

To: NE England SNS Volunteers:

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 Phil Davey Beal Station (Fenham Flats)
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 Sunday 03 Apr 2005

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To: SE Scotland SNS volunteer: Maggie Sheddan East Lothian

To: North Norfolk SNS volunteer group: Steve Bexton and RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre

Dear 'Save the North Sea' volunteers,

Welcome to Geoff Siggins and Ross Ahmed, who responded to a request I placed in the Durham Bird Club bulletin recently (see also the Durham Bird Club website). Welcome also to our recent volunteers from North Norfolk and East Lothian. Your hard work has been generating much information on the frequency and number of beached birds in NE England – as well as Fulmar specimens for the 'Save the North Sea' (SNS) international project.

Enclosed find:

- (a) Northeast England Summary Report for Newsletter (April 2005). Some surveyors may still need to return to me their recent survey reports so that the information may be incorporated into the on-going growing report.
- (b) Southeast Scotland Summary Report.
- (c) Copy of article from New Scientist, 8 Jan 2005, on seabirds and plastic waste, by Rob Edwards.

From the enclosed NE England Summary Report you will see the significance of the bird numbers during the auk wreck of last autumn. The report also shows the recent auk wreck numbers during the first three months of 2005. In comparison here is the auk data we collected for NE England in winter 2003/04:

Species	Dec 03	Jan 04	Feb 04	Mar 04	Total
Guillemot	3	1	10	5	32
Razorbill	0	0	1	0	1
Puffin	0	0	0	5	5
Auk sp.	0	0	0	0	1
Total	3	1	11	10	39
Length (km)	23.7	20.2	29.2	25.2	

Please return to me your SNS Beached Bird Survey reports regularly – so that I may include them in our growing dataset. Please also report to me ringed birds – so that their details may be included in our reports. I should be receiving reports from Dr Jan van Franeker shortly on the SNS Fulmar project findings for the North Sea study area for the period 2002 – 2004. I hope to receive sufficient copies to send a copy to all volunteer surveyors.

As before – please let me know when you find Fulmar or ringed auk corpses. In addition fresh corpses of any species in good condition can be collected – I shall come and collect birds in NE England so that they may be passed to the Hancock Museum in Newcastle. Fulmar corpses will have stomach contents analysed in Holland when appropriate and ringed auks will be sent to Holland for use in another study. For birds collected in Norfolk and SE Scotland we may be able to arrange for intermediate storage until I can collect.

The birds have noticed that spring is coming and many species will be arriving in numbers shortly. Keep up the excellent work – monthly surveys throughout the year are ideal!

Best wishes, Dan Turner

Summary report for Newsletter (April 2005)
Northeast England – Beached Bird Survey summary report Oct 2004 to Mar 2005

Key	Location	Data collected by:
NN:	North Northumberland	Jenny Prince, George Moody, Malcolm Hutcheson
MN / SN:	Mid / South Northumberland	Dan Turner, Ray Chilton (from Jan 2005). Hew Ellis (occasional, 2005).
NT:	North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Dan Turner
ST:	South Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Peter Collins, Mick Simpson and Laurie Small, Ross Ahmed (from March 2005).
T&W:	Tyne & Wear: including NT + ST	As above, plus Geoff Siggens (from Feb 2005).
Cle:	Cleveland	Martin A. Blick

Month	October 2004						November 2004					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	23.2	1.2	4.0	2.7	5.6	36.7	14.0	1.2	4.0	2.7	7.5	29.4
Fulmar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gannet	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cormorant	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Shag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heron	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mallard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eider Duck	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2
Waders	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gulls	1	2	5	3	14	25	1	2	1	7	1	12
Terns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auks	77	13	51	9	64	214	7	9	13	1	4	34
Auks / km	3.32	10.83	12.75	3.3	11.43	5.98	0.5	7.5	3.25	0.37	0.53	1.12
Gulls / km	0.04	1.67	1.25	1.11	2.5	0.68	0.07	1.67	0.25	2.59	0.13	0.41

Month	December 2004					
Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total
Kilometres	19.2	1.2	4.0	2.8	5.0	32.2
Fulmar	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gannet	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cormorant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shag	1	0	0	0	0	1
Heron	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mallard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eider Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waders	2	0	0	0	1	3
Gulls	0	0	3	3	3	9
Terns	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auks	4	0	0	0	0	4
Auks / km	0.21	0	0	0	0	0.12
Gulls / km	0	0	0.75	1.07	0.6	0.28

Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified) during the NE England Beached Bird Surveys

