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A list of the historical records of the
Society for the Promotion of
Nature Conservation

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A brief history of the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves (now the Society for the Promotion of Nature Conservation)

The Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves (henceforth SPNR) was founded in 1912. According to the minutes of a preliminary meeting, its objective was 'To urge by means of the press, by personal effort, and by correspondence with local societies and individuals, the desirability of preserving in perpetuity sites suitable for nature reserves, which sites are to be handed over to the National Trust under special conditions'. It was created largely on the initiative of Hon Charles Rothschild who was concerned about the lack of coherent policy with regard to the protection of wildlife. Other influential members included W R Ogilvie-Grant, F R Henley and C E Fagan. Their early efforts were largely concentrated on the collection and collation of information in order to prepare a schedule of areas in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland considered worthy of protection and designation as nature reserves. It was then hoped to attract sufficient support for the acquisition of these areas in order to provide for their protection. A provisional list was in fact submitted to the Board of Agriculture in 1915 and a further revised list in 1916, but it seems that little interest was taken in it. However, it was the very first schedule of areas of scientific interest in the British Isles to be published, and as such was a very comprehensive document. It included about 280 different sites, and considerable use was made of it in later years.

Although the SPNR's original aim was not to own or manage reserves itself, it had hoped to encourage other bodies, especially the National Trust, to take a more active interest in the acquisition of property which was of importance to the naturalist. In its early years it did offer several properties to the Trust, but the latter refused custody of some potential reserves. Consequently, by its Royal Charter granted in 1916, the Society was given powers to own and manage land as reserves. Its first properties included Woodwalton Pen and Ray Island, both given to the Society by Charles Rothschild. He had hoped to hand them over to the National Trust, but since it was unwilling to take the properties he was forced to leave them to the SPNR (who sold Ray Island to finance Woodwalton Pen). By 1941 the SPNR had acquired eight important reserves.

However, between the two World Wars the Society played very much of a secondary role in the wider efforts to protect wildlife. It was apparently a small and weak pressure group, and very dependent for its drive and leadership on its founder Rothschild. His death in 1923 and the disruptive effect of the 1914-18 war, which broke out so soon after the founding of the Society, had an almost crippling effect on its development. Furthermore, because it did not have a subscribing membership, it lacked finance and grass roots support. The management of its reserves was also a constant drain upon its resources. It has also been claimed that the SPNR (unlike, for example, the RSPB) was not interested in encouraging general membership, but more concerned to obtain the patronage of public figures and expert naturalists. Although it did have some local support - from, for example, the Cumberland Nature Reserve Association (although this soon died out) and from a County Naturalists Trust set up in Norfolk (1926) - such developments were exceptional and contact with these bodies was rare. Power was deliberately placed in the hands of the Council (which included such men as Lord Grey of Fallooden, Lord Ullswater and James Lowther, Speaker of the House of Commons) and for many years there was no delegation of responsibility to subcommittees. The
number of Council members was limited to 50 and all were elected for life. In consequence the Society became very inactive, and it was probably only due to the efforts of its Secretary, Herbert Smith, that the SPNR survived at all during the inter-war period.

Furthermore the SPNR remained very much on the sideline in the field of wildlife protection, because the real value of reserves and sanctuaries was apparently not fully recognised until the 1940s. The attitude of many naturalists in the 1920s and 1930s was almost hostile to the idea of sanctuaries, which they felt would be very expensive to maintain and would attract the attention of collectors. Therefore the majority favoured the introduction and enforcement of legislation to protect wildlife from the threat of collectors and from cruelty, and it was to this end that such societies as the RSPB worked during the inter-war period. However, this is not to say that the SPNR remained in isolation during the 1920s and 1930s. For example, it played an important part in the setting up of the Wild Plant Conservation Board in 1931. This was a specialist committee set up within the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) to advise on the formulation and implementing of legislation and bye-laws for wild plant preservation; and Herbert Smith, Secretary of the SPNR, was elected Chairman of the Board. Although it achieved little, the co-operation by the SPNR does indicate a desire to contribute generally to wildlife protection and an awareness of the need to co-operate with other wildlife and amenity bodies. However, by the 1940s it was becoming increasingly clear that, as a result of the growing threats to natural habitats (from land use change and building developments), preservation of wildlife by legislation alone was no longer sufficient, and the need for scientifically managed reserves was recognised. It was also realised that for such a programme to be effective, government action was essential.

From the 1940s the SPNR seems to have regained much of its lost influence, and in the years that followed it made a major contribution to nature conservation and laid the foundations for government action. By 1941 it indicated its growing maturity by calling together a conference (known as the 'Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction') to draw up a report which would set out the case for the urgent need to preserve wild life by establishing nature reserves. All interested bodies were invited to send representatives, and the report was presented to the Government. Deputations were also sent to Lord Reith (with members of the Standing Committee on National Parks) and later to Sir William Jowitt and Lord Portal on the question of the role of National Parks and National Nature Reserves in post-war reconstruction. In May 1942 Jowitt suggested to the Conference that it should itself carry out an inquiry into the need for nature preservation. As a result the Nature Reserves Investigation Committee (NRIC) was set up. Its terms of reference were to 'examine proposals for the establishment of nature reserves as part of any general scheme of national planning; and to obtain information from such bodies or persons as may be directly or indirectly concerned with the formation, organisation or administration of nature reserves or sanctuaries'.

The establishment of the NRIC at the suggestion of the Paymaster General and the importance of its contribution should be seen within the framework of the government's general concern to make provision within its post war policies for the protection of amenity and wildlife. There is also no doubt that the
SPNR's role was crucial in the formative years of the British nature conservation movement. During the first half of the 1940s there were many pointers to an acceptance of the need for government intervention and assistance in this field. For example, the Scott Report, published in August 1942, recommended the establishment of a National Park authority and the creation of a series of National Parks, and it also gave support to the idea of National Nature Reserves. A central planning authority was also established—known as the Ministry of Works and Planning and later renamed the Ministry of Town and Country Planning—which indicated the growing willingness on the part of the Government to exert greater control over land use changes.

