

## **Chairman's Report 2010/2011.**

### **1. Past events.**

During the year March 2010 to March 2011 we organised a range of events including familiar ones such as the Dawn Chorus Walk but also including new some new activities. Along with Overton WI we held a sustainable development day entitled Living for the Future when a range of speakers including Professor Tim Wheeler from Reading University spoke about some of the challenges facing us and the natural environment. This was attended by about 60 delegates and has led to a sustainable development group being set up in Overton Among the visits we organised we went in June to Forest Edge wildlife garden and I am very pleased that its founder, David Beeson, is here to speak to us tonight.

Over the past year we have been working to meet some of the targets set out in the Overton BAP. In particular we are very pleased to have been able to get a tree warden scheme for the parish underway and are very grateful to David Cluett, Adrian Lewis and Ken Towell for being willing to take up this role.

### **2. Future events.**

We have an interesting programme for the coming year. We hope to carry on our programme of work parties and surveys at Micheldever Spoil Heaps SSSI, our glow worm and dormouse surveys and a range of speakers and walks such as October's Fungus Foray led by Mike Waterman. Other events include a pond dipping event at Overton School in association with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to celebrate the Trust's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Again, many of these events will help us achieve targets set out in the Overton BAP.

### **3. Membership.**

OBS has 90 Paid up members – slightly fewer than this time last year when we had 100 so any membership renewals or new members would be very welcome. Similarly any volunteers to become OBS committee members would also be most welcome.

### **4. Thanks.**

I would very much like to thank the OBS committee members for their hard work over the past year. I'd particularly like to thank Carey Nelson and James Leppard who are stepping down from the committee this year.

I would also like to thank Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and in particular Karen Evans-Prosser for the support and assistance they have given us.