Redshank	10.12.04	Holy Island	George Moody	Fresh, just killed by Sparrowhawk.
Shag	26.12.04	Holy Island	George Moody	Red ring 'DCP', BTO ring 1247288. Ringed as chick, Isle of May, 19 July 1988. Ringing info received from MPH and BTO.
Adult bull Grey Seal	31.12.04	Cheswick Black Rocks (NU037478)	Malcolm Hutcheson	Dead approx 10 days. Gone 5 days later – washed away on high tides.
Mute Swan	02.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: Z96770. Young bird. Informed J Coleman 2 Apr. Informed BTO, 02.04.05.
Shag	04.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: 1396704. Informed MPH, 02.04.05. Informed BTO, 02.04.05.
Shag	05.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: 1396532. Informed MPH, 02.04.05. Informed BTO, 02.04.05.
Seal sp.	22.02.05	Saltburn	MAB	Juvenile, approx 1.2 metres, head badly damaged, body various shades of grey with covering of black spots.
Harbour Porpoise	22.02.05	Redcar	MAB	Adult? 12-24 hours dead, huge bite out of its chin, approx 1.4 metres long.
Shag	24.02.05	Budle Point to Seahouses	JP	Ringed bird (metal ring only). Ring, legs and wings posted to Glasgow Univ. BTO ring No 1315180. Ringed 10.07.1994, chick, Isle of May.
Knot	25.02.05	Blyth North beach	Ray Chilton	Adult, not oiled.
Knot	26.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	Good condition, not oiled.
Cormorant	26.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	Sick live bird. Blue ring with 'N2H' (or 'NZH'). Informed S Newson 02 Apr. To inform BTO.
Shag	26.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: 1336766. Informed MPH, 02.04.05. Informed BTO, 02.04.05.
Shag	26.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: 1302825. Informed MPH, 02.04.05. Informed BTO, 02.04.05.

Other interesting shore finds (continued)

Shag	27.02.05	Cheswick Shiel (NU 048865)	A&MH	Adult, dead 15/20 days, White darvic 'NLF', BTO ring No 1375175. Info from Prof M Harris: Ringed 06.06.2000, chick, Isle of May. This bird was seen a total of 14 times on the Isle of May, and in all years 2001 - 04, but not away from the island.
Harbour Porpoise	27.02.05	Spittal Bay, Berwick	A&MH	Adult, approx 5ft long
Harbour Porpoise	02.03.05	Skinningrove to Cattersty Sands	MAB	Dead about 2 weeks. About 1.5 metres long.
Seal sp.	02.03.05	Skinningrove to Cattersty Sands	MAB	A pup, dead about 3 weeks. Approx 1 metre long.
Knot	09.03.05	Redcar	MAB	Approx 2 days dead
Knot	16.03.05	Hartlepool north sands	MAB	Approx 2 days dead but eaten
Shag	18.03.05	Harkess Rocks to Greenhill Rocks, North Northumberland	JP	Very thin. Ringed: BTO 1345402. Informed MPH – not one of his. Informed BTO, 30.03.05.

Gull summary table:

Species	Jul 04	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Total
Black-headed	6	0	0	5	5	5	21
Common	0	1	1	4	1	0	7
Herring	2	4	0	5	4	3	18
Great Black-backed	1	3	0	7	2	1	14
Lesser Black-backed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black-backed sp.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kittiwake	1	1	0	4	0	0	6
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	10	1	25	12	9	67
Length of coast (km)	9.0	13.8	18.8	36.7	29.4	32.2	139.9

Species	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	June 05	Total
Black-headed	4	1	0				5
Common	2	3	2				7
Herring	3	3	1				7
Great Black-backed	3	1	0				4
Lesser Black-backed	1	0	0				1
Black-backed sp.	0	0	0				0
Kittiwake	1	0	1				2
Unknown	0	0	0				0
Total	14	8	4				26
Length of coast (km)	34.7	40.7	(36.5)				(111.9)

Auk summary tables:

Species	Jul 04	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Total
Guillemot	2	0	21	198	29	4	254
Razorbill	1	0	3	9	2	0	15
Puffin	2	0	0	4	0	0	6
Little Auk	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Auk sp.	2 (Juv)	0	1	3	0	0	6
Total	7	0	25	214	34	4	284
Length (km)	9.0	13.8	18.8	36.7	29.4	32.2	139.9

Species	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Total
Guillemot	44	107	52				203
Razorbill	5	41	17				63
Puffin	5	27	9				41
Little Auk	1	4	3				8
Auk sp.	0	1	4				5
Total	55	180	85				320
Length (km)	34.7	40.7	(36.5)				(111.9)

Fulmar corpse summary:

Species	July 04	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Total
Fulmar	0	1	0	0	1	0	2

Species	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Total
Fulmar	1	0	4				

Oiling Summary

24 Oct 2004: two lightly oiled Guillemot, Holy Island (George Moody).

Little Auk found fresh 29 Jan 2005 on Blyth South Beach, small amount of oil near vent and tail.

