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 Tuesday 14 March 2006

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 March 2006 newsletter to keep you updated with our Group's recent findings.

Apologies for the delay since the last newsletter which was produced at the end of October 2005, but I would like to thank you all so much for your continuation of the survey work and for sending me a steady stream of information. Remember – even if you find no corpses in a particular month, please record the dates of your surveys and lengths of shore covered (and report back to me) since we are working out numbers of corpses per length of shore surveyed for certain species.

There is another (international) Fulmar workshop on the island of Texel, The Netherlands, this week, but I have been unable to spare the time to attend this one.

I would like to welcome one of my (computing) work colleagues, Jonathan Everett - who is also a keen birder, to the surveys and he will shortly be commencing to survey in the South Tyneside area at Marsden Bay and Frenchman's Bay. We may also be welcoming another one or two surveyors to the south Northumberland coastline surveys shortly.

I shall soon be summarising our 2004 and 2005 data for publication in the 'Transactions' of the Natural History Society of Northumbria.

If you have any questions, requests, suggestions or notice any errors then please let me know.

Enclosed please find:

- (a) Northeast England Summary Report for Newsletter (March 2006) – using data received so far.
- (b) Southeast England Summary Report for data from March to December 2005.
- (c) Summary of 2005 specimens collected for the Hancock Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne.
- (d) 'Avian Influenza Update: 13th March 2006' information sheet from BTO website.
- (e) 'Diseases from Birds' recent information from BTO (particularly for ringers).
- (f) Recording forms (if appropriate)
- (g) Disposable gloves (if appropriate)

Please continue to 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

Summary report for Newsletter (March 2006)
Northeast England, Beached Bird Survey summary report Sept 2005 to Feb 2006

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), Phil and Keziah Gilbert (from April 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 Siggins (from Feb 2005).
Cle:	Cleveland	Martin A. Blick

Month	Sept 2005						Oct 2005					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	20.0	3.2	7.5	1.8	6.0	38.5	20.0	3.2	7.5	1.8	3.5	36.0
Fulmar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gannet	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Cormorant	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Shag	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Mute Swan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eider Duck	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gulls	0	0	4	0	2	6	0	5	2	0	2	9
Auks	3	0	2	2	5	12	16	14	12	1	0	43
Auks / km	0.15	0.0	0.27	1.11	0.83	0.31	0.80	4.38	1.60	0.56	0.0	1.19
Gulls / km	0.0	0.0	0.53	0.0	0.33	0.16	0.0	1.56	0.27	0.0	0.57	0.25

Month	Nov 2005						Dec 2005					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	20.0	1.2	7.5	2.2	8.0	38.9	17.5	3.2	7.5	3.8	5.0	37.0
Great Crested Grebe	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulmar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gannet	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cormorant	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Shag	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mute Swan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pink-footed Goose	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Shelduck	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eider Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kestrel	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gulls	1	2	2	0	1	6	0	6	0	0	6	12
Auks	11	5	2	0	5	23	20	4	0	0	3	27
Auks / km	0.55	4.17	0.27	0.0	0.63	0.59	1.14	1.25	0.0	0.0	0.60	0.73
Gulls / km	0.05	1.67	0.27	0.0	0.13	0.15	0.0	1.88	0.0	0.0	1.20	0.32

Month	Jan 2006						Feb 2006						
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total
Kilometres	19.0	3.2	7.5	3.3	7.0	40.0	19.0	3.2	7.5	3.3			
Fulmar						0							
Gannet	1					1							
Cormorant	1					1							
Shag	1				1	2	1		1				
Eider Duck	1		1			2	5						
Waders					1	1				1			
Gulls		2	1	2	14	19			2	1			
Auks	2		2		6	10	8		1	1			
Red-legged Partridge			1			1							

