

November 2011

*Sutton Poyntz
Biodiversity
Group News
Newsletter*



Hazel catkins late October in the Waterworks copse

Garden Wildlife

Janet Craig provides me with updates on activity in around her garden at the end of Old Bincombe Lane on a regular basis. In the last week in October, she reported on Badgers eating, Plums, Sloes and Damsons in addition to the dog food she supplies daily. She also reported on late Humming Bird Hawk-moths, whilst most of us have seen Red Admiral on Ivy on the few sunny days in late October. Garden Bird-watch has produced reports of Grey Wagtail back in the village along Puddledock Lane and outside Brookmead Close. It was also good to see Greenfinch in eight gardens.



Wildlife Walks – Mondays from Fox Cottage near the Mission Hall at 9.30am. All welcome.

Newsletter – John Newbould who welcomes your notes and pictures 01305 837384

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Promoting biodiversity to the wider community

The 2009 Dorset Bird Report indicates that House Sparrow is under recorded and the largest counts of this common but declining resident showed a maximum of 200 on Portland in September. Last month our Garden bird count showed 190 in the south of the village SY7083, but there are at least 30 at the west tip of Verlands, at least 20 more round Overcome Barn plus other houses on Sutton Road. Please everybody have a good look round during our bird week 20 -26 November and lets us see just how many are present in our village, and I will get our map re-done.

Heritage Lottery Grant for the South Dorset Ridgeway project.

The Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership and its partners has received development funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund through its **Landscape Partnership** programme to develop a new project for the South Dorset Ridgeway. The project will work with landowners, communities and visitors to make it a better place for wildlife, improve access and bring to life the rich history of the area with innovative interpretation and education



The South Dorset Ridgeway from Hardy's Monument looking east over Weymouth to Ringstead John Newbould