One oiled live Guillemot handed to Peter Collins on 27 Jan 2005 – from Sandhaven beach, South Shields.

Guillemot, one oiled corpse, Holy Island, 02 Feb 2005.

Guillemot, adult, 27.02.05, Cheswick Shiel (north N/land), 15/20 days dead, slightly oiled, thin oil staining on breast (A&MH).

Gannet, adult, 27.02.05, Cocklawburn beach (north N/land), 15/20 days dead, smudge of heavy oil down breast (A&MH).

Herring Gull, adult, 27.02.05, Cocklawburn beach (north N/land), 15/20 days dead, thin oil on body (A&MH).

Razorbill, W+2, 13.03.05, Seaton Sluice beach, 2-3 days dead, moderate oil, rear underside of body, tail, right flank.

Northeast England Summary Report prepared by:
Daniel M Turner, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, England

Southeast Scotland – Beached Bird Survey summary report Nov 2004 to Apr 2005

Key **Location** **Data collected by:**
 EL East Lothian Maggie Sheddan

Summary data on dead birds found during the surveys (distances are approximate for now).

Month 04 - 05	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Kilometres	3.0	14.0	11.0							
Fulmar	0	0	0							
Gannet	1	1	0							
Shag	0	0	0							
Eider Duck	0	0	1							
Waders	0	0	0							
Gulls	0	1	1							
Auks	2	2	0							
Auks / km	0.67	0.14	0							
Gulls / km	0	0.07	0.09							

Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified) during the SE Scotland Beached Bird Surveys

Species	Date	Where found	Observer	Comments

Gull summary table:

Species	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	Total
Black-headed	0	0	0				
Common	0	0	0				
Herring	0	1	0				
Great Black-backed	0	0	0				
Lesser Black-backed	0	0	0				
Kittiwake	0	0	0				
Unknown	0	0	1				
Total	0	1	1				

Auk summary tables:

Species	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	Total
Guillemot	2	2	0				
Razorbill	0	0	0				
Puffin	0	0	0				
Total	2	2	0				

Oiling Summary

2 Dec 2004, miniscule amount of oil on one beach at Eyebroughty.

Other comments

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 Malcolm Hutcheson Berwick
 George Moody Holy Island
 Jenny Prince Belford (Budle Bay/Bamburgh North - South)
 David Rollo Vet, Berwick Swan and Wildlife Trust

Daniel M Turner
 North Shields
 Friday 22 July 2005

To: SE Scotland SNS volunteer:

Maggie Sheddan East Lothian

To: North Norfolk SNS volunteer group:

Steve Bexton and RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre

Dear 'Save the North Sea' volunteers,

Here is the summer newsletter to keep you up to date with recent findings.

Welcome to Phil Gilbert, who has started surveying a stretch of Northumberland coastline at Druridge Bay. We got talking in April, Phil works in the same office building as me at Newcastle, and I found out about his bird interest. Phil agreed to join the project and has carried out surveys recently.

Ross Ahmed, who joined the project in March, started by surveying in the South Shields area, but is working this summer as a warden on the Farne Islands (off the North Northumberland coast) and reporting back from that location. Also included in this newsletter are findings by the North Norfolk RSPCA Team.

We now have seven Fulmar corpses from NE England for analysis – collected since November 2004. I plan to perform initial dissections at the Dove Marine Lab, Cullercoats, in August and take the stomachs of these birds to Holland in September. The next SNS Fulmar Project workshop is planned from 29 Sept to 5 Oct. I shall be attending in order to represent the NE England group, as well as our newer groups in SE Scotland and SE England. We shall be performing Fulmar dissections, having a birding day on Texel, receiving updates on the project and presenting findings from the different regions.

Enclosed please find:

- (d) Northeast England Summary Report for Newsletter (July 2005). Some surveyors may still need to return to me their recent survey reports.
- (e) Southeast England Summary Report for 2005 so far
- (f) Inner Farne Island Summary Report for 2005 so far (Surveyor: Ross Ahmed).

Please return your SNS Beached Bird Survey reports regularly – so that they may be included in our growing dataset. Please also report ringed birds – for inclusion in our reports. As always – please let me know when you find Fulmar or ringed auk corpses – which will be collected for analysis.