The NRIC organised a national survey of potential sites and in effect revised and elaborated Charles Rothschild's first schedule. It recommended a series of local and National Nature Reserves and also a separate National Nature Reserves authority. The Committee published several reports which had a profound influence on post-war planning policy, and as a result of the NRIC final report a Government committee under Sir Julian Huxley was formed. The latter's recommendations included the establishment of a series of National Nature Reserves and provision for nature conservation in national parks.

The SPNR continued the work of the NRIC by campaigning for the setting up of a National Nature Reserves authority; and it should take much of the credit for the establishment of the Nature Conservancy in 1949 (under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act). This was set up 'to provide scientific advice on the conservation and control of the natural flora and fauna of Great Britain; to establish, maintain and manage nature reserves in Great Britain, and to organise and develop the research and scientific services related thereto'. Its creation meant that voluntary bodies were no longer solely responsible for the protection of wildlife. Effectively their role became to supplement the Nature Conservancy's work by creating local reserves and by stimulating interest in nature conservation at a local level.

Thus, from the late 1950s, it is possible to see a change in the direction of the Society's policies. Christopher Cadbury, President of the SPNR and a council member of the Norfolk Naturalists' Trust, recognised the potential strength of a voluntary nature conservation movement based on local organisation. Consequently the SPNR became actively concerned with the promotion and sponsoring of County Naturalists' Trusts. It set up a County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee within the SPNR (initially known as the Regional Liaison Committee) to provide them with a means of association; and the numbers of Trusts rose from seven in 1958 to one for every county by 1965. This transformed the work of the SPNR, and having encouraged more than 30 new trusts into existence, the Society set out to support them. This is its main function today. It has, for instance, provided the Trusts with considerable financial assistance. Many donors of charitable funds are nationally rather than regionally orientated and prefer to see the distribution of donations determined at a national level. Consequently substantial grants received from bodies such as the Nuffield and Pilgrim Trusts, the World Wildlife Fund and the Nature Conservancy Council are channelled to the Trusts through the Society by means of grants and loans made available from its Nature Reserves Funds. These funds, together with those generated by Trusts individually, had by the mid-1970s made it possible for more than 800 nature reserves covering c. 50,000 acres to come under the ownership or management of the Trusts and the SPNR. Funds are also made available for the employment of
of staff and the development of educational and informational services. The Society has also provided the Trusts with valuable advisory and publicity services. It arranges for the exchange of information and ideas through conferences and seminars for officers and members of the Trusts, through its twice-yearly newsletter Conservation Review and through other publications. It represents the interests of the Trusts at national level, and encourages and supports their close liaison with other voluntary bodies and statutory bodies, especially through its Conservation Liaison Committee on which all Trusts and all main nature conservation management and research organisations are represented. It advises the Trusts on all technical conservation matters, and has set up a Publicity Committee to provide national publicity for the County Trust movement. It also runs a sales service to help finance the work.

In this way the Society has transformed the County Trusts into a cohesive movement with considerable influence. As vacancies occurred on the SPNR Council, each Trust was invited to nominate a member until 1973, when every Trust was represented; and the County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee was then dissolved. Thus, the Trusts as corporate members share the running of the Society and collectively control it since they have a majority on the Council. All Trusts' members are Associate Members of the Society. There is also a class of Ordinary Member, a number of whom can be elected to places on the Council. The advantages of association through the Society have been secured without any loss of the Trusts' independence, whilst the status and role of the Society as a national body has been greatly enhanced. The increasing importance of the Society as the national association of the Trusts was recognised in the new Royal Charter granted in 1976. This not only gave it broader nature conservation objectives and specific powers to promote and assist the Trusts, but also changed its name to the Society for the Promotion of Nature Conservation (SPNC).

The Society was also instrumental in setting up a new body to publicise and win support for the nature conservation and natural history movement, a role which it felt unable to fulfil itself. This body - the Council for Nature was established in 1958 and by 1965 already had the support of 590 national and local organisations; the Society has remained in close contact with this body. However, talks are at present in progress which will probably result in the taking over of the Council for Nature by the Committee for Environmental Conservation (CoEnCo).

The Society also played an important role in the formation of the International Union for the Protection of Nature (IUPN) in the immediate post war period. In 1946 the Swiss League for the Protection of Nature organised an informal meeting of representatives from a number of countries, including Britain, to consider ways of extending international co-operation. In 1947 a conference was arranged at Brunnen where it was proposed to set up the IUPN which would be open to all voluntary bodies. It was renamed the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 1956. Its work involves the identification of species threatened with extinction and it attempts to avert the danger. It also draws attention to international conservation problems by organising technical meetings. The IUCN provides a valuable forum for discussion of conservation matters of international concern.

Bibliography

Publications of the SPNR, including C Cadbury 'The Roles of the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves and the County Trusts' for the Conservation of Nature' (March 1970 for the Kent Trusts Conference, Maidstone)

A brief history of the British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature

A Central Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature was set up in 1924. It was originally intended to be an international organisation designed to encourage co-operation and liaison in preserving all forms of wildlife. The idea was put forward by a Dutchman, P G van Tienhoven, at a conference in 1923. He based his scheme on the International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) which had been set up in the previous year at a conference he had attended in London. The proposal won support from a number of voluntary bodies and learned societies in Britain, and it was agreed at a meeting in January 1924, where the Committee was set up, that representatives of the ten constituent societies would meet once a year to discuss common problems and to draw up common policies. However, it was never more than a purely British venture, and was soon renamed the British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature to scotch any claims that it had international links. Indeed it would seem that, excepting the ICBP, international co-operation in the field of nature conservation was rare until the 1940s and later.

The Committee comprised representatives of the following societies and bodies:

- British Museum, Trustees
- British Ornithological Union
- Entomological Society of London
- International Committee for the Protection of Wild Birds (British Section)
- Linnean Society
- National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire
- Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves
- Zoological Society of London

The Committee offered a valuable opportunity for the exchange of information and discussion of matters of common concern to its constituent members, but it would seem that little advantage was even taken of it.

