



## Biodiversity Working Group

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022: Kestrel Room @ Surrey County Council  
Woodhatch Place, Reigate RH2 8EF**

### Minutes:

1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Mike Waite (SWT/Chair); <b>Andrew Jamieson (SWT)</b>; Louis Harrington-Edmans (Buglife); Dave Page (Elmbridge BC); Sarah Clift (EEBC); Rachel Coburn (SCC); Vivienne Riddle TDC; Bill Downey (Surrey Branch-Butterfly Conservation); Lara Beattie (WoBC); Paul Davey (EA Biodiversity Officer Wey Catchment); Bronwen Chinien (Natural Environment Officer, SCC); Andi Roy (Spelthorne BC); Molly Easton (NE/LNRS Coordinator for Surrey). Lisa Creaye-Griffin (SyNP Director); Ross Baker/Lynn Whitfield (Surrey Bat Group); Helen Cocker (Surrey Countryside Partnerships); Alistair Kirk (SBIC); Jack Thompson RSPB.</p> <p><b>New member introductions;</b> Benedict Miller (RBC)</p>
	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Simon Elson (SCC); Ann Sankey &amp; Bill Stanworth (Surrey Botanical Society); Susan Medcalf (NE/SBS); (MVBC); Hendryk Jurk (GBC); Helen Miller (FE) Christa Emmett (Surrey Hills AONB Board); Hannah Fahey (EA Biodiversity Mole Catchment); Sophie Sykes (Natural England); Stewart Cocker (EEBC).</p>
2.	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 11/05/2022 were agreed, see <a href="https://surreynaturepartnership.org/our-work/">https://surreynaturepartnership.org/our-work/</a>.</p>
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SNCI Selection Committee:</b> No action. SNCI selection criteria review - update from <b>AK</b>; at point of last meeting were still looking for funding, and various options fell through. Ongoing dialogue with <b>SJC</b> has resulted in decision to fund the work jointly by Surrey Wildlife Trust and SBIC reserves. Contract with SWT Ecology Services and will be completed by Claire Gibbs who drafted original 2007 criteria. First project initiation meeting to be in October with aim of completing majority of review by FYE 2022-23, to tie in with a Surrey Nature Partnership meeting for sign off. Work to be split into two parts: 1) general background and desk review looking into best practice around the country. 2) Detailed habitat and species criteria review (with relevant species recording groups). Lots of work to be done, eg. translation of Surrey Habitat Framework into UK Habitat Classification and exploration of new datasets (eg. EA's River Corridor criteria no longer maintained).</li> <li>• <b>Surrey Local Sites Partnership:</b> <b>SJC</b> and <b>AK</b> looking to achieve a meeting before Christmas (absence of a Chair since JE/SCC retirement has been problematic). <b>SJC</b> will be interim Chair. Need to review Guildford SNCI and priorities before Christmas.</li> <li>• <b>MW-</b> for newcomers, take a look at SLSP page on partnership website. Role of Local Wildlife Sites will be key for Surrey LNRS, and Defra/NE apparently lacks this dataset (LWS data held at the respective partnership/county level, and this was moreover a constraining issue emerging from LNRS pilots.</li> <li>• <b>Local Nature Recovery Strategy:</b> <b>BC</b> reported SCC confirmed as provisional Responsible Authority and has received first tranche of funding ie. £16k, treasured at SyNP. Still 'provisional' because some RAs as yet unconfirmed by Defra and NE want to introduce in one go. <b>MW-</b> what are delays to Regs. &amp; Guidance? <b>ME</b> - are still expected 'later this year' (see below).</li> <li>• <b>Unimproved grasslands inventory:</b> <b>MW-</b> funding application by Natural England was unsuccessful, so now AK and SJC working on some funding for this also. Looking for £30k in total with £15k from external sources. <b>BD-</b> have we missed a meeting on this? <b>AK-</b> intention is to meet in interim to move forward, but are still crucially missing funding (need to be careful about advance work as funders don't like funding retrospectively). <b>BD-</b> BC is keen to get going on this.</li> <li>• <b>Former Wisley Airfield Development:</b> <b>MW</b> - new planning application presently on consultation with GBC (closing early October). <b>JT/RSPB</b> is looking at it, from TBH SPA angle. SWT has always objected to scale of development proposed (c.2000 houses); present application for a tactical reduction to c.1750. Incorporates &gt;20% BNG, which they can deliver through SANG. <b>DP-</b> is this just in Guildford? (has heard Oxshott Heath could also become part of SANG provision. <b>MW-</b> wholly within Guildford borough, but close to Elmbridge/Woking b'daries.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pirbright Ranges Wildfire: MW-</b> 2022 has been a terrible summer for wildfires. At Pirbright Range (Colony Bog SSSI) entire open heathland (120ha) lost as Surrey Fire Service could only fight the fire from beyond RDA perimeter fence. Extensive fire also within the Drop Zone at Hankley Common, adding to the Ash Ranges fire in late Spring. All MoD sites - coincidence?