

**‘Beetles of Hertfordshire’ – a unique achievement**

We are excited to announce the imminent publication of *Beetles of Hertfordshire* by **Trevor James** – the latest addition to the acclaimed series of HNHS wildlife atlases. You will see from the enclosed flyer that the book is in the same attractive format as its five predecessors and that its 496 pages cover all 2,483 species of beetle so far recorded in our county. There are more than 600 colour photographs and 750 distribution maps for those that are more widely recorded.

The book is also a landmark in natural history publishing, being the first time that an account of a UK county’s beetle species has been accompanied by such detailed information about their occurrence, habitat needs and conservation status. Trevor, who has long combined the roles of coleoptera and flora recorder for Hertfordshire, has applied a lifetime’s knowledge and field experience to produce a truly remarkable book.

His unique achievement is underlined by the **Royal Entomological Society’s** decision to provide generous support towards the costs of publication.

We are also very grateful to **Linda and Ken Smith** who have provided further financial support.

We hope as many members as possible will order the book now and take advantage of the special introductory price of £25 (plus £10 p&p if required).

We are also pleased to announce that two launch events have been arranged, when copies of the book can be collected or purchased:

- **6.30pm, Tuesday 31 July** at the Royal Entomological Society, The Mansion House, Chiswell Green Lane, St Albans AL2 3NS
- **12.30pm, Friday 10 August**, at Rye Meads Reserve’s Visitor Centre, Rye Road, Hoddesdon SG12 8JS

More information about these and how to order the book can be found at [www.hnhs.org/publications](http://www.hnhs.org/publications).

**Festival of Wildlife – 28 & 29 July**

Don’t miss this year’s Festival of Wildlife at beautiful Panshanger Park, near Hertford. As previously, the event is organised by Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust in partnership with HNHS and Tarmac plc. As part of a packed programme of activities, we will be providing a bird viewing area, guided walks and a programme of family-friendly talks by county recorders and other local wildlife experts. 10am to 4pm daily.

**New data protection rules**

Responding to requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that came into force on 25 May, the HNHS has published a **detailed privacy policy** This explains how we will respect and protect the personal data provided by our members, by those who submit wildlife records through our websites, and by our bookshop customers. You can find the new policy document by following links on the HNHS, Herts Bird Club or Herts Flora Group website.

**Our new membership secretary... plus an old problem with unpaid subscriptions**

As noted in our January newsletter, **Virginia Kennard**, our Membership Secretary, is moving away from Hertfordshire this summer. In thanking her for all she has done over the past two years, we welcome her successor, **Geoff Hill**, who has kindly agreed to take over.

Unfortunately, there are more members than we would expect who have not yet got round to paying their 2018 subscriptions. If you are in any doubt as to whether you have paid for this year, please take an early opportunity to check and, if necessary, make contact with Geoff as soon as possible. The rates, unchanged from last year, are:

**£18:** individual membership plus *Hertfordshire Naturalist* and *Herts Bird Report*

**£12:** individual membership plus *Herts Bird Report*

**£22:** family membership plus *Hertfordshire Naturalist* and *Herts Bird Report*.

You can pay by:

- Standing order or bank transfer: our Lloyds Bank account number is 02994402, sort code 30-94-08
- Credit/debit card using the Virgin Money Giving link our website [www.hnhs.org](http://www.hnhs.org)
- Cheque - payable to 'Hertfordshire Natural History Society' and mailed to **Geoff Hill**, HNHS Membership Secretary, 84 Park Avenue, Bushey, Herts. WD23 2BB.

Gift aid will increase the value of your subscription to the Society by 25%, if you are a UK taxpayer. For more information you can email Geoff at [membership@hnhs.org](mailto:membership@hnhs.org).