The official objective of the Committee as quoted from the rules approved in April 1924 was 'the correlation of the activities of the constituent Societies and Bodies upon all matters of common interest dealing with the protection of animal and plant life, the promotion of nature reserves, and kindred objects, with the view of securing co-operation and reducing overlapping, by:

(a) the exchange of information, and consultation; and

(b) the making of representations to one or more of the said Societies or Bodies as to the action which the Committee recommends the said Society or Body to take or to refrain from taking upon any question which has been considered by the Committee.'
It is probable that the scheme was too ambitious, that the interests of the representative bodies were too diverse to allow the Committee to be a success, and that the setting up of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England in 1926, to co-ordinate the activities of various bodies and organisations who were interested in the protection of the English countryside, may to some extent have detracted from the value of the Committee. It was finally wound up in 1936, although it had been moribund for some years before this date.

One important contribution which the Committee did make was in its proposals to the Addison Committee (the National Parks Committee) in 1929. It put forward two ways of reconciling the conflict between the provision of recreational facilities and the preservation of wildlife. It suggested that small enclosures, protected by bye-laws and watchers, should be established within National Parks, and that a series of national nature reserves should be set up outside the parks where the land would be maintained for wildlife preservation alone. The Committee also produced a list of potential reserves. It supported the creation of a statutory body to make grants to voluntary organisations and individuals for the setting up of reserves. The ideas and lists which the Committee presented were to have much influence on later schemes.

Surviving records relating to this body can be found amongst the archive of the SPNC.

Sources
Archive of the British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature

Notes on the historical records
The SPNC has retained a substantial and most valuable archive at its headquarters in Nettleham, Lincolnshire. It comprises:

1 A small number of miscellaneous financial records
These include two cash books (1912-1947); signed balance sheets (1912-1930); two files of bills, receipts, invoices etc relating to the General and Petty Cash Accounts (1912-1927 and 1913-1924 respectively); and files of Accounts Department correspondence relating to such matters as investments, loans, insurance policies, rent, income tax, tithes etc (1913-1964).

2 Formal administrative records
These comprise Council and Executive Committee minutes (1912- ); Regional Liaison Committee minutes (1958-1960; then it became the Naturalists' Trusts' Committee); County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee minutes (1960-1972); Reserves Committee minutes (1959-1963; then the Committee was dissolved); and Conservation Liaison Committee minutes (1968-1970); two Registers of correspondence (Nos 1 and 3, 1924-1943 and 1962-1973); and two Council and Committee signature books, (1912-1973).
More than 150 boxfiles containing correspondence, printed matter, reports, newspaper cuttings, photographs, maps, drawings, notes, etc, dating from 1912 onwards and relating to all aspects of the Society's work

A considerable amount of material has been retained relating, for instance, to the Society's management of its own nature reserves; and also material relating to potential reserve areas, including cases of threatened development, etc, appeals for financial aid to purchase such areas and offers of land to the Society for the creation of reserves.

A large quantity of material has also been retained relating to the conference convened by the Society on 'Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction' and especially to the work of the Nature Reserves Investigation Committee (NRIC) which was set up as a direct result of the conference. The material includes general correspondence files of the NRIC relating to the formation of subcommittees, to its compilation of data, letters from County Councils identifying areas of interest, etc, and completed questionnaires sent out by the NRIC and the SPNR relating to existing and proposed nature reserves; a large number of NRIC subcommittees files and reports; and even some financial records, notes of meetings, etc.

Another particularly valuable series of files is that relating to the British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature. It comprises a file of agenda and minutes (1924-1931); annual reports, lists of members, and lists of attendances at meetings, etc; two files of general committee correspondence and associated material concerning such topics as national parks and nature reserves; and three files of foreign and colonial correspondence.

The Society has also kept a very substantial amount of material, including correspondence, minutes, printed matter, etc, relating to a large number of other conservation and amenity bodies on which it was represented or with which it has enjoyed particularly close relations. For instance there is considerable material amongst the SPNC archives relating to the work of the Wild Plant Conservation Board, (an integral part of the CPRE formed in 1931 for the purpose of advising on matters of policies and activities in connection with conservation of wild plants, and on which Herbert Smith, Secretary of the Society, served as chairman). Quantities of files have been retained relating to many other bodies, including the Fauna Preservation Society, British Association for the Advancement of Science, CPRE, Standing Committee on National Parks, National Trust, Nature Conservancy, Council for Nature, BSFB, World Wildlife Fund and a large number of others. It has also kept papers, reports and associated material relating for instance to the formation and conferences of the IUPN (IUCN from 1956); and other conferences including the 'Countryside in 1970' conferences.

SPNC internal administrative files include general correspondence files from 1912, material relating to its charter (1915) and the amending of its charter (1965-1970), membership files from 1939, committee files, etc.

There are also a number of subject files, including material relating to mammal, bird and wild flower protection (1920s and 1930s); and more recently pollution, disused railways, etc.
Files of correspondence with the County Naturalists' Trusts

These chiefly comprise general correspondence files and files containing material relating to the purchase of property. General correspondence files mostly date from the late 1950s and early 1960s (when the majority of Trusts were formed), although earlier correspondence has survived with those Trusts formed before this date, including the Lincolnshire Naturalists' Trust (1947-), Norfolk Naturalists' Trust (1942-); the West Wales Field Society, which became the West Wales Naturalists' Trust (1947-); and the Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (1946-).

More than 250 completed questionnaires and associated material arising from the surveys conducted by the Society of areas 'worthy of protection' for possible nature reserves, 1914-1916

The printed questionnaire requires such answers as the name and location of site, why it is worthy of permanent preservation, the name of the owner, the possibility of acquisition, etc. Most completed forms are also accompanied by the relevant Ordnance Survey map(s) (or occasionally another type of map) which is annotated with the exact position of the proposed reserve. A number are also marked on a six inch Ordnance Survey map. Additional information is sometimes provided in correspondence and printed matter.