</li> <li>• <b>Biodiversity &amp; Planning Conference 2023: MW-</b> T&amp;FG to organise this will meet soon.</li> </ul>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Space4Nature project - Andrew Jamieson SWT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Presentation available with these minutes.</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A:</b>  <b>RB-</b> what are criteria for choosing test sites? <b>AJ</b> - still working that out. Uncertain about the breadth of habitats in scope, as well as minimum sample size; degree of existing site data and accessibility may also come into account. Project emerged from work Uni of Surrey did for ELM test and trial which sets out how to use available tech but stopped short of ground-truthing/machine learning element.  <b>AK;</b> John Edwards and I supporting an MSc project to assess SNCI survey at Albury, particularly focused on that question re. ground;truthing versus existing habitat data that may act as surrogate for machine learning. <b>AJ</b>– we should be closing that loop.  <b>BD;</b> Please can you explain data collection process in detail? <b>AJ;</b> Using the Sentinel.2 satellite system, used globally for monitoring and hurricane tracking. Some data available at open source but high res. (m<sup>2</sup> precision, 0.3m) costs. UoSy will obtain, interpret and map data. They will then use volunteer Citizen Scientists to ground-truth to check against satellite data, at varying levels of responsibility/validity, some will use accessible apps while others will take part in more expert monitoring.  <b>BD;</b> where are you going to get all these people? <b>AJ</b> ; volunteer recruitment drive.  <b>PD;</b> UoExeter have done a lot of work into remote sensing, plus the RSPB using it to monitor movement of albatrosses. <b>AJ</b> – yes, UoEx did lots of beaver mapping. JNCC also done some work on this. <b>MW</b> several national datasets are pursuing this but not at such high resolution.  <b>BC;</b> what is LandApp role? <b>AJ</b> not sure - tbc.  <b>MW;</b> is part;supervising the off-shoot related PhD. <i>State of Nature 2016</i> report introduced global <a href="#">Biodiversity Intactness</a> index. Essentially, PhD will do this at a county level, using palaeoecological approach to assess decline from a ‘pristine’ base-line state, explore ecosystem function proxies for ‘tipping-point’ exceedances, and consequently critique &amp; suggest a new system for ‘nature recovery’ targets. and how much does this impact ecosystem services?  <b>BC;</b> what are key milestones for 3 years? How might this interact with LNRS? <b>AJ</b> need to understand more from UoSy about test sites and sequence of survey. Half-time milestone might be all test sites chosen and ground-truthed. <b>BC</b> could align comms with those on LNRS. <b>AJ</b> will speak with Trust comm’s manager on this to ensure integration.  <b>ME;</b> how does this interact with LandApp algorithm created for Surrey UK Habitat Classification data (SCC commission). <b>BC</b> agreed, and how will this work with UoSy? Seems like they want to do this work? <b>AJ</b> to check on synergies/tensions, clearly <b>alignment</b> will be desirable.</p>	<p><b>AJ</b></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Going the extra: case for a minimum 20% BNG policy in Surrey</b> (update) – <b>MW</b></p> <p><b>MW</b> briefly reminded group of the <a href="#">SynP’s position</a> recommending our LPAs to adopt a minimum 20% BNG mandatory BNG policy, justified by Defra Impact assessments 2018-19, local need using <i>State of Surrey’s Nature 2017</i> (evidencing exceptional biodiversity losses), plus Surrey’s USP dependency on its local natural capital. x2 Boroughs are pursuing this at their Local Plan EiP hearings this autumn; Mole Valley and Guildford. <b>BC</b> - Surrey Heath is also intending 20% at Regulation ?18/19. <b>AK</b> -SH also working on a GI strategy currently. Of the others, we know that Spelthorne and Elmbridge are sticking with 10%. Though not a lot of political will, still a chance to lobby at Elmbridge.</p> <p><b>MW-</b> what about SCC? <b>BC</b>– planning powers for minerals and waste; at early stage of Local (Strategic) Plan review and is issuing options including one with elevated % BNG restoration targets – 30% was mentioned for specific sites, such as minerals restoration site and a lower target (10%) for waste, but not developed further or consulted on for the next stage. Minerals/waste restoration is highly debatable, not least as 10-20% net gain is readily achieved/achievable already via conditions in many cases.</p> <p>Kent CC commissioned report into local % need vs. viability in development sector (<a href="#">Viability Assessment of Biodiversity Net Gain in Kent FINAL REPORT</a> Kent County Council, June 2022). KNP has similar position as us (<a href="#">Justification for a Biodiversity Net Gain target of 20% in Kent</a>, Kent Nature Partnership,</p>	