I am planning on spending one of the following days at the Dove Marine Lab, Cullercoats, North Tyneside to dissect our seven Fulmars: Tue 16th, Wed 17th or Thur 18th of August. If you would like to come - **please let me know a.s.a.p.** which day you are free so I can arrange it with the Lab. I can show you the dissection and measurement technique and if you care to assist by recording for me (while I get my hands dirty) that would be a big help.

I hope you have a good summer and enjoy your holidays if you get the chance to take some.

Best wishes, Dan Turner

Summary report for Newsletter (July 2005)
Northeast England, Beached Bird Survey summary report March to June 2005

Key	Location	Data collected by:
NN:	North Northumberland	Jenny Prince, George Moody, Malcolm Hutcheson
MN / SN:	Mid / South Northumberland	Ray Chilton, Phil Gilbert, Dan Turner, Hew Ellis.
NT:	North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Dan Turner
ST:	South Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Peter Collins, Mick Simpson and Laurie Small, Ross Ahmed.
T&W:	Tyne & Wear: including NT + ST	As above, plus Geoff Siggins.
Cle:	Cleveland	Martin A. Blick

Month	March 2005						April 2005					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	21.5	1.2	6.0	6.8	6.0	41.5	16.5	3.2	6.0	3.8	0.0	29.5
Fulmar	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	-	0
Gannet	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	2
Cormorant	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	0
Shag	6	0	1	0	1	8	6	1	0	0	-	7
Heron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
Mallard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
Tufted Duck	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	0
Eider Duck	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	-	2
Waders	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	-	1
Gulls	0	0	3	1	1	5	0	4	2	0	-	6
Terns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
Auks	21	0	15	12	45	93	14	4	7	3	-	28
Auks / km	0.98	0.0	2.50	1.76	7.50	2.24	0.85	1.25	1.17	0.79	-	0.95
Gulls / km	0.0	0.0	0.50	0.15	0.17	0.12	0.0	1.25	0.33	0.0	-	0.20

Month	May 2005						June 2005					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	2.5	3.2	5.5	1.8	1.5	14.5	2.5	1.2	4.0	1.8	7.0	16.5
Fulmar	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gannet	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cormorant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shag	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Heron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mallard	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tufted Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eider Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gulls	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	2	1	0	4	7
Terns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auks	1	4	3	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	2	3
Auks / km	0.40	1.25	0.55	0.0	0.0	0.55	0.0	0.83	0.0	0.0	0.29	0.18
Gulls / km	0.0	0.31	0.36	0.56	0.0	0.28	0.0	1.67	0.25	0.0	0.57	0.42

Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified) during the NE England Beached Bird Surveys

Mute Swan	02.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: Z96770. Young bird. Ringed at Traquair Estate Pond, near Peebles in the Borders as a cygnet female on 29/08/04.
Shag	04.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: 1396704. Ringed 03.07.2004, nestling (brood size 2), Craigleith, North Berwick, by Lothian Ringing Group. 216 days since ringing, 71 km distance.
Shag	05.02.05	Holy Island	GDRM	BTO: 1396532. Ringed 21.06.2003, nestling (brood size 3), Craigleith, North Berwick, by Lothian Ringing Group. 595 days since ringing, 71 km distance.
Seal sp.	22.02.05	Saltburn	MAB	Juvenile, approx 1.2 metres, head badly damaged, body various shades of grey with covering of black spots.
Harbour Porpoise	22.02.05	Redcar	MAB	Adult? 12-24 hours dead, huge bite out of its chin, approx 1.4 metres long.
Shag	24.02.05	Between Budle Point and Seahouses	JP	Ringed bird (metal ring only). Ring, legs and wings posted to Glasgow Univ. BTO ring No 1315180. Ringed 10.07.1994, chick, Isle of May. 3882 days since ringing, 84 km distance.
Knot	25.02.05	Blyth North beach	Ray Chilton	Adult, not oiled.
Knot	26.02.05	Holy Island, Northumberland	GDRM	Good condition, not oiled.
Cormorant	26.02.05	Holy Island, Northumberland	GDRM	Sick live bird. Blue ring with 'N2H' (or 'NZH'). Informed S.Newson 02 Apr. Informed BTO, 21 May 05.
Shag	26.02.05	Holy Island, Northumberland	GDRM	BTO: 1336766. Info from MPH: White 'BTU', seen on Isle of May in 2001, 2002 and 2003. Informed BTO, 02.04.05. Ringed 26.06.1997, nestling (brood size 2), Isle of May, Scotland, by Isle of May Bird Observatory. 2802 days since ringing, 73 km distance.
Shag	26.02.05	Holy Island, Northumberland	GDRM	BTO: 1302825. Ringed 23.06.1991, nestling (brood size 2), Nigg, North Sutor, Highland Region, Scotland, by Highland Ringing Group. 4997 days since ringing, 263 km distance.

