

Welcome to **LOHP Members News** a quarterly update for LOHP Members, covering some of the things that we are involved with over the year, that you might not know about or might want to get involved with.

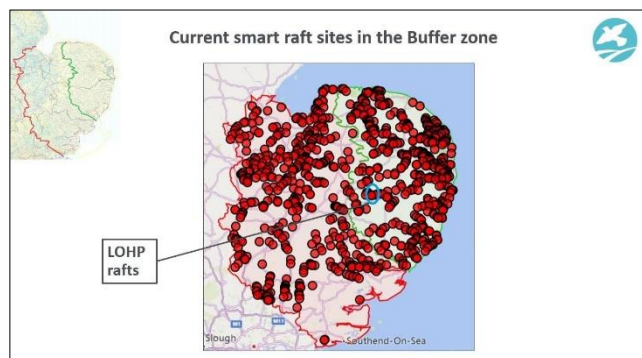
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### LOHP 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM

On Friday the 1st of December we held our 22nd AGM at Garboldisham Village Hall. Despite a very chilly night we were joined by 68 people. After the formal AGM and my Highlights of 2023, we started our talks.

This year it was a joint effort given by Vince Lea and Emily Coleman from Countryside Regeneration Trust (CRT) on "Saving the water vole: building a mink-free Great Britain".

The talks were really interesting - firstly a national picture by Vince Lea about the mink trapping project, then what was happening in the LOHP area. It was fascinating to hear that genetics and DNA testing are being used to find out where the mink come from. It is great to know all our time and effort put into this project isn't being wasted. Hopefully as the project rolls out across the country our Water Voles will be better protected.



Location of LOHP rafts

A huge thank you to our speakers and to all those who were able to join us. Hopefully see you next year for another inspiring talk.

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### Welcoming our New Trustee – Andrew Goodall

Hello my name is Andrew Goodall and I am excited and honoured to have been voted on at the last AGM as a new trustee. Lynda, my wife and I have lived in Hinderclay for 14 years and have been a member of LOHP for nearly as many years.

I joined my first county wildlife trust many, many years ago and have had a keen interest in wildlife conservation for over 50 years. I managed a 40 acre gravel pit reserve for Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust way back in the 80's before moving to East Anglia.

My main passion in life is Ornithology though I also have a keen interest in botany, moths and butterflies and trees. I regularly record moths in my Hinderclay garden and I am also the Hinderclay parish Tree Warden.

I hope with my skills and knowledge that I will be able to contribute in a positive way to the LOHP. I know that I have some hard acts to follow.



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## Events and Activities

Coming up. See our website for further details nearer the time. We also run Practical Conservation Work Parties throughout the year, get in touch if you are interested.

Date	Time	Item (black – LOHP events, purple – external events)	More Info
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 (Bank Holiday)	10.30am–12.30pm	LOHP Winter Walk	Join LOHP for our annual New Year Walk to blow away the cobwebs

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Hope you have enjoyed this issue.

I would just like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** from all of us at LOHP and thank you for all your support over the last year.

And if you are still trying to buy something for the person who has everything, then why not get them an [LOHP Membership](#) or [Sponsor an Acre](#).

See you in 2024.

Ellie Beach – Conservation Manager