	<p>Sept 2020). Showed that 20&gt;10% effect on viability is negligible because cost is achieving 10%; any extra % immediately benefits incrementally from economies of scale on level already required.</p> <p><b>BC</b> has discussed with a few Boroughs, inc. Guildford. GBC has actually gone a step further re. viability assessment; Kent just looked at development typologies, whereas Guildford also balanced this against specific costs of habitat enhancements. SCC will be tendering a research piece to look into BNG potential on SCC estate for establishment of a habitat bank, compared with future BNG demand from its own in-house development pipeline. Boroughs can join this offering BNG sites for appraisal if they want to. <b>BC to circulate tender.</b> Appointed consultant to schedule field survey assessment, est. BNG potential etc., respecting genuine 'additionality' concept against present duties of public bodies via NERC Act (amended by Env. Act 2021). <b>MW</b> – Mole Valley is experiencing P Inspector push-back; has been asked by MVDC planners for support at hearing.</p> <p><b>BC</b>- South-East Nature Partnership (SENP) is drafting guidance for best practice in local plan policy-making around BNG. Will signpost to this when issued, meanwhile anyone with suggested case-studies, please contact <b>BC</b> (GBC's experience will be used for local evidencing of % need.)</p> <p><b>PD</b>- Independent study found that at 10% requirement, 90% biodiversity units can be delivered within/adjacent to development application boundary. This points to the limitations of mandatory net gain achieving nature recovery via offsets where it is needed most (ie. within strategic priority zones = BOAs in our case). <b>MW</b>- did circulate this to WG at the time, again here: <a href="#">Exploring the ecological outcomes of mandatory biodiversity net gain using evidence from early-adopter jurisdictions in England</a>, S. zu Ermgassen et al. 2021. <b>PD</b>- in this respect, % driver of BNG less important than its long-term governance, as in EA's experience developer-owned land (eg. riparian buffers etc.) is not always well managed. <b>PD</b>- what prospective additional resources do Surrey's LPAs have for scrutiny/ regulation of BNG? Presently wholly deficient in both expertise and time availability.</p>	<p><b>BC</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Partner Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Dave Page (EBC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan out for post-Reg. 19 consultation mid Sept. DP intends to challenge internally on lack of aspirational BNG targets, especially for an authority that has declared climate emergency.</li> <li>Shortage of an effective chemical for bracken control (required by E/HLS agreements). NE has been notified of disconnect.</li> <li>Esher Commons restoration performing well, can confirm at least 2 Nightjar pairs this season.</li> <li>Vagrant Long-tailed Blue butterfly on Esher Commons late summer.</li> <li>Has been offered translocated reptile refugees from development site in Chobham, = reintroduction of Adders to Esher Common for first time since 1963 (x45!!! from Longcross Garden Village development).</li> <li>&gt;400 strong population of Nationally Scarce plant Autumn Squill <i>Scilla autumnalis</i> (see end photo) has been found on a new site on an SCC-managed road verge to south of Hurst Park (where is known to occur - only site in Surrey, more on Middx. Thames bank in Bushy Park. However, site mown accidentally - we must secure for future.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bill Downey (Butterfly Conservation Surrey Branch);</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceptionally hot weather = butterflies finished life cycle early, with little on show from double/late multiple brooded species (eg. Adonis Blue). Shall wait to see effect of this next year.</li> <li>Some of rarer heathland species (eg. Silver-spotted Blue) had done well, but wait to see outcome of wildfires (not as drastic as it is for reptiles)</li> <li>Note on Adonis Blue which is in very bad state in Surrey – ie. in steady decline, confined to x3 fragmented populations. Preferable would be a 'SAP'-style recovery plan, inc. main partners inc. NT (Westcott Downs, Box Hill), SWT (Brockham Quarry), plus others (Wotton Est., GBC) to fund and implement a recovery strategy. <b>MW</b> - note that Mark Dawson from NT is a newly-nominated member of this WG. Staff turnover in organisations is a strong continuity issue, esp. with NT - rangers are moving around.</li> </ul> <p><b>Molly Easton (NE):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LNRS Regs &amp; Guidance legislation due out later this year; planning to reach out to all Boroughs &amp; Districts to discuss Environment Act, particularly on aspects of mandatory BNG and LNRS. Please look out for email from me.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vivienne Riddle (Tandridge DC):</b></p>	