Other interesting shore finds (continued)

Shag	27.02.05	Cheswick Shiel (NU 048865), Northumberland	A&MH	Adult, dead 15/20 days, White darvic 'NLF', BTO ring No 1375175. Info from Prof M. P. Harris: Ringed 06.06.2000, chick, Isle of May. This bird was seen a total of 14 times on the Isle of May, and in all years 2001 - 04, but not away from the island.
Harbour Porpoise	27.02.05	Spittal Bay, Berwick, Northumberland	A&MH	Adult, approx 5ft long
Harbour Porpoise	02.03.05	Skinningrove to Cattersty Sands	MAB	Dead about 2 weeks. About 1.5 metres long.
Seal sp.	02.03.05	Skinningrove to Cattersty Sands	MAB	A pup, dead about 3 weeks. Approx 1 metre long.
Knot	09.03.05	Redcar	MAB	Approx 2 days dead
Knot	16.03.05	Hartlepool north sands	MAB	Approx 2 days dead but eaten
Shag	18.03.05	Harkess Rocks to Greenhill Rocks, North Northumberland	JP	Very thin. Ringed: BTO 1345402. Ringed: Staple Island, Farne Islands, Northumberland, Male, 2+ years old, 15-Jul-1998. 2438 days since ringing, 5 km distance.
Porpoise	24.03.05	Wansbeck estuary, N/land	RC	Approx 4 feet in length, no marks except left side of face missing.
Otter	10.04.05	Holy Island	GDRM	Dead
Woodcock	23.04.05	Blyth South Beach	DMT	Perhaps 4 weeks dead. Maggoty.
Blackbird	23.04.05	Druridge Bay	P&K Gilbert	Head and tail only.
Shag	23.04.05	Druridge Bay	P&K Gilbert	Skull only.
Eider	24.04.05	Holy Island	GDRM	Ringed, BTO: HT81921. Ringed 03.06.1999, 3 years +, Inner Farne, Farne Islands, Northumberland by Nat . History Soc of Northumbria. 2152 days since ringing, 12 km distance.
Song Thrush	19.05.05	Seaton Sluice beach	DMT	Outer primaries of both wings and connecting bones only.
Racing Pigeon	21.05.05	Druridge Bay, Northumberland	PG	Red plastic ring over Blue ring. Blue ring: GB 04 H 68347. Reported to Royal Racing Pigeon Society. One year old bird (a silver mealy) from Belper, Derbyshire. Went missing in a race about three weeks earlier (on a wet and windy day) from Wincanton to Derby (a distance of about 140 miles).
Jackdaw	18.06.05	Blyth South Beach, N/land	DMT	Dead 2-3 weeks.

Gull summary table:

Species	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	June 05	Total
Black-headed	4	1	1	4	0	2	12
Common	2	3	2	0	1	0	8
Herring	3	3	1	1	3	4	15
Great Black-backed	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
Lesser Black-backed	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kittiwake	1	0	1	1	0	1	4
Total	14	8	5	6	4	7	44
Length of coast (km)	34.7	40.7	41.5	29.5	14.5	16.5	177.4

Auk summary tables:

Species	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Total
Guillemot	44	107	59	22	6	3	241
Razorbill	5	41	17	1	1	0	65
Puffin	5	27	9	4	1	0	46
Little Auk	1	4	4	0	0	0	9
Auk sp.	0	1	4	1	0	0	6
Total	55	180	93	28	8	3	367
Length (km)	34.7	40.7	41.5	29.5	14.5	16.5	177.4

Fulmar corpse summary (not all are suitable for analysis):

Species	July 04	Aug 04	Sep 04	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Total
Fulmar	0	1	0	0	1	0	2

Species	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Total
Fulmar	1	1	4	0	2	1	9

Oiling Summary

Guillemot, 26.04.05, Holy Island, on a boat's catch, slightly oiled.

Northeast England Summary Report prepared by:
Daniel M Turner, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, England

Southeast England, 2005 Beached Bird Survey summary report

Key	Location	Data collected by:
Nfk	Norfolk, Holkham Bay	Steve Bexton, Veterinary Officer, RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre and his team: Kelly Britten, Rachael Stacey, Andrea Smith and Sarah Wainwright.

