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Fieldwork

Mammal recording walk with Halifax Scientific Society Sunday 13th November

November finds us heading into deepest darkest West Yorkshire for a mammal recording walk in the Ryburn Valley with Halifax Scientific Society, looking for signs of otters and other mammals.

Meet at **10.30am** at Heathfield Junior School, Rishworth Mill Lane, Rishworth, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 4QF. Grid ref: SE 0348 1795.

Everyone welcome. Please wear waterproofs and boots/wellies and bring a packed lunch. We may retire to a tea shop later in the afternoon if we can find one!

For further details contact Ann on 0771 3333206
or fieldwork@yorkshiremammalgroup.org.uk

Committee Vacancy: Talks Organiser

Due to a change in circumstances our current Talks Organiser has stepped down, so we are looking for a volunteer to take over the role.

All of the speakers are organised for 2016/17 apart from May 2017, so initially the role would be preparing for talks i.e checking that the speaker and room are still available, publicising the talk etc.

After which the role will be to contact potential speakers and organise future talks.

Anyone interested in the role should email Natasha for more information:
secretary@yorkshiremammalgroup.org.uk

YMG speakers

We are always on the look-out for interesting speakers for our indoor talks programme. If you know someone suitable we might consider please pass on their details to talks@yorkshiremammalgroup.org.uk

Do remember that we have limited funds for paying expenses so the more local your speaker, the better. Even if they are not local we'd be pleased to hear about them.

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Talks

Conserving the Hedgehog: An Evening with Hugh Warwick Tuesday 1st November York College, just off the A64 at Askham Bar

In a change to our usual talks programme Yorkshire Mammal Group is hosting a joint event with the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) on the theme of hedgehog conservation. Britain's hedgehog population is declining at an alarming rate and hedgehogs are now thought to be disappearing from our countryside as fast as tigers are worldwide.

Hedgehog expert and author Hugh Warwick will explain why this is happening and introduce some simple measures that will help stabilise and possibly reverse the decline, including the national Hedgehog Street campaign to promote hedgehog-friendly gardens. Despite the seriousness of the message, Hugh's lectures are never dull, especially when it comes to exploring the iconography and cultural significance of the hedgehog. He will be bringing some of his books for sale, including "A Prickly Affair" and "Hedgehog".

The evening will also feature a presentation by **Dr Toni Bunnell**, wildlife biologist and author of "The Disappearing Hedgehog", about her work rehabilitating animals at the York Hedgehog Rescue Centre. There will be an opportunity to mingle before the talks and find out about other local initiatives such as Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's hedgehog appeal.

Tickets priced at £10 will shortly be available on the CIEEM website <http://www.cieem.net/events>. For further information please contact Andrew Halcro-Johnston at andrewhalcro@gmail.com.

Advance Notice: December Talk

Date: Tuesday December 6th

Venue: Bay Horse, Marygate, York

Speaker: Ellie Jones

Title: House mouse phylogeny – the next chapter of the Viking Mouse story