- Tandridge Local Plan (still) under examination, pending decisions around PI Inspector's report and recommendations.

**Andi Roy** (Spelthorne BC):

- An Otter was recently caught by a camera-trap on the River Colne at Staines in Spelthorne, see [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-IF6Om3sZQ8rMsNGVmvODq\\_ooxHzsDSC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-IF6Om3sZQ8rMsNGVmvODq_ooxHzsDSC/view). Thames/Colne system confluence becoming a hot-spot for these still rare sightings; holt must be present nearby..
- [Sweep's Ditch](#) at Staines (c.2k yrs old). Exists as a pumped circulatory system around Staines, but the system has recently failed, and SBC now looking at ways to re-connect to a natural water source, not least as has significant interest for priority/S.41 European Eel. On Staines Moor very few Skylark and no Lapwing bred this year. 126 birds recorded this year at SM, but most are fly-over migrants, including a Pallid Harrier.
- MW- Sweep's Ditch identified as a potentially important corridor in the Urban BOA project (ref. UrBOA10\_2d), and he flagged this as a possible BNG potential site at EA workshop looking for such sites to benefit from the River Thames Scheme (RTS) this summer. Now on register for potential sites.

**Paul Davey** (EA Wey Catchment):

- Floating pennywort control; new trial sites for biological control agent (a monospecific weevil). Publicity events partnered with Canoe England = great turnout.
- At top of Wey system near Haslemere **PD** visited Beaver introduction enclosure, where NT expressed additional interest in reintroducing Water Vole. There is apparently a private mink eradication project around Haslemere. Any guidance on reintroducing Water Vole welcome. **BD-WV** reintroduction underway on Hogsmill in Kingston; will link to contact. **DP**- BBOWT has also led on this in past.

**Jack Thompson** (RSPB):

- Is working with NHS Surrey Heartlands project to provide live-streaming of nest-box webcam footage into selected care homes. Are training volunteers to follow-up/visit as explainers. Streamed via YouTube; went live September. Want to expand to further care homes.

**Ross & Lynn** (SBG):

- Had hoped to recommence surveys for the national Nathusius' Pipistrelle Project this year, but unfortunately licence for this not received until late August, ie. too late for surveying during the maternity period. We hope to complete some surveys for this project later in the month to cover the migration period.
- Surveys for the small *Myotis* project have been carried out resulting in further records for Alcaethoe Bat, but no Brandt's Bats this year, reinforcing the apparent rarity of this species across southern England.
- Bechstein's Bat surveys were undertaken in May, identified some important new roosts in Chiddingfold Forest, but further work is required to ascertain whether there are x2/x3 colonies in the area, plus # of breeding females in each.
- Further work also completed on the recently-found Chiddingfold Barbastelles, where evidence obtained linking the sub-groups there with the Ebernoe Common-based (W. Sussex) 'super-colony'/population. At least one roost in Tugley Wood was in use in June. Another Barbastelle was caught and radio-tagged north of Haslemere and this was back-tracked a series of new roosts in private woodland in Sussex. This bat was crossing the A3 to forage in fields south of Thursley village.

**Lara Beattie** (Woking BC):

- Local volunteer group, Woking Environment Action's (WEAct) climate hub continues to attract visitors & interest. Recently relocated to 3 Mercia Walk, the pop-up centre will be open to the public until 7 Nov 2022 to offer information & advice on how residents can do their bit for the local environment. Recently WoBC helped WEAct with the purchase & loan of three new wildlife cameras to support its Woking Hedgehogs project, launched in May 2022.
- WoBC's draft Town Centre Masterplan, currently the subject of public consultation, features sections on green infrastructure & biodiversity, flood risk & surface water drainage, & active travel. The consultation runs for 12 weeks from 25 July to 17 October 2022. For more information, see [Masterplan Consultation | Woking Community Forum](#).
- In July 2022, Brookwood Cemetery obtained the Green Flag Award.
- The Woking Peregrine Project has seen two birds successfully raised this year.