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

Grey Seal pup	22.09.05	Wansbeck estuary to Alcan Northumberland	RC	Body intact, head missing. Red spray paint marks on fur.
Blackbirds??	27.10.05	Druridge Bay, Northumberland	PG	Four small dark birds: a few bones and feathers on each specimen.
Kestrel	14.11.05	Hartlepool North Sands	MAB	Wings and skeleton only.
Great Crested Grebe	22.11.05	North Gare Sands, Hartlepool	MAB	Approx 2 weeks dead, wings, skeleton and a few feathers.
Grey Seal	07.12.05	Cheswick Beach	MH	Adult female. Dead approx. 3 weeks.
Red-necked Grebe (alive)	07.12.05	Cocklawburn pond, N N/land	MH	Slightly oiled. Remained until 12 th . Was a bit weak and tame but survived.
Red-legged Partridge	15.01.06	Blyth South Beach	DMT	Quite fresh and fair amount of muscle on breast bone. Stored in freezer for Hancock Museum.
Woodcock	31.01.06	Redcar	MAB	Wings and skeleton.
Oystercatcher	17.02.06	Tynemouth Long Sands	DMT	Complete, up to a week dead – not suitable for Museum. Measurements and photographs taken.

Gull Summary table 2005 / 2006

Species	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06
Black-headed	4	1	1	1	5	
Common	1	3	2	3	4	
Herring	1	3	1	5	5	1
Great Black-backed	0	0	1	1	3	2
Lesser Black-backed	0	0	0	1	1	
Black-backed sp.	0	0	0	0		
Kittiwake	0	1	1	1	1	
Unknown	0	1	0	0		
Total	6	9	6	12	19	3
Length of coast (km)	38.5	36.0	38.9	37.0	40.0	

Auk Summary table 2005 / 2006

Species	Sep 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06
Guillemot	8	38	19	24	8	3
Razorbill	4	3	3	1		1
Puffin	0	1	0	1	1	
Little Auk	0	0	0	0	1	
Auk sp.	0	1	1	1		
Total	12	43	23	27	10	4
Length (km)	38.5	36.0	38.9	37.0	40.0	

Oiling Summary

On 07.12.05 there was a small amount of light oil along the tideline at Cheswick / Cocklawburn (MH).

1st Jan 2006: Four heavily oiled (live) Guillemots at Holy Island. Managed to catch one bird and handed it over to English Nature for analysis (GDRM).

29th Jan 2006: ten very heavily oiled (live) Guillemots at Holy Island: sitting at water's edge – unable to recover them. Two groups of three and four sitting together within 50 yards. Three singles in the next half mile. Reported incident to English Nature and RSPB (GDRM). Live birds not recorded in the tables as corpses.

30th Jan 2006: one oiled (live) Guillemot sitting at Low Water Mark – unable to recover. Checked shoreline with English Nature warden – no dead birds found (GDRM). Live birds not recorded in the tables as corpses.

Jan / Feb 2006: Several gulls in the Berwick area with oil on plumage, but no corpses found. Not a severe oiling incident! (MH).

1st Feb 2006: one (live) heavily oiled Guillemot, Holy Island, handed to English Nature (GDRM). Live bird not recorded in the tables as a corpse.

Other comments

Jan / Feb 2006: Recent very high tides (North Northumberland) are eroding the dune slacks at Cheswick and carrying away vast amounts of sand - probably building up Lindisfarne! (MH)

.... Not much to report. Not like last year when many auks perished along the shoreline. (MH).

Feb 2006: After three weeks of onshore winds (Holy Island) I was expecting more casualties! (GDRM)

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

Southeast England – Beached Bird Survey summary report March to Dec 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, Sarah Wainwright, Angie Hubbard, Claire Welch, J. Brooks and Hayley McMinn.

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

Month	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kilometres	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	28.6
Fulmar	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Red-throated Diver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Waders	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gulls	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	5
Auks	16	5	5	2	0	0	0	5	5	3	41
Auks / km	5.71	1.79	1.79	0.71	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.67	1.67	1.0	1.43
Gulls / km	0.36	0.36	0.0	0.0	0.71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.33	0.17

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.
Blackbird	21 Dec 2005	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Adult male. Skeleton and feathers. Over four weeks dead.

