

External body report BY Cllr Eric Davey

**The Woodland Group**

I attended the AGM of the Woodland Group on 28 Sep 2016.

The bird ringing programme carried out over the year had proved very successful and a copy of the ringing summary is attached to this report. I understand a more formal and bound copy will be forwarded in due course. There has sadly been some vandalism of the bird boxes but they had been replaced in the main.

The intention to set up a school area has been abandoned at the present time due to lack of resources. A footbridge has been replaced by their own efforts. Efforts to control the spread of Himalayan Balsam continue on a regular basis. Now that Esso no longer use the railway line they will consider approaching the firm with a view to accessing the line for litter clearance.

A considerable amount of time has been spent on stream maintenance, clearing weed and litter and litter clearance across the area generally has continued.

Officers were re elected to continue for another year which promises to be as challenging and productive as the year gone by.