- Planet Woking, the Council's climate change & biodiversity communications platform, continues to feature awareness raising campaigns/activities on its website & through social media including Wild About Woking; Health & Management at Brookwood Heath; & Heath Week 2022. The latest edition of Planet Woking newsletter was sent to subscribers in July 2022 & is available online at <https://planetwoking.co.uk/get-involved/newsletters/>
- Wild About Woking event took place in May 2022 in partnership with SWT & involved many other local environmental organisations to raise awareness of public participation in environmental action through local biodiversity & greenspace projects. x2-day programme included a variety of engaging activities such as a pop-up wildlife garden, a town centre nature trail & wildlife-themed crafts, plus other related events took place around the borough throughout May. You can read more about Wild About Woking at [Wild About Woking! - Planet Woking](#). As a part of the event offer, officers created a Woking town centre nature trail map. You can download the pdf at [Wild-About-Woking-Nature-Trail-Leaflet-V2.pdf \(planetwoking.co.uk\)](#). For an online interactive map of the same map, see [Nature Trail \(arcgis.com\)](#).
- As part of its Wilder Communities initiative, SWT's 'Next door Nature' project will be delivered in Sheerwater & Maybury area of Woking borough.

**Helen Cocker** (SCC Nature Partnerships):

- Most volunteers groups are engaged in access management over summer.
- Inc. lots of Himalayan Balsam pulling, Ragwort & Floating Pennywort control with EA and Canoe England.
- **BD** any update on Downlands grazing at Brockham Quarry? **HC**- no water source but should still be able to graze with sheep or goats, ie. still possible. **BD** funding required to implement a rain-water collection system, and looking for FiPL funding. Hopefully be grazed. May try 'No-fence collars'! Working with Brockham Parish Council who are keen to be involved.

**Alistair Kirk** (SBIC):

- Looking at development planning and projects
- Looking to recruit new Projects Manager (to replace Mike Hordley) to free-up AK for strategy and development. Deadline for application closed 080922, with interviews following week.
- Annual Surrey Recorders Meeting - date set for 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023. Is AJ able to provide presentation on S4N? AJ- Yes.
- Will be submitting with SCC the Single Data-list Indicator 160 report to Defra (BC mentioned this last meeting); requires brief consultation process with all LPA countryside staff.

**Louis Harrington-Edmans** (Buglife, seconded to SWT/S4N):

- Great to meet you all. Looking forward to working firstly on SWT sites and will then reach out to some of present.

**Sarah Clift** (Epsom & Ewell BC):

- Juniper Hill, Epsom Downs; will be cut-&-clearing but not quite grazing – ie. flail-collector hired for longer this year. Anyone know of a machine that cut-&-clears scrub? **DP**- Ryetec flail-collector can be used to a point (not 2yr woody growth). **BD**-Albury Estate uses one; funded through FiPL (possibly can loan it?).
- Met with Epsom Downs GC greenkeeper to cut-&-clear more of Downs.
- Bioblitz –Bastard-toadflax wasn't re-found as hoped; requires very short sward and Rabbits not so active. Surrey Botanical Society led; plants, butterflies, reptiles were covered, good moth trapping session. No small mammal trapping as too hot.
- Council also trialling a Grillo machine for road verges.
- Silver-spotted Skipper butterfly a new discovery at Juniper Hill.
- Formally signed up to District Level Licensing for GCN.
- E&E's Climate Change WG now called the Biodiversity & Climate Change Working Group, which Countryside team attends.
- On River Hogsmill, SERT is trialling a rust fungus as biocontrol agent for Himalayan Balsam, native to Pakistan. However, turns out there are x7 different micro-species of HB, so need the 'right rust'.

**Lisa Creaye-Griffin** (Director SyNP):

- SyNP's 10-year anniversary coming soon (14<sup>th</sup> September) at RHS Wisley. All invited if not yet aware.



- Early planning for Surrey's LNRS has identified draft structure to facilitate stakeholder engagement and various working groups; BioWG to be one of main working groups, in addition to series of smaller working groups.