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	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Common	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herring	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Great Black-backed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lesser Black-backed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kittiwake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	5

Table 4. Dead auk summary table, 2005.

Species	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Guillemot	13	5	5	2	0	0	0	5	5	3	38
Razorbill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Puffin	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	16	5	5	2	0	0	0	5	5	3	41

Southeast England 2005 Summary Report.

NE England Beached Bird Survey: specimens found in 2005
and donated to the Hancock Museum, Newcastle

These are specimens found in good condition suitable for a museum collection.

Any birds not taken immediately to the Hancock Museum are stored in a freezer until later transfer to the museum.

Specimens also include those from East Lothian, SE Scotland.

Species	Date found	Where found	Finder	Comments
Little Auk (<i>Alle alle</i>)	29.01.05	Blyth South Beach, near Meggie's Burn. Northumberland.	Dr. H. Ellis	Winter plumage. Fresh. Hew collected it from the beach on 4 Feb 05, but first seen on 29.01.05. Given to Hancock on 14.02.05.
Shag (<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>)	12.02.05	Blyth South Beach (north end), Northumberland.	D.M. Turner	Quite fresh, older immature or adult. Given to Hancock on 14.02.05.
Meadow Pipit (<i>Anthus pratensis</i>)	03.04.05	North Shields Fish Quay, Tyne and Wear.	D.M. Turner	Found dead on Fish Quay, very fresh. Perhaps came off a fishing boat. Given to Hancock on 20.05.05
Great Crested Grebe (<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>)	07.05.05	River Don bankside, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.	D.M. Turner	Found dead at the top of the bank next to the river as it flows into the Tyne. Some blood on chest – shot? Had been seen dead there by local birder on 06.05.05. Given to Hancock on 20.05.05.
Puffin (<i>Fratercula arctica</i>)	28.07.05	North Berwick east beach, by paddling pool. East Lothian.	M. Sheddan	Adult, fresh, washed up on beach. Given to Hancock on 09.09.05. Museum Entry No. 4865.
Black-legged Kittiwake (<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>)	31.07.05	North Berwick west beach. East Lothian.	M. Sheddan	Adult, fresh, broken neck, possible GBBGull kill. Given to Hancock on 09.09.05. Museum Entry No. 4865.
Slavonian Grebe	25.09.05	Charlton's Pond, Billingham, Teeside	M.A. Blick	Was observed alive but sickly from 19 - 24.09.05. Given to Hancock on 26.09.05. Museum Entry No. 4872.
Red-legged Partridge	15.01.06	Blyth South Beach	D.M. Turner	Quite fresh and fair amount of muscle on breast bone. Currently stored in home freezer for Hancock Museum.

To: NE England SNS Volunteers:

Martin Blick	County Cleveland	Daniel M Turner
Dennis Bainbridge	County Durham coast	North Shields
Geoff Siggins	Tyne & Wear south	Sunday 30 July 2006
Peter Collins	Tyne & Wear south	
Jonathan Everett	Marsden Bay	
Ross Ahmed	South Shields / Farne Islands	
Dan Turner	North Tyne & Wear, SE and Mid N/land	
Steve Holliday & Maurice Hepple	South Blyth beach	
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	
Hew Ellis, Michael Yianni & Malcolm Easdon	Northumberland and T & W (occasional)	
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 (late) July 2006 newsletter to keep you updated with our Group's recent findings.

Many thanks for your continuing surveys and reports and please continue to return to me the results of your monthly surveys. If you have any outstanding reports for recent months which have not been sent to me please send them on.

Remember even if you find no corpses in a particular month please record the date of your survey and length of shore covered and return a report.

I would like to welcome another three new volunteer surveyors to our group:

- (a) Dennis Bainbridge: a member of the Durham Bird Club. Dennis has offered to survey two sections of coastline near Seaham on the Durham coast
- (b) Steve Holliday and Maurice Hepple who are both members of the Northumberland & Tyneside Bird Club. Steve and Maurice have been surveying a section of the South Blyth beach in Southeast Northumberland since April 2006.