Legal records

These comprise a draft petition for the grant of a new charter, a draft charter of incorporation (1967) and a printed charter of incorporation (1971). Earlier material relating to the Society's charter can be found amongst the correspondence files. Deeds relating to its properties have been kept, although they are not stored at the Society's offices.

Publications

The chief publication of the Society is the annual Handbook. This was first published in 1923, and each issue contains the annual report and statement of accounts, lists of officers, council members, etc; notes on nature reserves, general interest articles and articles about the activities of the Society, reports of conferences, etc. However, the Society ceased publishing the Handbook in 1969.

It now publishes Conservation Review, an illustrated conservation magazine for all Associate and Ordinary Members.

The Society has also retained copies of a large number of other publications and leaflets, although many of them are reprints of articles, notes, etc from its own Handbook. They include Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction Memoranda Nos 1-6, 1942-1945 (issued by the Society for the conference and the NRIC); two memoranda submitted to the National Parks Committee (England and Wales) of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning (1946); British Conference for the Protection of Nature Report (1947); articles and notes on the subject of nature conservation, County Naturalists' Trusts, grants, etc reprinted from the Handbook, Countryside (Journal of the British Naturalists' Association) and Bird Notes (Journal of the RSPB); and material relating to Naturalists' Trusts' conferences, including reports (reprinted from the Handbook), a printed programme (for the 8th conference, 1974) and a number of papers read at such conferences.
In addition, the Society possesses a large quantity of publications of a wide variety of other bodies connected with nature conservation.

Maps.

The Society has retained a number of one inch Ordnance Survey maps, which were used by the NRIC and its regional subcommittees and many of which are annotated.

Archival note

The aim of this list has been to provide a general guide to the records of the Society, but which is in sufficient detail to enable the researcher to assess the value and potential of the archive.

The archive as a whole has been allocated a distinctive identity code (SPNR); and the records have been listed according to function. They are therefore divided into financial records, administrative records, legal records, publications and maps. The contents of a substantial proportion of the boxfiles have already been listed in some detail and a copy of these lists can be consulted at the Society's offices. The present list, however, includes a general guide to the contents of all boxfiles. The numbering system used in the earlier listing - which included giving a running number to each boxfile (up to and including Box No 67) - has been retained. The remaining boxfiles have similarly been given a running number, for Boxes 68-164, and an earlier index compiled for Boxes 1-67 has now been extended to cover all files.

The contents of each of the boxes Nos 68-163 have been given a running number for retrieval and information purposes. During the 1950s and 1960s the Society had offices - one at the British Museum and one at Alford, Lincolnshire; and consequently there are two sets of files, often relating to similar topics. No attempt has been made to totally separate the two sets of files although, where possible to distinguish, they have been boxed separately. As a general rule, however, those files arising from the Alford offices (which comprise only a small proportion of the total) are numbered, while those from the BM (apart from the numbering of continuation files) are not. (All file numbers have been retained in the list in brackets.)

County Naturalists' Trusts' files have been numbered by the Society and this numbering has been retained in the list. Each Trust has been numbered from 1 to 39 (each number prefixed by the letter 'T'). The files relating to each Trust have been given a running number. As above, there are two sets of general correspondence files arising from the two different offices. These are stored together, and those arising from the BM office are distinguished in the list by means of an asterisk.

Similarly the completed questionnaires and associated material arising from the surveys (1912-16) for potential nature reserves have also been numbered by the Society and this numbering retained. Each proposed reserve was allocated a running number, and all material relating to each site stored and listed under that number.

All other material - including financial records, formal administrative records, publications has been given a running number for information purposes.
Location and access

All listed material is retained at the SPNC headquarters, The Green, Nettleham, Lincolnshire LN2 2NR. The Society is willing on principle to make its archives available for academic research and applications for access should be made in writing to the General Secretary.
A FINANCIAL RECORDS

I Cash Books and associated material

1 Cash Book for General Account (Jul 1912-Mar 1922), Deposit Account (May 1913-Jul 1922) and Investment Account (Feb 1917-Dec 1924)
3 File of bills, receipts, invoices etc and some correspondence relating to the General Account, 1912-1927
4 File of bills, receipts, invoices and details of expenditure relating to the Petty Cash Account, 1913-1924

II Balance Sheets

1 Balance sheet for the period Jul 1912 to Mar 1918
2 Annual balance sheets, 1920-1930

III Accounts Department Correspondence

The following files contain correspondence relating to such matters as investments, insurance policies, rents, tithes, income tax etc

1 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Mar 1913-Mar 1928
2 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Apr 1928-Mar 1938
3 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Apr 1938-May 1946
4 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Jan-Dec 1956
5 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Jan 1957-Dec 1960
6 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Jan 1961-Dec 1962
7 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Jan-Dec 1963
8 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Jan-Dec 1964
9 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, Dec 1964-Sep 1966
10 File: General Accounts Department correspondence, May 1966-Dec 1970
11 File: Accounts Department correspondence concerning investments and loans, Jun 1937-Dec 1957
12 File: Accounts Department correspondence concerning investments and loans, Jan 1960-Mar 1965
13 File: Accounts Department correspondence concerning cash loans, Dec 1961-Oct 1966

IV Other financial material

1 Bundles of paid cheques, credit transfer forms, cheque book stubs etc, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s
2 Envelope of correspondence, receipts etc relating to a presentation to Mr Woodisse (Hon Treasurer of the Society), 1966
I Council and Committee Minutes

