

Orkney Field Club

Founded in 1959

Aim: To encourage the study and conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the county



Perhaps the most important event of the Club's year is the publication of our annual Bulletin, the *Orkney Naturalist*. A few copies of previous years' Bulletins are available for sale – do ask us at a meeting – and reference copies are held in the Library.

Regular items in the Bulletin are the reports from County Recorders, each covering records and occurrences in their specialism during the year. However every Bulletin also has a number of special articles covering particular research or developments. Altogether we aim to provide an interesting account of wildlife, and the work of naturalists, in the County during the year.

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15	House Martins Nesting in Orkney in 2007	<i>Dick Matson</i>
17	The 2008 OFC/RSPB Local Group Bird Race	<i>Dick Matson</i>
19	Otter Road Deaths in Orkney	<i>Chris Booth</i>
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35	Grasshopper Report 2007	<i>Keith Fairclough</i>
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The Field Club is extremely grateful to those who take the trouble to write Reports for the Bulletin, and also to the wide range of those who have contributed sightings to the Recorders.