
Monmouthshire Meadows Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020



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Motion to convert to a CIO

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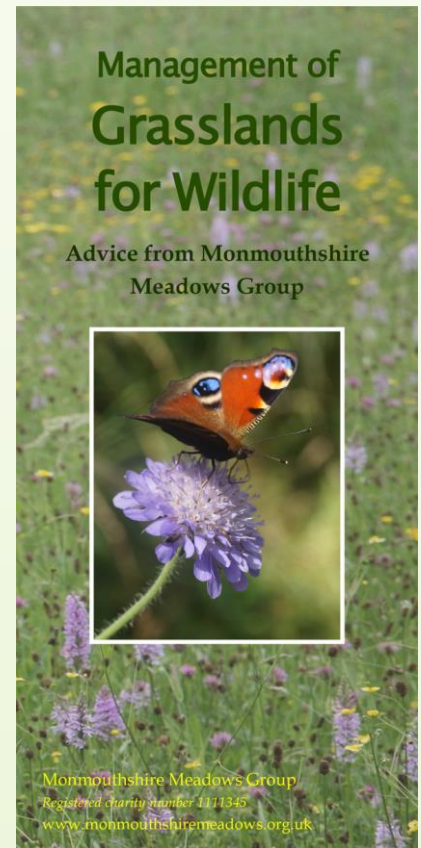
AONB Farming Award Winner



Our trophy (in Marilyn's hall)



Chepstow Show (very wet!)



A Sunnier Usk Show



Membership Numbers

Last financial year (2019/2020)

- 41 new members
- 215 paid-up members at the end of the year

Current year (since 1st April 2020)

- 11 new members
- 226 paid-up members currently
- Additional 55 on mailing list behind with subscriptions

Nature Isn't Neat

Monmouth Town Council and MCC
supported by MMG

Monthly talks, first by Cheryl
Cummings

Pollinator Fund: our new display
and leaflets at Bee Festival



Bee Orchids on Cornpoppy Lane



April 2019 AGM: Elsa Wood

Changes in Monmouthshire Flora over 100 years



October Social: Carol Cook

Hedgehogs



Ida's Meadow Open Day



Wet Meadow Open Day



Our New Board



Work Parties at Wet Meadow



Trellech School on the Pew



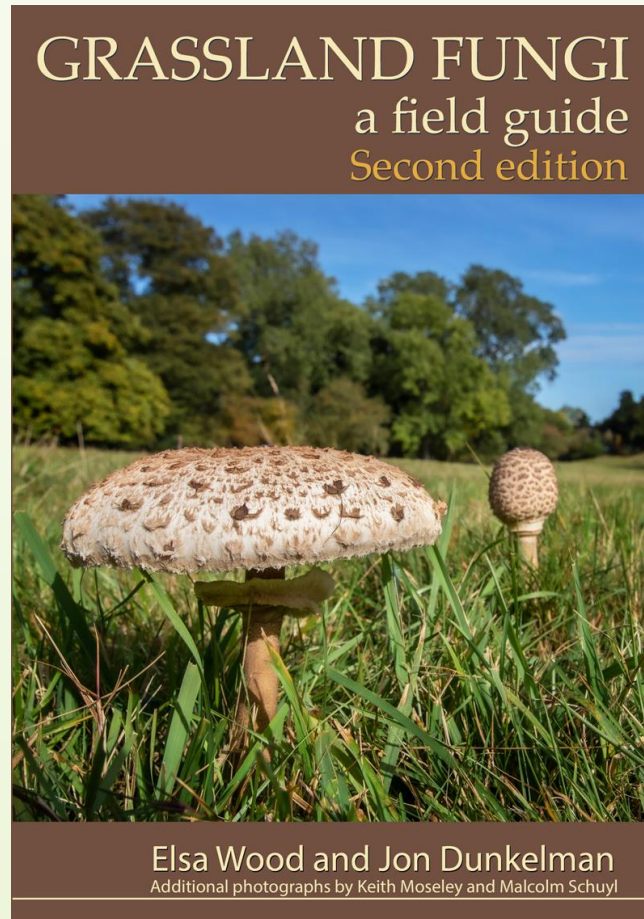
@TrellechPew



Waxcaps on Wet Meadow



Available from NHBS



Contractors List

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NEWS & EVENTSLINKS

MONMOUTHSHIRE MEADOWS GROUP


Conserving and Restoring Wildflower-rich Grasslands in Monmouthshire

Contractors

The following contractors are used by Monmouthshire Meadows Group members.