1. Minute Book, Council and Executive Committee, May 1912-May 1921 (Handwritten)
2. Minute Book, Council and Executive Committee, May 1912-Aug 1940 (In typescript; those minutes of meetings held between May 1912 and May 1921 are not signed)
3. Minute Book, Council and Executive Committee, Jan 1941-Nov 1950
4. Minute Book, Council, Executive Committee, Regional Liaison Committee (created in Nov 1958, and which in Apr 1960 became the Naturalists' Trusts' Committee) and Reserves Committee (created in Apr 1959), Mar 1951-Nov 1960
5. Minute Book, Council, Executive Committee, Naturalists' Trusts' Committee (which became County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee in Jul 1961) and Reserves Committee (dissolved in Mar 1965), Feb 1961-Mar 1965
6. Minute Book, Council, Executive Committee and County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee, Jun 1965-Nov 1970 (Minutes of the County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee are only recorded in this volume up until Nov 1966)
10. Box containing Council agenda, minutes and lists of attendances, Sep 1971-Jul 1975
11. Box containing Council agenda, minutes and lists of attendances, May 1975-Sep 1979
12. Box containing Executive Committee agenda, minutes and lists of attendances, Feb 1971-Oct 1975
13. Box containing Executive Committee agenda, minutes and lists of attendances, Jan 1976-Nov 1977
14. Box containing Executive Committee agenda, minutes and lists of attendances, Jan-Dec 1978
15. Box containing Executive Committee agenda, minutes and lists of attendances, Jan 1979-

II Council and Committee Attendance Books


III Registers of Correspondence

1. Register of correspondence No 1, Jan 1924-Dec 1943
2. Register of correspondence No 3, Jan 1962-Jul 1973
IV Boxfile containing correspondence, papers, printed material, reports, newspaper cuttings, photographs, maps, drawings, notes etc dating from 1912 onwards and relating to all aspects of the Society's work

Box 1 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts) Flora and Fauna Survey (1)
1.1 Letter from G C Druce to the Hon N C Rothschild, 1919
1.2 List of British Orchidaceae
1.3 List of British Orchidaceae
2 Correspondence between Druce and Rothschild, 1919-1921, relating to the protection of plants and their listing
3 Botanical survey made by C R Stonor for the SPNR, 1913, and MSS notes in at least two hands
4 Report on the Plants of Woodwalton Fen by A J Wilmot (received by the Hon Treasurer Mar 1916) (duplicated)
5 Report on the lists of the Coleoptera of Woodwalton Fen (duplicated)

Box 2 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts) Flora and Fauna Survey (2)
1 Lists of animals and plants: hymenoptera aculeata and parasitic hymenoptera on Woodwalton Fen
2 Correspondence concerning species found and their listing at Woodwalton Fen, 1916-1939
3 Various other descriptions and lists of plants and animals on the Fen including a manuscript version prepared by A J Wilmot

Box 3 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts) Flora and Fauna Survey (3)
1 Reprint from the Transactions of the Society for British Entomology, vol 6, pt 7 (1951), 233-68, concerning the aquatic Coleoptera of Woodwalton Fen
2 'Mr Edelston's notes' including list of published works on Woodwalton Fen, notes of species, cuttings, photographs etc
3 File marked 'Lists of Flora and Fauna Woodwalton Fen (Incorporating Biological Survey)', which includes reports and correspondence, c 1931-1937
4 2 files of correspondence, 1957-1958

Box 4 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts) Photographs, maps and drawings (annotated, for example, to show freehold and leased land, vegetation etc)

Box 5 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts) Permits
1 Printed Regulations for visitors, 1948 (numerous copies)
2 Woodwalton Fen Visitor's Permits. Printed forms 1-100, 101-200, 401-500. Unused
Correspondence concerning permits, May 1939-Apr 1947
   May 1947-Apr 1950
   Apr 1950-Feb 1954

5 Visiting Nature Reserves. Nature Conservancy pamphlet, 1953

Box 6 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)
1 3 manuscript diaries compiled by Stonor on Woodwalton Fen, 1939
2 OS map 1:2500, annotated
3 Plan of Woodwalton Fen 1:2500, annotated
4 File concerning the purchase and management of Edwards Piece, Woodwalton Fen, 1939-1952
5.1 File concerning the drainage of Woodwalton Fen and neighbouring land, 1931-1936 and 1954-1961
5.2 Correspondence concerning pumps, 1931
5.3 Correspondence concerning the boundary drain of Woodwalton Fen, 1931

Box 7 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)
1 & 2 Sales catalogue and maps: Upwood and Woodwalton, Hunts. Residential and Agricultural Estate of 2,700 acres, 1919 (2 copies)
3 Correspondence concerning Woodwalton Fen rates and taxes, Dec 1939-Jan 1964
4 Correspondence concerning Woodwalton Fen tithes, Oct 1939-Mar 1944
5 File: Woodwalton Fen boundary dispute (including some material relating to the drainage and ploughing of the reserve), Jul-Dec 1939
6 File: Woodwalton Fen boundary dispute, Dec 1939-Nov 1956

Box 8 Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)
General Correspondence
1 Interim report on Rumer Arifolius, a new British species, by the Botanical Society and Exchange Club of the British Isles, Feb 1924 (printed)
2 Printed questionnaire completed for Woodwalton Fen
3 Important duplicate letters comprising a copy of a letter from Richardson Carr, Estate Office, Tring Park, Herts, to Hon Secretary of SPNR, Jan 1925; a copy of a list included with a letter from Mr G T Young, 1925; details of outgoings on land at Woodwalton transferred to SPNR, 1919
4 Important duplicate papers comprising a copy of a letter from solicitors to G F H Smith 8 Oct 1924 regarding the ownership and status of land in Woodwalton Fen
5.1 File(1): Correspondence concerning the transfer of land in Woodwalton Fen to the Society and the management of the land as a nature reserve, Apr 1912-Apr 1924
Box 9  Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)
General Correspondence

The following general correspondence files contain material relating to the management of the nature reserve. They include for instance material concerning the extension of the cleared area, drainage, requests for permits, payment of tithes, payment of labourers, leasing of shooting rights and insurance


Box 10  Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)
General Correspondence


Box 11  Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)
General Correspondence

1  File(1):  Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve, Jun 1939-Dec 1940

Box 12  Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)
General Correspondence

In addition to general material relating to the management of the reserve, these files also contain correspondence between the Society and the Nature Conservancy relating to possible financial assistance and the eventual lease of the reserve to the Nature Conservancy