If you have any questions, requests, suggestions or notice any errors then please let me know.

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- (h) Northeast England Summary Report for January to June 2006 (using data received so far).
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Best wishes, Dan Turner

Summary report for Newsletter (July 2006)**Northeast England, Beached Bird Survey summary report Jan to June 2006**

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NN:	North Northumberland	Jenny Prince, George Moody, Malcolm Hutcheson
MN / SN:	Mid / South Northumberland	Dan Turner, Ray Chilton, Phil Gilbert & Hew Ellis. Steve Holliday and Maurice Hepple (from April 2006). Michael Yianni.
NT:	North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Dan Turner
ST:	South Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Peter Collins, Ross Ahmed, Jonathan Everett (fr Mar 06).
T&W:	Tyne & Wear: including NT + ST	Geoff Siggins
Cle:	Cleveland	Martin A. Blick

Month	Jan 2006						Feb 2006					
Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total
Kilometres	19.0	3.2	7.5	3.3	7.0	40.0	19.0	3.2	7.5	3.3	0.0	33.0
Gannet	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cormorant	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Shag	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	2
Eider Duck	1	-	1	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	5
Waders	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Gulls	-	2	1	2	14	19	-	-	2	1	-	3
Auks	2	-	2	-	6	10	9	-	1	1	-	11
Red-legged Partridge	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0

Month	March 2006						April 2006					
Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total
Kilometres	18.5	3.2	7.9	4.2	8.0	41.8	18.5	2.3	7.8	2.7	1.5	32.8
Fulmar	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Gannet	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cormorant	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Shag	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	1
Eider Duck	2	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	0
Waders	-	1	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	0
Gulls	-	2	3	1	8	14	-	-	-	-	1	1
Terns	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Auks	5	1	3	-	5	14	5	-	2	-	-	7
Feral Pigeon	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	1
Carrion Crow	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	1

Month	May 2006						June 2006					
Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total
Kilometres	14.0	4.3	7.8	2.4	3.0	31.5		3.2	7.8	2.6	4.5	
Fulmar	-	-	-	-	1	1						
Gannet	-	-	-	-	-	0			1			1
Cormorant	-	-	-	-	-	0				1		1
Arctic Skua	-	-	-	-	-	0			1			1
Gulls	1	3	1	-	3	8		2		1	7	10
Terns	2	1	-	-	-	3		1				1
Auks	1	-	1	-	1	3		3		1		4
Feral Pigeon	-	1	4	-	1	6		1		1		2