**Bronwen Chinien** (Surrey County Council):

- First Surrey LNRS Steering Group will meet end Sept. A draft terms-of-reference to be signed off & then **BC** can circulate. Membership to be SCC in chair, SyNP, NE & then rep's from EA, SWT, FE, x1 for B&Ds (Ernest Amaoko chair of Sy Planners Forum/WoBC to nominate). Also NFU, Sy Hills AONB, Health-plus engagement lead, and possibly a development sector rep, subject to steering group agreement.
- Aim to involve SyNP Board for ongoing duration of LNRS, but steering group will be start-&-finish for preparation of document; also report to SCC Cabinet in terms of sign-off of key stages.
- Data collation is key next stage.
- Recruitment of Natural Environment Strategic Lead is progressing; 2nd round interviews later this week. Hoping to appoint soon. Also ambition to grow their team, with stronger remit to advise in-house & liaise with B&Ds.
- BNG; in addition to analysing SCC estate for habitat banking potential (see above), also scaling developments in SCC land property group to make sure are building-in adequate biodiversity considerations.
- River Thames Scheme is progressing (SCC Lead Flood Authority). Mainly concerns Spelthorne, Runnymede plus Elmbridge, but commitment by EA to achieve 20% BNG. EIA scoping due to be submitted to PINS in Oct.
- Northey Fields proposed LNR. Progressing with partners to develop management plan, to inc. sustainable access enhancements.
- Urban BOA Project; not distributing just now, as intention to ultimately develop this via LNRS engagement workstream. Happy to circulate report with caveat around its indicative nature only (problem is a planning status & when to undertake statutory consultation).

**Rachel Colson** (Surrey County Council):

- Seeing sound progress in restoration on mineral & waste sites across the county, such as at Queen Mary Quarry, Runfold and Patteson Court Landfill.
- Supporting SCC Countryside colleagues in new ownership of Tice's Meadow, Farnham; a programme of works is coming together, eg. River Blackwater habitat enhancements to take place during Rivers Week at the end of September, in partnership with Tice's Meadow Bird Group & the EA.
- Molesey Reservoirs Management Plan application has now been submitted & is at consultation stage. Will be looking to prioritise implementation once approved.
- SCC Minerals & Waste Plan, Issues & Options consultation now closed. Policy team now working towards the preferred options consultation (proposed June 2023).

**In absentia updates:**

**Ann Sankey** (SBS):

- SBS has launched its new website.
- Field meeting programme very active - x11 scattered over VC17, plus attended several Bioblitz's (see E&EBC report above).
- Ann Sankey continues to prepare data-sets for the Unimproved Grassland Inventory Project (also above).

**Christa Emmett** (SyHills Soc/AONB):

- This week we carried-out Hedgehog footprint tunnel surveys in collaboration with the Hoglets Team from Kingston University. This is repeat of a survey carried out in May where we found evidence of Hedgehogs. Currently participating in the national Dormice Footprint Tunnel Survey using footprint tunnels to detect the presence of Dormice in hedgerows. No prints found as yet.
- Have been working with Surrey Bat Group facilitating strategic hedgerow connections. Have put out bat detectors at various sites such as at Merrist Wood & Amber Foundation where Barbastelle Bat was detected.
- Hope to participate in national Harvest Mouse Survey currently being run by The Mammal Society. **[MW** to speak to Christa re. experience of SWT Harvest mouse Project 2011-16].

**MW**



6.	<b>AOB:</b> - Rivers Trust webinar on 29/09/22; <b>AJ</b> to circulate to group.	
	<b>DoNM; 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 14.00-16.30.</b> tbc.	
	<b>Abbreviata</b> BNG – Biodiversity Net Gain; EEBC ; Epsom & Ewell; EBC ; Elmbridge; FE ; Forest England; GBC ; Guildford; GCN – Great Crested Newt; MVDC ; Mole Valley; RBBC; Reigate & Banstead; RuBC ; Runnymede; SBC ; Spelthorne; WoBC ; Woking; SCC ; Surrey County; NFM ; Natural Flood Management; NNIS – Non;Native Invasive Species; NR ; Nature Reserve; NE ; Natural England; NT ; National Trust; RAWI ; Revised Ancient Woodland Survey; SANGS ; Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space; SLSP ; Surrey Local Sites Partnership; SPA – Special Protection Area; TW Thames Water.	