2  File(7):  Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve, Jan 1951-Apr 1952

Box 13  Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve (Hunts)

1  File:  Purchase of Rothschild Piece and its conveyance to the Society, 1939-1944
2  File:  Lease of the Wardens Lodge to the Nature Conservancy, 1955-1976
3  File:  Keeper's Cottage, Aug 1952-Oct 1954
4  File:  Keeper's Cottage, Nov 1954-Feb 1956
5  File:  Keeper's Cottage, Feb 1956-Oct 1964
6  File:  Woodwalton Fen and its Future Policy Subcommittee; including printed report by the Subcommittee (Mar 1947) and draft minutes of its meetings, (1946-1947)
7  Report by G Macleod, engineer (Jul 1949) on the control of water levels
8  Envelope containing material relating to the cost and nature of the work involved in constructing a mere
9  Plan of proposed mere

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Box 14  Badgeworth Meadow (Glos) and Meathop Moss Nature Reserves (Westmorland)


The above files contain general material relating to the management and administration of the reserve. They include material relating to the setting up of a management committee, reports of the committee, material relating to drainage, attempts to acquire adjacent land, and the possible lease of the reserve to Gloucestershire Naturalists' Trust. For subsequent files relating to the reserve, consult the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Trust files.


The above files contain material relating to the general management and administration of the reserve and to its final transfer to the Lakeland Naturalists' Trust.

7 File: Meathop Moss Nature Reserve permits, May 1939-Jun 1950

Box 15  Mickfield Meadow Nature Reserve (Suffolk)

The following files include correspondence relating to the purchase of the land by local societies. They also contain material relating to the general administration and management of the reserve, including material concerning the conveyance to the SPNR; protection of the wild fritillaries; the improvement of ditches, boundaries, fencing drainage etc; the eradication of scrub, cutting of grass etc; problem of birds attacking the fritillaries; shooting rights; and the later management of the reserve arranged in conjunction with the Suffolk County Trust.

1 File(1): Mickfield Meadow Nature Reserve, Suffolk, Apr 1938-Mar 1944
Reserve Areas I

1. File(A): Croxley Green, Rickmansworth (Herts), May-Nov 1923
   This file contains a registration form and correspondence regarding the poor upkeep of the area by its owners, Ganville and Caius College.

2. File(B): Ennerdale (Cumberland), Sep 1925-Dec 1925
   This file contains cuttings and correspondence relating to the Forestry Commission's proposals to afforest.

3. File(C): Dungeness (Kent), Apr 1925-Jun 1933
   This file contains correspondence etc relating to the sale of coastlands, and the final purchase of the area by a Mr Burrows to prevent building developments.

4. File(D): Selsdon Wood (Surrey), Jan 1925-Jun 1926
   This file contains material relating to the offer by the Commons Society to accept guardianship of the wood, and correspondence etc relating to the appeal for funds for its purchase, its opening and early management.

5. File(E): Denge Marsh (Kent), Feb-Nov 1937
   This file contains a painted leaflet regarding the RSPB appeal (1937) and material relating to the SPNR's contribution.

Reserve Areas II

1. File(E): Shapwick Peat Moor (Somerset), Dec 1919-Aug 1920
   This file contains a registration form, and details and correspondence concerning its possible purchase.

2. File(F): Chance Wood (Kent), Dec 1926-Feb 1928

3. File(G): King's Wood and Mammere Heath (Beds), Jun-Nov 1926

4. File(H): Island of St Kilda, Nov-Dec 1927

5. File(I): Lessness Abbey Woods (Kent), Jul 1919-Jun 1931
   This file contains material relating to its purchase by various borough and county councils, and to the contribution by the SPNR.

Reserve Areas III

1. File(J): Hartlebury Common (Worcs), May 1914-Jun 1923

2. File(K): Blakeney Point (Norfolk), May 1920-Sep 1937

3. File(L): Never Sandhills (Sutherland), Feb 1913

4. File(M): Balcombe (Sussex), Nov 1912

5. File(N): Ray Island (Essex), May 1913

6. File(O): Styhead Pass (Westmorland), May 1913-May 1919
Reserve Areas IV

1 File(P): Poole Harbour and its environs, including Ballard Down (1915-1916), Poole Harbour (Jul 1923-Dec 1930), Swanage and Littlesea
2 File(q): Romney Marsh (Kent), Jun 1929-Jul 1932
3 File(3): Midhurst (Sussex), Sep 1933-Mar 1934
4 File(4): West Wittering, Chichester (Sussex), May 1930

Box 17 Reserve Areas V, VI and VIII

Reserve Areas V

1 File: Halton Estate, near Wendover (Bucks), Nov 1922-Jun 1923
   This contains material concerned with the proposed lease of the wood from War Office by SPNR
2 File: Bishops Wood, Prestatyn (Flints), Oct 1926-May 1928
3 File: Baginton Bird Sanctuary, Sewage Farm, Coventry Jan 1924-Mar 1933
   This includes correspondence concerned with the shooting lease, and correspondence with Town Clerk and Coventry Nature Students Field Club regarding their efforts to protect the bird life

Reserve Areas VI

1 File: Gorsedene bird and plant sanctuary, Farnham (Surrey), Mar 1925-Apr 1936
   This includes a registration form, report and proposal by its owner to give the area to the SPNR
2 File: Lakenheath Warren, (Norfolk), 1923
   This contains material concerning a contribution by SPNR to the Norfolk Naturalists Trust for purchase of the area
3 File: Braunton Burrows (Devon), Nov 1933-Feb 1934

Reserve Areas VIII

1 File: Farne Islands, Nov 1922-Dec 1923
   This includes correspondence and literature of the Farne Islands Association and material relating to the sale and the handing over of the Islands to the National Trust
2 File: Hawksmoor and Newhaze (Staffs), Jul 1925-Jul 1932
   This includes a registration form, correspondence with Staffordshire Field Club relating to a contribution from the SPNR and material relating to its management
3 File: Chillingham Cattle (Northumberland), Jun 1930-Apr 1936
   This includes material relating to an agreement by which the SPNR made an annual contribution to help preserve the cattle
Box 18 Reserve Areas VII and IX – XI