Table 1. Summary data: dead birds found during the Holkham Bay surveys.

Month 2005	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kilometres	*	*	*								*
Fulmar	2	0	0								2
Gannet	0	0	0								0
Shag	0	0	0								0
Eider Duck	0	0	0								0
Waders	1	0	0								1
Gulls	1	1	0								2
Auks	16	5	5								26
Auks / km											
Gulls / km											

Note: * The shoreline distance surveyed is to be confirmed.

Table 2. Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified)

Species	Date	Where found	Observer	Comments
Common Seal	1 March 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Hind-flipper with London Zoo tag 49733. Sea Mammal Research Unit informed. Tagged: 1998 in Mablethorpe.
Harbour Porpoise	1 March 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Tail fluke only.
Curlew	1 March 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Estimated dead for 1 – 2 weeks. Complete.

Table 3. Dead gull summary table, 2005.

Species	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Black-headed	0	0	0								0
Common	0	0	0								0
Herring	0	0	0								0
Great Black-backed	0	1	0								1
Lesser Black-backed	1	0	0								1
Kittiwake	0	0	0								0
Total	1	1	0								2

Table 4. Dead auk summary table, 2005.

Species	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Guillemot	13	5	5								23
Razorbill	1	0	0								1
Puffin	2	0	0								2
Total	16	5	5								26

Oiling Summary

No oiling so far

Southeast England, 2005, Summary Report.

Inner Farne Island, NE England, 2005 Beached Bird Survey summary report

Data collected by: Ross Ahmed. Inner Farne Island, data restricted to birds found on the tideline.
(The Farne Islands support a large breeding seabird population).

Table 1. Summary: dead birds found during Inner Farne Island surveys.

Year 2005	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kilometres	*	*	*							*
Fulmar	1	0	0							1
Shag	25	10	3							38
Eider Duck	0	0	0							0
Waders	0	0	0							0
Gulls	0	2	4							6
Auks	4	0	0							4
Auks / km		0.0	0.0							
Gulls / km	0.0									

Note: * The shoreline distance surveyed is to be confirmed.

Table 2. Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified), Inner Farne Island.

Species	Date	Where found	Observer	Comments
Lesser Black-backed Gull	May, 2005	Inner Farne	R. Ahmed	BTO ring: GG52136. Adult. Washed up. Ringing data to be confirmed by BTO.
Kittiwake	May, 2005	Inner Farne	R. Ahmed	BTO ring: EK53903. Adult. Washed up. Ringing data to be confirmed by BTO.

Table 3. Dead gull summary table, 2005, Inner Farne Island.

Species	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Black-headed	0	0	1							1
Common	0	0	0							0
Herring	0	0	0							0
Great Black-backed	0	0	1							1
Lesser Black-backed	0	1	1							2
Kittiwake	0	1	1							2
Total	0	2	4							6

Table 4. Dead auk summary table, 2005, Inner Farne Island.

Species	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Guillemot	0	0	0							0
Razorbill	1	0	0							1
Puffin	3	0	0							3
Total	4	0	0							4

Oiling Summary

No oiling so far

Inner Farne Island, NE England, 2005 Summary Report.

To: NE England SNS Volunteers:

Martin Blick Cleveland
 Geoff Siggins Sunderland to Lizard Point
 Peter Collins Marsden
 Ross Ahmed South Shields / Farne Islands
 Dan Turner North Tyne & Wear, SE and Mid N/land
 Ray Chilton North Blyth / Wansbeck
 Phil Gilbert Druridge Bay, Northumberland
 Phil Davey Beal Station (Fenham Flats)
 Malcolm Hutcheson Berwick
 George Moody Holy Island
 Jenny Prince Belford (Budle Bay/Bamburgh North - South)
 David Rollo Vet, Berwick Swan and Wildlife Trust

Daniel M Turner
 North Shields
 Saturday 29 Oct 2005

To: SE Scotland SNS volunteer: Maggie Sheddan East Lothian

To: North Norfolk SNS volunteer group: Steve Bexton and RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre

Dear 'Save the North Sea' volunteers,

Here is the autumn newsletter to keep you up to date with recent findings.

On 17 Aug I spent the day at the Dove Marine Lab (part of Newcastle University), Cullercoats, North Tyneside measuring and dissecting eight Fulmars collected in NE England since November 2004. I extracted seven stomachs (one bird had been scavenged and the stomach was no longer present): there were three males, four females and one probable first or second winter female. I then took the stomachs to The Netherlands at the end of Sept when visiting to attend the Save the North Sea Fulmar Workshop for 2005. I arrived on Texel on 29 Sept and left on 5 Oct: others attending came from France (Brittany), Belgium, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Orkney, Shetland and The Faeroes. We shall receive the analysis information for our NE England Fulmar stomachs in due course.

