

History of Grasslands Naturalists Committee Report for 2024 AGM

The History of Grasslands Naturalists Committee currently consists of Phil Horch and Paul Thibault as co-chairs. It is hoped that other GN members will join the committee to create a comprehensive history brochure of the society.

In 2023, the committee focused on gathering historical documents for storage on the cloud for those that have been digitized, and in a cabinet at the Nature Centre for those that remain in hard copy form. Both the cloud and filing cabinet storage will also be used to store GN's wide variety of documents.

The current document storage status is as follows:

- Cloud storage of available documents in digital form has been completed. The documents are available to Board members on both OneDrive and Google Drive.
- Cabinet lock bar and combination lock have been purchased and installed on an existing cabinet at the Nature Centre.
- Contents of all documents that were initially in the filing cabinet have been moved to a storage facility in labelled bins. The documents were very old with many of them dating back to before GN's incorporation.

In 2024, the committee will:

- Review past Chronicles, meeting minutes, and other historical documents and make a list of key people, events, activities, and issues. This will focus on the time after GN was incorporated in 1992.
- Review historical documents before GN's incorporation. This will rely on GN elders who are in the best position to assess the contents of these documents.
- Collect write-ups provided by GN members on selected topics.

Following the above reviews, we could then plan a way ahead, and seek funding if necessary. We thank GN members who have expressed interest in contributing to the brochure research and writing process.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Thibault and Phil Horch, Committee Co-chairs