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

Oystercatcher	17.02.06	Tynemouth Long Sands	DMT	Complete, up to a week dead – not suitable for Museum. Measurements and photographs taken.
Harbour Porpoise	19.03.06	Druridge Bay	DMT	Young? Small in size: 110 – 120 cm. Quite fresh. Deep gash at rear of right side of head.
Oystercatcher	20.03.06	Hartlepool North Sands	MAB	Dead about one week
Curlew	20.03.06	Hartlepool North Sands	MAB	Dead 3-4 days and scavenged.
Gannet	26.03.06	Blyth South beach	DMT	Probable third-winter bird, with monofilament netting around neck.
Redshank	26.03.06	Druridge Bay	PG	Two wings in poor condition connected by breast bone.
Harbour Porpoise	29.03.06	Black Rocks, Cheswick	MH	Dead at least two weeks.
Sandwich Tern	30.03.06	Holy Island	GDRM	Adult, fresh.
Carrion Crow	03.04.06	Cheswick Beach	MH	Adult, tide line corpse.
Blackbird	14.04.06	Blyth South Beach	SH / MH	One wing only, long dead.
Racing Pigeon	01.05.06	Seaton Sluice, South N/land.	DMT	Left leg: Blue rubber ring with '3028' inside. Right leg: Pink closed ring: GB 05 S51019; Yellow plastic ring 'please phone 01875 811296'. It had been in a race from Morpeth (Northumberland) to its loft at Port Seton, East Lothian about two weeks earlier.
Common Tern	29.05.06	Druridge Bay, Mid N/land	DMT / MY	Adult, dead 2 - 3 weeks, maggoty.
Racing Pigeon	29.05.06	Druridge Bay, Mid N/land	DMT / MY	Dead 4+ weeks. Blue ring right leg: GB04 V05235. Owned by Mr Thornton of Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne. The bird was not in a race and had not been seen by the owner for some months.
Common Seal	18.06.06	Druridge Bay, Mid N/land	PG	Complete, fresh. Head injury probably caused death.
Arctic Skua	24.06.06	Blyth South Beach	SH	Adult, 3+ weeks dead. Breast bone, wings (not fully feathered), one leg and foot, skull. Skull saved for collection.
Arctic Tern	15.07.06	Birling Carrs, Warkworth, mid N/land	HE	Adult, fresh. Metal BTO ring: SV56365. Reported to BTO: 16.07.06
Kittiwake	19.07.06	Marsden Bay, South Tyneside	JE	Seven chicks at 4-5 weeks of age. Marsden has a Kittiwake breeding colony – this represents some summer casualties.

Species	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	May 06	June 06	Total
Black-headed	5	-	2	1	2	2	12
Common	4	-	2	-	1	-	7
Herring	5	1	6	-	1	5	18
Great Black-backed	3	2	2	-	-	-	7
Lesser Black-backed	1	-	-	-	-	2	3
Black-backed sp.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Kittiwake	1	-	1	-	4	1	7
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	19	3	14	1	8	10	55
Length of coast (km)	40.0	33.0	41.8	32.8	31.5	18.1	197.2

Auk Summary table 2006

Species	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	May 06	Jun 06	Total
Guillemot	8	4	12	6	2	3	35
Razorbill	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Puffin	1	-	2	-	1	1	5
Little Auk	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Auk sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	10	5	14	7	3	4	43
Length (km)	40.0	33.0	41.8	32.8	31.5	18.1	197.2

Oiling Summary

1st Jan 2006: Four heavily oiled (live) Guillemots at Holy Island. Managed to catch one bird and handed it over to English Nature for analysis (GDRM).

29th Jan 2006: ten very heavily oiled (live) Guillemots at Holy Island: sitting at water's edge – unable to recover them. Two groups of three and four sitting together within 50 yards. Three singles in the next half mile. Reported incident to English Nature and RSPB (GDRM). Live birds not recorded in the tables as corpses.

30th Jan 2006: one oiled (live) Guillemot sitting at Low Water Mark – unable to recover. Checked shoreline with English Nature warden – no dead birds found (GDRM). Live birds not recorded in the tables as corpses.

Jan / Feb 2006: Several gulls in the Berwick area with oil on plumage, but no corpses found. Not a severe oiling incident! (MH).

1st Feb 2006: one (live) heavily oiled Guillemot, Holy Island, handed to English Nature (GDRM). Live bird not recorded in the tables as a corpse.

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To: NE England SNS Volunteers:

Martin Blick	County Cleveland	Daniel M Turner
Dennis Bainbridge	County Durham coast	North Shields
Geoff Siggins	Tyne & Wear south	Thursday 16 Nov 2006
Peter Collins	Tyne & Wear south	
Jonathan Everett	Marsden Bay	
Ross Ahmed	South Shields / Farne Islands	
Dan Turner	North Tyne & Wear, SE and Mid N/land	
Steve Holliday & Maurice Hepple	South Blyth beach	
Ray Chilton	North Blyth / Wansbeck	
Phil Gilbert	Druridge Bay, Northumberland	
Phil Davey	Beal Station (Fenham Flats)	
Malcolm Hutcheson	Berwick	
George Moody	Lindisfarne	
Jenny Prince	Belford (Budle Bay/Bamburgh North - South)	
David Rollo	Vet, Berwick Swan and Wildlife Trust	
Hew Ellis, Michael Yianni & Malcolm Easdon	Northumberland and T & W (occasional)	
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 mid November 2006 newsletter to keep you updated with our Group's recent findings.