During the workshop we spent two days in the lab dissecting birds from Germany, Belgium, Shetland and The Netherlands. We had an excellent day birding together on Texel and spent other time discussing and hearing presentations and receiving updates on the project. I gave a short presentation (using Microsoft Powerpoint) from our area – presenting findings from the last year (since the last workshop) of Beached Bird Surveys in NE England, SE England and SE Scotland, including some of the photos I had taken in the last year. The data we are collecting is most appreciated and welcome.

Enclosed please find:

- (g) Northeast England Summary Report for Newsletter (Oct 2005) – using data received so far.
- (h) Southeast Scotland Summary Report since Nov 2004.
- (i) Southeast England Summary Report for 2005 so far
- (j) Inner Farne Island Summary Report for 2005 so far (Surveyor: Ross Ahmed).
- (k) 'Avian Influenza and Birdwatchers' information sheet from BTO, WWF, RSPB, JNCC
- (l) 'Orkney Seabirds 2005', report from Eric Meek, RSPB. Breeding data for summer 2005, handed out at the Fulmar Workshop by the RSPB representative from Orkney, Keith Fairclough. I have been given permission to distribute this to our Group.

Please return your SNS Beached Bird Survey reports regularly – so that they may be included in our growing dataset. Please also report ringed birds – for inclusion in our reports. As always – please let me know when you find Fulmar or ringed auk corpses – which will be collected for analysis.

Best wishes,
 Dan Turner

Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified) during the NE England Beached Bird Surveys

Harbour Porpoise	02.08.05	Cheswick Beach, North Northumberland	MH	Adult, dead for a good week, 4.5 feet long.
Grey Seal	11.08.05	North Blyth, Northumberland	RC	Half skeleton
Guinea Pig?	11.08.05	North Blyth, Northumberland	RC	Full skin cover, no fur or tail, some of head missing. Suspected Guinea Pig.
Razorbill or Guillemot	24.08.05	Hartlepool North Sands	MAB	Approx 4 weeks dead. Only found 2 legs, tail and back feathers. Ringed, BTO: R68396. Reported to BTO by MAB.
Grey Seal pup	22.09.05	Wansbeck estuary to Alcan Northumberland	RC	Body intact, head missing. Red spray paint marks on fur.

Gull Summary table 2005

Species	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Black-headed	0	2	2	1	4	
Common	1	0	2	0	1	
Herring	3	4	9	11	1	1
Great Black-backed	0	0	0	1		
Lesser Black-backed	0	0	1	2		
Black-backed sp.	0	0	0	0		
Kittiwake	0	1	5	1		
Unknown	0	0	1	0		1
Total	4	7	20	16	6	
Length of coast (km)	28.5	32.3	28.7	32.8	35.0	7.1

Auk Summary table 2005

Species	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Guillemot	6	4	9 (5 juv)	4 imm	8	5
Razorbill	1	0	2	1	4	1
Puffin	1	1	6	1	0	1
Little Auk	0	0	0	0	0	
Auk sp.	0	0	3 (2 juv)	1 (g or r)	0	
Total	8	5	20	7	12	
Length (km)	28.5	32.3	28.7	32.8	35.0	7.1

Northeast England Summary Report prepared by:
Daniel M Turner, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, England

Southeast Scotland – Beached Bird Survey summary report Nov 2004 to Aug 2005

Report last updated: 13 Sept 2005.

Key **Location** **Data collected by:**
 EL East Lothian Margaret Sheddan

Summary data on dead birds found during the surveys (distances are approximate for now).

Month 04 - 05	Nov	Dec	Jan	Mar	July	Aug
Kilometres	3.0	14.0	11.0	2.0	2.0	1.7
Fulmar	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gannet	1	1	0	0	0	1
Shag	0	0	0	9-10	0	0
Eider Duck	0	0	1	0	0	0
Waders	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gulls	0	1	1	0	1	1
Auks	2	2	0	0	1	0
Auks / km	0.67	0.14	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Gulls / km	0.0	0.07	0.09	0.0	0.5	

Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified) during the SE Scotland Beached Bird Surveys

Species	Date	Where found	Observer	Comments
Shag	March 05	very small stretch of beach East and West of the Seabird Centre, North Berwick	Margaret Sheddan	9 - 10 corpses, no obvious signs, and all fairly fresh (min 2 day max 2 wks) over a 3wk period.
Peregrine	18.06.05	Beach between North Berwick and Dirleton	?	Possible breeding adult from Fidra island in Firth of Forth.