Reserve Area VII

1  File:  Meathop Common (Westmorland), Jan 1913– Sep 1937

Reserve Area IX

1  File:  Meathop Moss (Westmorland), Feb 1938–May 1939
   This contains correspondence regarding the appointment of
   a warden to the reserve, and regarding trespassing on
   the reserve

Reserve Area X

1  File:  Sharpham Moor Plot, near Glastonbury (Somerset),
   Aug 1923–Sep 1938
   This contains material relating to the purchase of property
   by the SPNR and the setting up of a local committee
   responsible for upkeep

2  File:  Perrio Meadow (Northants), Jun 1936

Reserve Areas XI

1  File:  Swaddiwell Field, Helpston (Northants), Apr 1923–
   Feb 1924

2  File:  Great Wood, Belfairs, Hadleigh (Essex), Aug 1934–
   Feb 1939
   This includes material relating to the purchase of the wood
   by four local authorities and the making of a contribution
   by the SPNR

Box 19 Reserve Areas XII – XIII and XVI

Reserve Areas XII

1  File:  Upper Old Southwick Quarry, near Sunderland,
   (Durham), Apr–Nov 1924

2  File:  Lynton, Lynmouth and District (Devon), Dec 1932–
   Sep 1936

3  File:  Calf of Man (I 0 M), Jul 1936–Mar 1939
   This contains material relating to the National Trust's
   acquisition of the land, and correspondence concerned
   with the sharing of costs with the SPNR

4  File:  Breckland (Norfolk), Jan 1937–Mar 1939
   This includes report of the Joint Committee of Breckland,
   and details of a CPRE and Forestry Commission agreement

5  File:  Easton Lodge, Dunmow (Essex), Sep 1938

6  File:  Thorn Farm, Salcombe (Devon), May 1939

Reserve Area XIII

1  File:  Wicken Fen (Cambs), 1938
   This contains correspondence with the National Trust
   regarding the purchase of the land, minutes of the
   committee of management and publications
1. File: Hastings Borough reservoirs, Sep-Oct 1937
   This contains material relating to their use as reserves

2. File: Tregaron, Llwynogwina Bog (Wales), Feb-Apr 1938

3. File: North Lunvro (Shetland), Dec 1937

4. File: Chantnes and Tyting Farm, Guildford (Surrey), Mar-Jul 1938

5. File: Brauntton Burrows (Devon), Jun 1937-Jan 1938

6. File: Warboys Wood (Hunts), Mar 1938

7. File: Treshnish Islands (Argyll), May-Jun 1938

Box 20

1. SPNR and BCCPN printed literature including a copy of the SPNR Charter (1916), a petition for incorporation (including copy in French), note paper and stationery, circulars, posters (1910s-1920s), Handbooks 1923-1927

2. File: Slag heaps, Jan-Apr 1939
   This includes correspondence with CPRE and others, regarding their possible planting, and reports on the subject

3. File: Sharpham Moor Plot (Somerset), Apr 1940-Feb 1956
   This includes correspondence etc relating to the management of the site and its general upkeep

4. File: Belfairs Great Wood (Essex), Nov 1937-Dec 1949

5. File: Belfairs Great Wood (Essex), May 1953-Oct 1961
   These files include correspondence regarding the management of the wood, reports, offers of finance from the SPNR etc

6. File: Calf of Man (I O M), Apr 1942-Apr 1959
   This includes correspondence and reports regarding management of the property

Box 21

1. File: Mammals: Wild Cat and Pine Marten and their protection, 1925-1939

2. File: Birds and their protection
   This includes cuttings (1919); details of the Kite Preservation Fund (1937-1938); correspondence with the Association of Bird Watchers and Wardens on the subject of a Nest Adoption Scheme

3. File: Annual Reports: duplicate copies and drafts
   This contains the following Annual Reports: Jul 1920 (3rd), Jun 1922 (5th), Jun 1925 (8th), Jun 1926 (9th), Jun 1929 (11th), Jun 1930 (13th); Treasurers Statements for Jun 1928, Jun 1929, Jun 1930, Jun 1932; and Annual Reports and Treasurers Statements: Jun 1934 (17th), Jun 1935 (18th), Jun 1936 (19th), Jun 1937 (20th), Jun 1938 (21st), Jun 1939 (22nd)
Box 22

1. File: Wild Flowers poster, 1926
2. File: Wild Flowers poster, 1927-1932
4. SPNR suggested reserves registration forms (9) completed 1922-1925

Box 23

The Protection of Wild Flowers

   This includes proposals to form a Society for the Protection and Preservation of Wild Flowers; a copy of a circular letter sent to county councils to encourage them to pass by-laws to prohibit picking of flowers etc and their replies; posters, cuttings etc

   This contains material on the subject of the destruction of the Gentiana Verna in Co Durham and material relating to a broadcasting appeal; and cuttings

   This includes general correspondence; publications of the Society for the Protection of Wild Flowers and Plants; leaflets, circulars etc; letters regarding the use of specimens by London County Council schools; list of counties which have adopted wild flower protection by-laws; material on the subject of the destruction of Gentiana Verna in Co Durham; cuttings

Box 24

The Wild Plant Conservation Board*

   This includes a report by Herbert Smith on waste land planning; material on the protection of species during the war; and material relating to various replanting schemes

   This includes reports, correspondence, agenda, minutes etc

   This includes material on the use of chemical sprays and insecticides for the control of weeds and insects on agricultural land

Box 25

The Wild Plant Conservation Board

1. File: Wild Plant Conservation Board, 1932-1934
   This includes agenda, minutes and correspondence relating to such matters as the picking of flowers and sale of posters and other literature, and the education of the public

* The WPCB of the CPRE was formed in 1931 as an integral part of the CPRE for the purpose of advising on matters of policy and activities in connection with conservation of wild plants
Pile:  Wild Plant Conservation Board, 1935-1939
This includes agenda, minutes and correspondence

