullfinch	5					5	6
Yellowhammer	3					3	
Reed Bunting	7					7	6
Grand Total	407					407	523
Total Species	36					36	36

RECENTLY REPORTED RINGING RECOVERIES

Mute Swan

Z41176	26/03/2005	7M	Rother Valley CP, S Yorks (GPM)	
	09/10/2005	X	Rother Valley CP, S Yorks	0 km, 197 days <i>Taken by fox</i>

Greylag Goose

5235460	06/03/2005	6F	Renishaw Park, Derbys (CEG)	
	10/12/2005	VV	Rother Valley CP, S Yorks	5 km, 279 days <i>Colour ring sighting</i>

Grey Wagtail

T350803	01/08/2005	3J	Hathersage, Derbys (JS)	
	03/09/2005	R	Williamthorpe, Derbys (JS)	24 km, 33 days <i>In his pocket for a month!</i>

Waxwing

NW28006	14/01/2006	5M	Walkley, Sheffield (DJM)	
	26/01/2006	VV	Woodley, Stockport	40 km 12 days
NW28008	14/01/2006	5M	Walkley, Sheffield (IK)	
	28/01/2006	VV	Woodley, Stockport	40 km 14 days
	01/02/2006	RR	Sheffield	1km, 18 days
NW28009	14/01/2006	5M	Walkley, Sheffield (IK)	
	27/01/2006	VV	Woodley, Stockport	40 km 13 days <i>Three amazing colour ring sightings</i>

Chiffchaff

8M0204	30/06/2002	3J	Rivelin Valley, Sheffield (JCE)	
	26/07/2005	R	Winterset Res, Wakefield, W Yorks	30km 1122 days

Blue Tit

P658243	20/01/2001	5	Monsal Head, Derbys (SFM)	
	02/11/2005	XF	Ashford in the Water, Derbys	3 km, 1747 days <i>Entered building [shed]</i>
N855476	01/09/2002	3	Upperthorpe, Sheffield (ARC)	
	05/06/2005	VV	Alport Valley, Derbys	22 km, 1008 days <i>Colour ring sighting</i>

Great Tit

VJ40542	30/05/2005	1	Nether Langwith, Derbys (RAF)	
	15/11/2005	X	Langwith, Notts	2 km, 169 days <i>Ring only</i>

Greenfinch

TE74056	06/08/2005	4	Williamthorpe, Derbys (CEG)	
	07/11/2005	XF	Swynnerton, Staffs	65 km, 93 days <i>Found sick</i>

Siskin

R605250	21/03/2004	6M	Dronfield, Derbys (GPM)	
	11/02/2005	R	Townhill, Dunfermline, Fife Region	334 km, 327 days

David Williams