Many thanks for your continuing surveys and reports and please continue to return to me the results of your monthly surveys. If you have any outstanding reports for recent months which have not been sent to me please send them on.

Remember even if you find no corpses in a particular month please record the date of your survey and length of shore covered and return a report.

If you have any questions, requests, suggestions or notice any errors then please let me know.

Enclosed please find:

- (j) Northeast England Summary Report for May to Oct 2006 (using data received so far).
- (k) Southeast England Summary Report for data from January to Oct 2006.

Please continue to 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 I shall come to collect from you for analysis.

We currently have two complete frozen Fulmar corpses (collected on our coastline during 2006) – for full analysis (here in NE England and on the island of Texel in Holland) on later suitable dates.

Best wishes,

Dan Turner

Summary report for Newsletter (Nov 2006)**Northeast England, Beached Bird Survey summary report May to Oct 2006**

Key	Location	Data collected by:
NN:	North Northumberland	George Moody and Malcolm Hutcheson.
MN / SN:	Mid / South Northumberland	Dan Turner, Ray Chilton, Phil Gilbert, Steve Holliday and Maurice Hepple.
		Malcolm Easdon, Hew Ellis and Michael Yianni (occasional surveyors).
NT:	North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Dan Turner
ST:	South Tyneside, Tyne and Wear	Jonathan Everett
Cle:	Cleveland	Martin A. Blick

Month	May 2006						June 2006					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	18.5	4.3	7.8	2.4	3.0	36.0	18.5	3.2	7.8	2.6	4.5	36.6
Red-throated Diver	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
Fulmar	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Gannet	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	1
Cormorant	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	1	-	1
Waders	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Arctic Skua	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	1
Gulls	1	3	1	-	3	8	-	2	-	1	7	10
Terns	2	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	1
Auks	1	-	1	-	1	3	2	3	-	1	-	6
Feral Pigeon	-	1	4	-	1	6	-	1	-	1	-	2

Month	July 2006						August 2006					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	17.5	2.7	7.8	2.6	0.0	30.6	17.5	3.2	7.8	2.5	5.0	36.0
Fulmar	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	1 juv	-	1
Gannet	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
Cormorant	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	1
Shag	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
Eider Duck	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	1
Gulls	-	1	4	7	-	12	-	-	1	65 (63 juv kit)	5	71 (63 ju kit)
Terns	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1
Auks	4	-	6	3	-	13	8	2	22	1	8	41
Feral Pigeon	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	1

Month	Sept 2006						Oct 2006					
	Location	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle	Total	NN	MN	SN	T&W	Cle
Kilometres	17.5	3.2	4.3	1.8	3.0	29.8		3.2	7.8	2.4	7.5	20.9
Fulmar	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cormorant	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	1	1
Eider Duck	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Waders	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	1	1
Gulls	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	2	-	3	5
Auks	12	9	13	-	11	45		7	11	1	6	25
Feral Pigeon	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	2

