

BDS North East Branch E-News Autumn 2018

Recent Events

Muntjac evening – This event was a great success. Graham Downing judged his audience just right and delivered a thoughtful and very well-informed presentation on his experiences of stalking muntjac deer. The sixty or so attendees came from right across the north of England, including a bus load of students from Newton Rigg. The unusual venue was the kennels of the Zetland hunt, where the hunt supporters gave a warm welcome to us all.

Rory Putman BDS chairman – presented to Northumbria Natural History Society in October. Despite being well advertised in a series of Deerbytes, only six NE BDS branch members turned up to join a packed lecture hall at Newcastle University to hear the BDS Chairman's entertaining talk "Wild Deer and the Management in Britain – Burden or Benefit". British deer also featured prominently in the precursor lecture on an inspiring citizen science trail cam project, see <http://www.mammalweb.org/>

Interbranch shoot – Well done to David Boyson for pulling together a branch team to shoot in this year's competition. Our group comprising Messrs Boyson, Courage, Hall, Jones, Spencer, and Tworkowski gave a credible performance in the rain with South West Scotland winning, their win demonstrates the benefit of having their own range.

Member Survey – Thank you to the 11 members who completed the survey. The sample is simply too small to help with our events planning.

The branch committee – Stephen Hyde is willing to act as chairman until the AGM in January.

Upcoming events

Royal Forestry Society – BDS members are invited to the afternoon lecture at Houghall College at 1.30pm on Friday 9th November.

Members evening – A friendly Christmas gathering with a topical and entertaining presentation for members, their family and friends 7pm 4th December 2018 at Kirkley Hall, for more information or to book please contact stephenhyde1957@icloud.com .

NOTICE

The North East BDS Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 15.30 on 27th January 2019 at the Northumbrian Piper, Fawdon Close, Gosforth, NE3 2AH

And future activities

Raby Estate – links have been established with the owner and manager with a view to a members' visit.

UK Deer Dogs and Shot Placement – a practical day at Kirkley to develop members skill, dates to follow.

NE Branch Range – two options have been investigated in the north of the region, neither look like they'll be suitable, the search continues.

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