Contents

- Field Maintenance and Hay Making
- Fencing
- Hedgelaying
- Mowing
- Tree Services
- Drystone Walling
- Water Troughs/Water Supply
- General Maintenance
- Wildflower Seeds and Plants – Local Provenance
- Stock for Grazing
- Machinery Repairs
- Conservation Volunteer Groups
- Conservation Contractors/Consultancy
- Tools



Haymaking at Pilstone Fields

Field Maintenance and Hay Making

Gareth Jones 01600 740368 / 07774 470850

Ian & Alistair Morgan, Llanishen 01600 860364 / 07836 672172 / 07955 188247; ianmorgan@btinternet.com Large & compact operations: Pasture topping, flail grass collecting, chain harrowing and rolling, small bale hay/haylage making

Our Annual General Meeting will be held online via Zoom on Tuesday 20th October

LATEST NEWS

Autumn Newsletter 2020

Annual General Meeting 2020: Online 20th October

Grassland Fungi: A Field Guide – Second Edition

Conversion to a CIO

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M4 Relief Road Scrapped



Photo: The Campaign Against the Levels Motorway (CALM)

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Road verge news

Resources



The Road Verge Campaign Blossoms...

Posted: July 9 2019

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The importance of wildflower-rich road verges has been all over the news this summer, from [coverage of the campaign on the BBC News website](#), [local news in Wrexham](#), [radio shows in London, Wiltshire and Berkshire](#), to [a call from The Guardian for your verge and meadow photos](#). It's been wonderful to see the response and enthusiasm.

Petition signatures have jumped past 65,000 and our voices are being heard. Green Party Councillors in Berkshire are looking into improving verges for wildlife, Essex County Council are in the process of developing a new Green Strategy which includes verge management, and Isle of Wight council have arranged an environmental forum for later this summer where Plantlife will be speaking about our management guidelines. Thank you to all of you who've been emailing your local councillors - we're seeing an increasing number of enquiries and interest in our guidelines, so spreading the word and calling for change really can make a difference.

Verges can be wonderful roadside mini-meadows, a crucial habitat for wild flowers and the wealth of wildlife they support. Just look at the photo accompanying this post - of a beautiful verge in Northern Ireland which has been sensitively managed by an Ulster Wildlife partnership as part of the Plantlife-led Magnificent

Plantlife



Magnificent Meadows Cymru



A meadow in Conwy, Wales

Jacinth and Jemima



Surveys of Members' Land

Steph, Elsa and Sheelagh

Last year - 24 sites (including 2 re-visits)

This year – 21 new sites, 3 re-visits

New Local Wildlife Sites still being found

This year – 3 new sites qualify as LWSs

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Finance Report 2019-20

PRE-COVID19

Receipts

		2019-2020		2018-19	
Membership subscriptions		£ 2,863.75		£ 2,515.00	
Donations		£ 541.01		£ 937.61	
HMRC Gift Aid receipt		£ -		£ 617.94	
DEFRA Rural Payments		£ 3,251.71		£ 2,954.86	
Grazing payments		£ 1,065.00		£ 435.00	
Events		£ 1,129.50		£ 1,020.00	
Sales		£ 327.00		£ 294.80	
Grants		£ 997.00			
Interest		£ 99.00		£ 89.59	
Restricted funds:					
Grassland Fungi Book sales		£ 1,871.07		£ 1,678.32	
Grassland Fungi Book Grants		£ 500.00		£ 240.00	
Total Receipts			£ 12,645.04		£ 10,783.12

Expenditures

			2019-2020		2018-19	
DEFRA Rural Payment registration fees			£	-	£	1,170.00
Meeting Venue hire			£	210.00	£	489.00
Insurance			£	370.06	£	362.75
Pony costs			£	262.87	£	160.95
Meadow Survey costs			£	165.90	£	209.58
Meadow Maintenance work			£	843.50	£	321.03
Meadow equipment			£	445.05	£	-
Mowing Equipment & Maintenance			£	88.04	£	445.62
Wet Meadow rent			£	760.00	£	-
Events			£	650.45	£	662.70
Printing			£	285.70	£	171.90
Grassland Fungi book			£	-	£	122.92
Total Expenditures				£ 4,081.57		£ 4,116.45

Balance

2019-20			2018-19	
Opening bank balance				
at 1 April 2019	£ 39,303.70		at 1 April 2018	£ 32,637.03
Net Surplus	£ 8,563.47			£ 6,666.67
Closing bank balance				
at 31 Mar 2020	£ 47,867.17		At 31 Mar 2019	£ 39,303.70

Election of the Committee

Steph Tyler – honorary president

Rachel Morgan – chair

Carol Cook – secretary*

David Llewellyn – treasurer

Clare Adamson

Judith Caruthers

Sarah Cheese

Dick Coates – warden, Wet Meadow

Marilyn Dunkelman – membership secretary

Pam Manfield – press officer

Steph Poulter – ponies

* Carol will be leaving the area in the near future but has agreed to stay on the committee until a replacement can be found for the position of secretary

New Committee Members

Clare Catto

Officers

Rachel – Chair

David – Treasurer

Carol – Secretary (pro tem)

Conversion to a CIO

Requires quorum (22 people, 10% of membership)

A field of white daisies with yellow centers and some purple flowers, with a green bar at the bottom.

Thank You!!