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

Arctic Tern	15.07.06	Birling Carrs, Warkworth, mid N/land (NU252080)	HE	Adult, fresh. Metal BTO ring: SV56365. Reported to BTO: 16.07.06 Reply received: mid Sept 06. Ringed as nestling on Coquet Island, Amble, Northumberland, England on 20 June 2000. Sex Unknown. Found 2216 days since ringing, 5 km distance, direction 320 degrees.
Kittiwake	19.07.06	Marsden Bay, South Tyneside	JE	Seven chicks at 4-5 weeks of age. Marsden has a Kittiwake breeding colony – this represents some summer casualties.
Kittiwake	18.08.06	Marsden Bay, South Tyneside	JE	63 chicks at approx 4 – 8 weeks of age. Breeding colony casualties, half of which were probably due to recent torrential thunderstorms.
Grey Seal	26.08.06	Wansbeck estuary to North Blyth	RC	Fresh dead, unmarked where visible. Approx 6 feet long.
Harbour Porpoise	Approx 26.08.06	Blyth South Beach	Reported by an angler	Dead a little while, smelly. Head damaged – caught by a boat? Approx 1.2 metres in length.
Eider	26.09.06	Holy Island	GDRM	One fresh dead young male and two more young males which were very sick.
Guillemot	27.09.06	Holy Island: Mainland shore	Via GDRM	Wildfowl warden reported several (8 - 12) dead Guillemots along the mainland shore.
Animal sp.	06.10.06	Wansbeck estuary to North Blyth	RC	Skin found at high tide mark. Good condition, looked like medium sized dog, large fox or deer.
Oystercatche r	20.10.06	Hartlepool North Sands	MAB	Dead for about one week.
Redwing	20.10.06	Hartlepool North Sands	MAB	Dead for about two days

Gull Summary table 2006 (July – Oct, data so far received)

Species	July 06	Aug 06	Sept 06	Oct 06	Total
Black-headed	3	1	-	3	7
Common	-	-	-	-	0
Herring	1	4	-	-	5
Great Black-backed	-	-	-	2	2
Lesser Black-backed	1	-	-	-	1
Black-backed sp.	-	-	-	-	0
Kittiwake	7 juv	66 (63 juv)	-	-	73 (70 j)
Unknown	-	-	-	-	0
Total	12 (7 j kit)	71 (63 j kit)	0	5	88

Auk Summary table 2006 (July – Oct, data so far received)

Species	July 06	Aug 06	Sept 06	Oct 06	Total
Guillemot	5	29 (14 Juv)	34 (10+Juv)	21 (2 x 1)	89
Razorbill	-	7 (2 Juv)	6 (1 Juv)	3	16
Puffin	8	5 (3 Juv)	2	-	15
Little Auk	-	-	-	-	0
Auk sp.	-	-	3	1	4
Total	13	41	45	25	124
Length (km)	30.6	36.0	29.8	20.9	117.3

Tern Summary table 2006

Species	Mar 06	Apr 06	May 06	June 06	July 06	Aug 06	Total
Sandwich	1	-	1	1	-	-	3
Common	-	-	1	-	2	1	4
Arctic	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Total	1	0	3	1	3	1	9

Other comments

Sept 2006: (MHu) Local Auk population seem to be suffering from lack of food as many birds seen feeding close inshore. (Nine Guillemots and two Razorbills in Tweed estuary on 30 Sept, two weak birds were hauled out onto the lifeboat station ramp to rest).

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Southeast England – Beached Bird Survey summary report: January to Oct, 2006**Location**

Norfolk, Holkham Bay

Data collected by:Steve Bexton MRCVS BVMS, Veterinary Officer,
RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre, and his team:
including Hayley McMinn,

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

Month 2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Kilometres	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	26.1
Fulmar											0
Gannet				1							1
Eider Duck		1									1
Oystercatcher						1					1
Gulls	1					2				1	4
Auks	8	2	3	2		2				4	21

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

Species	Date	Where found	Observer	Comments
Seal	14.04.06	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Scavenged and decayed. No head or flippers. Probably a grey seal, although not intact.
Common Seal pup	05.10.06	Holkham Bay, Norfolk	RSPCA EWWC	Two to three months old, well rotten.

Table 3. Dead gull summary table, 2006.

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

Table 4. Dead auk summary table, 2006.

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Guillemot	8	2	3	2		2				4	21
Razorbill											0
Puffin											0
Total	8	2	3	2	0	2	-	0	0	4	21

Oiling Summary

None so far

Other comments

Feb 24: Suspect actual number of bird bodies and amount of shore litter was much greater, but strong winds had blown much sand up-shore which had covered everything on the tide line.

Southeast England 2006 Summary Report.