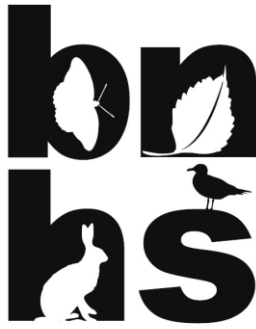


# *The Bedfordshire Natural History Society*

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Dear Member,

You may be aware that a team from the BNHS are busy preparing a new book which is due for publication in spring 2020. It is to be titled *Bedfordshire – our changing habitats and wildlife*. It will provide, through a rich photographic record, an overview of the changes that have taken place within our county to its wildlife and the habitats in which they live over the twenty years that have elapsed since we published *Wild Bedfordshire – a photographic record*. In places there will be comparative photos taken at the same location many years apart. The captions will offer further insight into the story told within the pictures. There are also many exciting images of the fauna and flora lost and gained to the county over the last twenty years.

The authors are Richard Revels FRPS, well-known photographer, who has photographed species and locations across the length and breadth of the country; Chris Boon, award winning *Flora of Bedfordshire* author; and Graham Bellamy, formerly Senior Conservation Manager in Bedfordshire for the Wildlife Trust. Rosemary Brind and Chris Boon have edited the text. There are guest chapters on the challenges and consequences of human intervention across the county in the last two decades. Richard's excellent photographs, collected during many hours of fieldwork, show the diverse range of habitats to be found throughout Bedfordshire.

The cost of *Bedfordshire - our changing habitats and wildlife* is £20 plus post and packing of £4.25, with a pre-publication offer of £15 plus post and packing of £4.25. You will receive further information about the pre-publication offer later in the year.

Richly illustrated with quality photographs supported by informative captions the book will be around 144 pages. It is designed by the same team that helped create the best-selling *Wild Orchids of Bedfordshire* book. We expect it to sell quickly to our membership and to the wider community. I hope and believe that you will wish to purchase a copy.

I would also like to ask you to consider a further option – **to become a Subscriber to the book**. It was often the case in the past that individuals, by making a donation to the production of a prestigious new book, confirmed their wish to be associated with it in a special way – as subscribers. Their names appear prominently in many famous works, including our county floras.

If you are prepared to commit the sum of £40 you will receive a copy of the new volume, signed by the authors, and **with your name printed in the book itself**. I believe that this will be a source of lasting pride to you, and I can assure you that your generous commitment will be of direct benefit to the Bedfordshire Natural History Society and its work. Any profits from the book will be ploughed back into the study and promotion of natural history and the recording of our wildlife in Bedfordshire.

Please do give this matter your serious consideration. I hope you will decide to lend your support in this unique and lasting way. If you are a UK tax payer you can increase the value of your subscription with GiftAid. Just complete the form over the page with your cheque made payable to BNHS, send them to our Treasurer at the address below **by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019** and we will do the rest.

Yours sincerely,

Wilf Powell  
Hon Chairman, BNHS

**Yes, please include me as a Subscriber** to *Bedfordshire – our changing habitats and wildlife*. I enclose my cheque for the sum of £40 made payable to the BNHS. (Note that postage and packing, where necessary, will be included in the subscription price.) I understand that I will receive my signed copy of the book soon after it is published.

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**So that your name can be printed in the book, please return this form and cheque by 1st November 2019 to:**

Mike Bird, BNHS Treasurer, 69 Cotefield Drive, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 3DN

Thank you for supporting the BNHS in this special way.

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