

On 31<sup>st</sup> October a Special General Meeting of the Bird Club was held prior to the talk on the "The Complete Owl" by Dr Michael Leach.

The purpose was to address the proposed rise in subscriptions from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 that had been discussed as an agenda item at the BNHS committee meeting previously. It is a matter of procedure that changes of rates need to be presented and accepted at a meeting of the membership.

The Hon Assistant Treasurer, Sonnie Wing, briefly gave the background to the proposed subscription rise. For several years, the BNHS auditors have warned that the Club's income was insufficient to meet the day to day running costs of the Club, and that this should be addressed. Reluctantly, the BNHS had decided that a subscription rise was necessary. It actually amounted to a rise of just 13½% over the nine years since the last increase.

The meeting passed the proposal with a vote of 76 for and 2 votes against with no abstentions.

Please find below the Subscription Renewal Form for 2018

***The Bedfordshire Bird Club***

(Registered Charity No. 268659)

**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS 2018**

I would like to remind members that subscriptions are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The new membership rates are:

Ordinary Member	£19.00	Corporate Member	£38.00
Associate Member	£7.00	Student Member (under 18)	FREE
Senior Citizen	£13.00	* Student Member (over 18 - full time)	£8.00

Additional subscription for membership of the BNHS £6.00 per person

\* University/College ..... Year of completion of course .....

***(If you pay by standing order please ensure that you amend your payment to the new rate.)***

It would be helpful if you could complete the form below and return it to me with your payment. Many thanks.

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I/We enclose my/our membership subscription of £ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year 2018.  
(Please make cheques payable to Bedfordshire Natural History Society).