

# **BREDFIELD ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

## **Newsletter**

First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has participated in the surveys and events this year.

We have had over 25 contributions to the surveys which for a community our size is a great start.

The moth evening at the church attracted 35 people, 41 species of moths and 4 species of bat. The surveys have provided some interesting information and a full copy is available here

The garden survey highlighted the wide range of habitats in the village, lots of ponds, wild flower areas, compost bins and mature trees in gardens to attract invertebrates and insects, therefore birds and other predators including a surprisingly wide range of mammals. There were 58 species of bird recorded, Buzzard being the most notable newcomer whilst Swift, House Martin and Nuthatch numbers seem to have declined. 22 species of butterfly were seen including Comma and Purple Hairstreak. Badger and Stoat as well as the more common Weasel made it onto the list of 15 mammals sharing the village with us.

Should you see anything that you think is unusual or rare in the parish and may not be on the survey, just contact the address below.

At the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009, it was agreed not to create too formal a structure for the group, so please take part when and if you can, any help is always appreciated.

A series of events has been agreed for 2010, no dates yet but all will probably from May onwards. These will include (organisers in brackets):

The ever popular bat evening (Peter Tilley), butterfly and bug hunt (Paul Wiggins), bat and nest box making (owl boxes to tree creepers take your pick) (Angela Derham), and a fungi foray (Anne Henderson). Another possibility is tree walk looking at their history and uses (Paul Wiggins / Peter Tilley).

If you have any other ideas for events or activities or want to take an active role in any of the above in the first instance contact Peter Tilley, Tel 01394 383494 or e-mail [Bredfieldparish@googlemail.com](mailto:Bredfieldparish@googlemail.com).

