



Yorkshire Naturalists' Union
Charity 224018

Minutes of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union Annual General Meeting
Palm Court Hotel, Scarborough, 16th November 2013

1. Alan Ritson of the Whitby Naturalists' Club gave the welcome address and warmly welcomed members and affiliated societies to Scarborough.

2. Members present:

John Bowers (Chair), Sarah West (Minutes secretary), Paula Lightfoot (Treasurer), M. F. Brown, Roger Key, Michael Brook, Jill Lucas, Mike Denton, P. Kendall, Graeme Coles, Rosy Key, G. Bristowe, Joyce Simmons, Paul Simmons, Andy Millard, Craig Thomas, Terry Crawford, Michael Archer, Geoffrey Fryer, Norma Auckland, Len Auckland, Judith Allinson, Louise Hill, Paul Millard, Pip Seccombe, Marc Seccombe, Roy Crossley, Anita Glover, Terry Whitaker, John Wood, Jim Pewtress, Mick Carroll, Sharon Flint, Peter Flint, Sara Robin, Nicky Vernon, Joyce Payne, Don Grant, Janetta Lambert, Peter Tannett, Heather Walker, Ian Instone, Georgina Instone, Margaret Redfern, Robert Cameron, Alan Braddock, Colin Howes, John Mather, Mark Seaward, Margaret Atherden, Margaret Hartley, Audrey Gramshaw, Christopher Young, Vicky Kindemba, Anne Heathcote, Dave Chesmore, Bill Ely, Andy Godfrey, Carole Sobkowiak, Christine Lunn, E. L. Evans, Elizabeth Elliott, Gill Reid, Tom Higginbottom, David Lindley, John Coldwell, John Wint, Gavin Boyd

Twenty-four affiliated societies were present: Bradford Botany Group, Butterfly Conservation Yorkshire Branch, Castleford and District Naturalists' Society, Craven Conservation Group, Doncaster Naturalists Society, East Yorkshire Bat Group, Harrogate and District Naturalist Society, High Batts Nature Reserve, Hull Natural History Society, Leeds Naturalists Club and Scientific Association, Lower Ure Conservation Trust, Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group, Rotherham Naturalists Society, Ryedale Natural History Society, Scarborough Field Naturalists Society, Seasearch North East, Sorby Natural History Society, South Holderness Countryside Society, Thorne and Hatfield Moors Conservation Group, Whitby Naturalists Club, Yorkshire Conchological Society, Yorkshire Mammal Group, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

3. Apologies for Absence

Phyl Abbott, Alan Braddock, Roger Key, Craig Thomas, Margaret Atherden, Derek Allen, Janetta Lambert, Andy Godfrey.

4. Minutes of the last AGM held on the 24th of November 2012 were accepted and approved by all.

5. Paula Lightfoot (Treasurer) presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements. These were proposed by Mick Carroll and seconded by Michael Archer. They were accepted *nem. con.*

6. John Bowers gave a vote of thanks to the YNU's auditor, Mr John Foster of West and Foster Chartered Accountants, for his work this year and formally proposed that he be re-appointed for the next financial year. This was agreed *nem. con*

7. Paula Lightfoot, John Bowers and Andy Godfrey have reached the end of their three-year term as Trustees and agreed to stand for re-election. This was proposed by Bill Ely and seconded by Albert Henderson. It was agreed *nem. con.*

8. John Bowers proposed Dr Geoff Oxford as President of the YNU for 2015, and this was approved *nem. con.*

9. There was no other business.