Gull 2004/05 summary table:

Species	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05	Mar	July	August	Total
Black-headed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herring	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Great Black-backed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lesser Black-backed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kittiwake	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	0	1	1	0	1	1	4

Auk 2004/05 summary tables:

Species	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05	Mar	July	Aug
Guillemot	2	2	0	0	0	0
Razorbill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puffin	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	2	2	0	0	1	0

Southeast Scotland 2005 Summary Report.

Southeast England – Beached Bird Survey summary report March to Sept 2005

Key	Location	Data collected by:
Nfk	Norfolk, Holkham Bay	Steve Bexton BVMS MRCVS, Veterinary Officer, RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre, and his team: Kelly Britten, Rachael Stacey, Andrea Smith and Sarah Wainwright, Angie Hubbard, Claire Welch.

Table 1. Summary data: dead birds found during the Holkham Bay surveys.

Month 2005	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Kilometres	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	19.6
Fulmar	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gannet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eider Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waders	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gulls	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
Auks	16	5	5	2	0	0	0	28
Auks / km	5.71	1.79	1.79	0.71	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.43
Gulls / km	0.36	0.36	0.0	0.0	0.71	0.0	0.0	0.20

Table 2. Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified)

Species	Date	Where found	Observer	Comments
Common Seal	1 March 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Hind-flipper with London Zoo tag 49733. Sea Mammal Research Unit informed. Tagged: 1998 in Mablethorpe.
Harbour Porpoise	1 March 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Tail fluke only.
Curlew	1 March 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Estimated dead for 1 – 2 weeks. Complete.
Common Seal	14 Sept 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Juvenile. Hind flippers and head heavily predated.

Table 3. Dead gull summary table, 2005.

Species	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Black-headed	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Common	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herring	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Great Black-backed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lesser Black-backed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kittiwake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	4

Table 4. Dead auk summary table, 2005.

Species	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Guillemot	13	5	5	2	0	0	0	25
Razorbill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Puffin	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	16	5	5	2	0	0	0	28

Southeast England 2005 Summary Report.

Inner Farne Island, NE England, 2005 Beached Bird Survey summary report

Data collected by: Ross Ahmed. Inner Farne Island, data restricted to birds found on the tideline.
(The Farne Islands support a large breeding seabird population).

Table 1. Summary: dead birds found during Inner Farne Island surveys.

Year 2005	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Kilometres	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	3.2
Fulmar	1	0	0	-	-	0	1
Shag	25	10	3	-	-	0	38
Eider Duck	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
Waders	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
Gulls	0	2	4	-	-	2	8
Auks	4	0	0	-	-	0	4
Auks / km	5.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	1.25
Gulls / km	0.0	2.5	5.0	-	-	2.5	2.50

Table 2. Other interesting shore finds (dead unless specified), Inner Farne Island.

Species	Date	Where found	Observer	Comments
Lesser Black-backed Gull	May, 2005	Inner Farne	R. Ahmed	BTO ring: GG52136. Adult. Washed up. Reported on-line to BTO on 22.07.05 reply received on 18.08.05. Posted to Ross 13.09.05. Ringed: Throckmorton Landfill Site, Hereford & Worcester, England, Severn Estuary Gull Group, age 3 years +, 29-Nov-1987. 6377 days since ringing, 386 km distance, 4 degrees.
Kittiwake	(15) May, 2005	Inner Farne	R. Ahmed	BTO ring: EK53903. Adult. Washed up. Reported on-line to BTO on 22.07.05 reply received 17.08.05. Posted to Ross 13.09.05. Ringed: Brownsman, Farne Islands, NHSN, nestling, 01-Jul-1985. 7258 days since ringing, 3 km distance, 229 degrees.

Table 3. Dead gull summary table, 2005, Inner Farne Island.

Species	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Black-headed	0	0	1	-	-	1	2
Common	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
Herring	0	0	0	-	-	1	1
Great Black-backed	0	0	1	-	-	0	1
Lesser Black-backed	0	1	1	-	-	0	2
Kittiwake	0	1	1	-	-	0	2
Total	0	2	4	-	-	2	8

Table 4. Dead auk summary table, 2005, Inner Farne Island.

Species	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Guillemot	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
Razorbill	1	0	0	-	-	0	1
Puffin	3	0	0	-	-	0	3
Total	4	0	0	-	-	0	4

Inner Farne Island, NE England, 2005 Summary Report.