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CBDC Newsletter April 2020



Dear Recorder,

Like many organisations CBDC intended this newsletter to inform you of a fabulous list of up and coming recording events, but instead we have to tell you our training and summer recording days have been cancelled due to the Corona virus restrictions.

This will have a significant impact on our income and thus CBDC will be furloughing Stuart from 16th April and myself from 31st April.

However, whilst everyone is in lock down the cycle of nature continues, with the recent warm weather heralding Spring. From my desk at home I can hear the house sparrow squabbling over nesting holes and the gentle buzz of tree bumblebees, the first pollinators spotted in my garden this year. Clearly, Recorders are not a community to be held back and we can see from Facebook and Twitter posts that there is still plenty of recording going on even if the geographical range of individual recorders is limited. We look forward to receiving the in-depth surveys of your gardens, window boxes and daily exercise routes in due course.

Stay safe and keep well.

Debs, CBDC Manager



Recorders Conference 2020 © April Windle

Recorders' Conference 2020

Thank you to all those who attended, presented and brought along displays. Once again the event was packed with recorders who listened to an excellent line up of speakers. The feedback we had was full of praise.

Visit our [CBDC Recorders' Conference 2020 webpage](#) to see feedback and presentations.

Can you help in 2021?

We asked participants for ideas for next year. They requested talks on hoverflies, molluscs, and beetles. If one of these is your area of expertise, or you can recommend someone please [contact Stuart](#).



Broad bodied chaser © David Clarke

Cumbria is Great for Dragonflies

David Clarke a county expert on Dragonflies and Damselflies used the Recorders' Conference to launch the Cumbria Dragonfly Atlas. The Atlas illustrates that there are 23 breeding species at present and climate change is bringing more species to the area. Five new species have been added to the Cumbria list since about 1990. Others may yet come. However, habitat losses, due both to human activities and natural changes in vegetation are a threat.

If you have not seen the Atlas then take a look by clicking this link. [Cumbria Dragonfly Atlas 2020](#)



Deer droppings © Guy Broome

Found Any Mammal Droppings Lately?

The Mammal Society have announced the start of a new study to find out if mammals are ingesting micoplastics. They would love people to collect mammal droppings and take photographs of plastic entrapment or teeth marks in plastic waste. For more details email mammal.society@themammalsociety.org

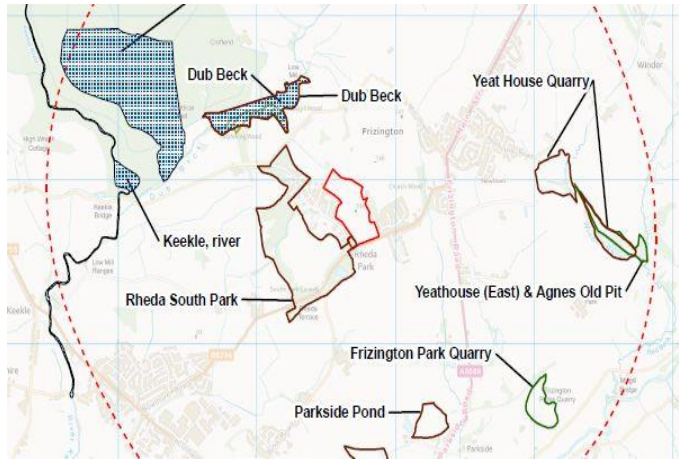
If you are not sure what species produced your "find" then the [Cumbria Mammal Group Facebook Group](#) members will be able to help.

If you have found deer or rabbit poo, before you send it away, and only if you have hand sanitiser and rubber gloves, why not take a closer look to see if there are any dung beetles lurking inside. Don't put them in the post but do send the records to the [Dung Beetle UK Mapping Project \(DUMP\)](#).



Don't Forget - Send in Your 2019 Data

CBDC has received many records from last year. Thank you to those that have sent them to us, directly or via a recording scheme. If you have not submitted them, then Stuart, CBDC's Recording Officer, looks forward to receiving them.



Data Enquiries - Business As Usual

Moustafa, CBDC's Data Officer, is happy to receive email enquiries and data request forms. CIEEM (Chartered Institute of Ecologists and Environmental Managers) are encouraging people to continue with desk top surveys. They have issued advice to Ecologists and Members on their website with regards to Corona virus and surveys. [Click here to read more.](#)

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