

# BWAG Monthly Reports to Bredhurst Parish Council

## May 2007

- BWAG are grateful to Kent Wildlife Trust for bringing their volunteer team, who normally work at Queendown Warren, to Bredhurst Hurst to carry out various tasks within the woodland. They made two visits in April and were helped by a number of BWAG members.
- The Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group (KRAG) held a survey day on 14 April. About 25 members of KRAG & BWAG recorded a number of sightings including, adders, lizards and slow worms.
- The public consultation period in respect of the Traffic Regulation Order which KCC are seeking to impose on byway KH94, closed on 1 May. KCC will evaluate the response and notify the outcome to BPC/BWAG.
- It was confirmed, that since the group was formed in May 2005, approximately £40k has been secured for the project. This is made up entirely from outside contributions with no funding coming directly from Bredhurst Parish Council.
- BWAG held an open meeting at the Village Hall on 25 April. This was well attended by approximately 50 BWAG members. Vanessa Jones gave a presentation detailing the achievements since the group was formed in May 2005 and its aims for the future. Neil Coombs from Kent Wildlife Trust explained KWT's close involvement with the area. He emphasised the importance of Bredhurst Hurst as a link to wildlife habitats at Boxley Warren, Queendown Warren and further afield and said KWT would continue to give BWAG its full support.
- BWAG invited Kent Wildlife Trust to hold their 1st 'Local Wildlife Site Owners Day' at Green Court, Bredhurst, courtesy of Stephen & Jane Page. The event was very well attended by landowners from across Kent and was opened by Hugh Robertson, MP. Hugh stressed the importance of protecting our environment and praised BWAG for its many achievements. During the morning guests listened to presentations on woodland management issues and this was followed by lunch, prepared by BWAG members. During the afternoon, Neil Coombs of Kent Wildlife Trust took guests and BWAG members on a tour of our woodland, highlighting the many improvements that have taken place.
- Forthcoming dates include:
  - **3 May** - BWAG guided walk and talk to Wigmore Brownies
  - **6 May** - Guided bird walk by Owen Sweeney of KOS.
  - **12 May** - BWAG promotional stand at Bredhurst May Day.
  - **17 May** - BWAG guided walk and talk, 1<sup>st</sup> Mierscourt Brownies
  - **19 May** - Kent Field Club conduct 1<sup>st</sup> of two survey days of the area.
  - Full details all events can be found on [www.bwag.org.uk](http://www.bwag.org.uk)