



Friends of Humber Bridge Country Park

Chairman's Report 2008 -2009

I am delighted to report that this has been an extraordinarily successful year for the Friends of the Humber Bridge Country Park. We completed the "Big Lottery" grant for the "Breathing Spaces" project with an amazing Family Event when upwards of 400 people joined us in the Country Park for a series of activities and quizzes.

We chose to dedicate the remainder of the year to continue promoting bird life in the Country Park which resulted in a wide variety of activities from putting up the Spotted flycatcher boxes, to teasel seed sowing and lots more besides - 17 activities in total. Our professional environmentalist, Richard Baines of television fame, once again guided our dedicated group of volunteers. The year's activities as selected from our web site are attached.

The web site continues to act as a beacon for our group and has gone from strength to strength due to the hard work of our web master, Kathryn. I am still impressed with the idea that anybody in the world can see the work of our little group!

All this would not have been possible without the help and support of various people and organisations. In no particular sequence:

Hessle High School - for the use of their classrooms;

East Riding of Yorkshire Council - especially Bev Hylton who has provided inspirational leadership once again and deserves an A++ score!

The Committee who have run around in the background doing much of the organisation of the events including holding 5 separate Committee meetings;

Richard Baines - our professional ornithologist whose enthusiasm has rubbed off on us all; Richard Smith for his splendid artwork for the new display;

"The scouts" - who turn out in numbers, work hard, have fun and are a pleasure to work with;

The "Big Lottery" for the money;

Finally all the volunteers and helpers (and anybody else who I have stupidly forgotten) who sacrifice their evenings and weekends in all weathers to support the Friends of the Humber Bridge Country Park.

To all the above a VERY BIG THANK YOU!!

Richard Jennings Chairman FOHBC 21st April 2009

FOHBBCP Activities 08/09 - a selection from our web site

OUTDOOR Tuesday 6th May 2008 7pm-9pm Putting up the Spotted flycatcher boxes

OUTDOOR Sunday 11th May 2008 4.30am Dawn Chorus

BIRDS EYE VIEW Sunday 1st June 2008 for kids sponsored by BP grant

OUTDOOR Sunday 8th June 2008 Teasel seed sowing

Family Wildlife Afternoon Sunday 8th June 2008 1.30pm-4pm

Wednesday 25th June 7pm - 9pm (*Conservation event - suitable for all*)

CONSERVATION AT THE HUMBER BRIDGE COUNTRY PARK

Visit this Local Nature Reserve this evening and take part in looking after its valuable wild flower clearings and ponds. It's an opportunity to discover some of the beautiful wild flowers in the woodland glades, whilst also lending a hand with the Friends group in their important conservation work on the reserve.

Booking: On-line booking: www.eastriding.gov.uk/events/ and select brochure for Countryside 2008 or just meet at 7pm at the Black Mill

Tuesday 9th September 6.30-9pm at Hessle High School RB bird lecture

Committee meeting 22nd Sept 2008 - worked out Autumn programme

Saturday 4th October 2008 1.30pm-3.30pm

Himalayan balsam weeding and meadow raking

Help to remove the himalayan balsam from around the seasonal pond [click to find out why](#) and rake up the cuttings from a wild flower clearing [why do we do this?](#)

Tuesday 7th October 2008 6.30pm-9pm

Hessle High School, Heads Lane

A continuing look at Birds of Britain.

(email fohbcp_secretary@yahoo.co.uk for location details)

Flamborough Saturday 18th October

Tuesday 4th November 2008 6.30pm-9pm

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Saturday 8th November 2008 1.30pm-3.30pm

Willow screen and shrub maintenance

Help to tidy up and tie in the willow screen around the bird feeding area following its very robust growth this year! Our bird fruit orchard also needs some maintenance.

Saturday 22nd November 2008 10am-2pm (was Jan 31st 2009 instead)

CANCELLED DUE TO POOR WEATHER FORECAST

Bird watching walk along the Humber lead by Richard Baines of Wold Ecology
Join us on this bird watching walk.

Tuesday 2nd December 2008 6.30pm-9pm

Hessle High School, Heads Lane

A final look at Birds of Britain.

(email fohbcp_secretary@yahoo.co.uk for location details)

Grant meeting HHS to discuss what we might do and what to apply for
Tuesday 20th Jan 2009 from 7pm-9pm

Another meeting- Monday 2nd Feb re grant

Sunday 25th January 2009 10am-1pm

Bird Conservation

WE WILL BE:

- Taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch
<http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/about/index.asp>,
- making niger seed feeders to encourage goldfinches and
- planting cherry trees to encourage bullfinches.

If you can please bring along an old plastic drinks bottle including bottle top to make the niger seed feeder from.

Saturday 21st February 2009 10am-1pm

Conservation Morning

Join us in the country park today for some practical conservation work. Viewing area buddleia.

Sunday 8th March 2009 10am-1pm

Conservation in the Country Park

Another morning of practical conservation work. Willow screen

Tophill Low Sat April 18th 2009