Schedule of wild plants/flowers requiring protection in various counties under by-laws in force

Box 26  The Wild Plant Conservation Board

1  File:  Wild Plant Conservation Board, 1931-1932
This contains material relating to its creation and first meetings, and to the possible formation of a Society for the Protection of Wild Flowers, and its possible objects

2  File:  Wild Plant Conservation Board, 1928-1931
This contains a report considered by the first meeting of the WPCB (Nov 1931); early correspondence and newspaper cuttings 1928-1931 on the subject of effective by-laws for preservation of wild plants, and correspondence and proposal relating to the setting up of the WCPB; and The Protection of Wild Flowers, 1937—published by the WPCB and The New German Law for the Protection of Nature, Jun 1935

Box 27  Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction 1941*

1  File:  Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction (1941), May-Jul 1941
This contains invitations to societies to attend; some memoranda, including one from the RSPB on the subject of nature reserves; and Conference Report No 1

2  File:  Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction (1941), Jul-Sep 1941
This contains Conference Report No 2, details of attendance, correspondence, notices of drafting committee meetings etc

3  File:  Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction (1941), Sep-Nov 1941
This contains Conference Report No 3, attendance sheets, correspondence etc

4  File:  Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction (1941), Nov 1941-Mar 1942
This contains Conference Report No 4, and material relating to SCNP deputation (Jan 1942) to the Minister of Works and Buildings

5  File:  Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction (1941), Mar 1942-Feb 1943
This contains material relating to the circulation of reports to influential persons, and Conference Report No 5, and Conference Memoranda 1 and 2

* Conference of societies and associations interested in the conservation of flora and fauna convened (by the SPNR) in order to bring to the notice of the government the importance of the maintenance of the countryside in any policy for the use of land
3 meetings of the conference were held in 1941, and it was decided to set out certain conclusions regarding nature preservation which should be taken into account by the Government - set out in the Conference Memorandum No 1 (Nov 1941). This was sent to the Prime Minister and other Ministers, societies, associations and influential individuals including Sir William Jowitt KC Paymaster General, and Chairman of a Ministerial Committee. He received a deputation, and as a result the Conference agreed to appoint an appropriate committee who could advise the Government on matters relating to nature reserves. In consequence, the Nature Reserves Investigation Committee was set up (henceforth NRIC). Its terms of reference were 'to examine proposals for the establishment of nature reserves as part of any general scheme of national planning; and to obtain information from such bodies or persons as may be directly or indirectly concerned with the formation, organisation or administration of nature reserves or sanctuaries.'
Box 30

1  6 copies of the Wild Flower posters issued by the SPNR, 1931
2-4 Copies (of various editions) of an SPNR Provisional Schedule of areas in Scotland worthy of preservation, arranged in alphabetical lists according to their names and according to the counties in which they are situated, with a separate section for areas of primary and those of only secondary importance
5 Printed copies of the SPNR List of owners of areas in England considered worthy of preservation embraced in the Society's schedule (Aug 1915)
6 Supplement to the above
7 Letters referring to owners of English reserves, (indexed according to county alphabetically), May 1915–Mar 1916
8 Letters referring to owners of Welsh reserves, May–Oct 1915
9 Copies of letters (mainly to solicitors) referring to the owners of Welsh reserves, May–Oct 1915
10 Correspondence about the owners of Scottish reserves and lists, 1915
11 3 lists of nature and other societies interested in nature preservation giving name, address and name of honorary secretary
12 Correspondence regarding the establishment of ownership of Sharpham Moor, Dawlish Warren, Newham, Lough, Shapwick Heath and land in Ashcott, Apr–Jun 1916

Box 31 British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature*

1 File: British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature; agenda and minutes (1924-1931), lists of members copies of rules, signed lists of attendances (1924-1929), annual reports (1st-5th, 1925-1929), balance sheet (May 1927)
2 File: British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature; general correspondence relating to its work, 1923-1928
3 File: British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature; general correspondence relating to its work, 1929-1931

Box 32 British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature

1 File: British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature; foreign and colonial correspondence, 1923-1924
2 File: British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature; foreign and colonial correspondence, 1924-1926
3 File: British Correlating Committee for the Protection of Nature; foreign and colonial correspondence, 1925-1926

* Composed of representatives of societies in Great Britain interested in the protection of animal and plant life
Copies of printed sheet issued by the NRIC noting the establishment of the Committee, Aug 1942
Printed reports and memoranda of the Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction
NRIC Reports of regional subcommittees, 1940s

The following general correspondence files of the NRIC contain material relating to its work including the formation of subcommittees, the compilation of data for government and survey work, letters from county councils identifying areas of interest, drafts of memoranda, letters from preservation societies, press cuttings etc

1 File(1): NRIC, Jul-Sep 1942
2 File(2): NRIC, Sep-Oct 1942
3 File(3): NRIC, Oct-Nov 1942
4 File(4): NRIC, Nov 1942-Jan 1943
5 File(5): NRIC, Jan-Feb 1943
6 File(6): NRIC, Feb-Jun 1943

Correspondence (Jul-Nov 1937) and reports of proceedings and papers of National Parks and Nature Reserves Conference (23 Nov 1937)* held in House of Lords
Notes of proceedings of a special meeting of the NRIC (23 Oct 1948) with Lord Macmillan in the chair to consider the position arising from the appointment of a Wild Life Special Committee by the Minister of Town and Country Planning
MSS draft of foreword to Conference Memorandum No 6 written by Lord Macmillan
British Ecological Society : Report of the Committee on Nature Conservation and Nature Reserves regarding the proposed National Habitat Reserves and Scheduled Areas (and introduction)
Bank statements and cheques regarding work of NRIC, Nov 1942-Oct 1951
Account sheets and vouchers of NRIC, Nov 1942-Jul 1950

* Object of conference was to consider the question of National Parks from the point of view of societies particularly interested in the preservation of flora and fauna
8 File: Geological subcommittee of NRIC, including extracts from reports, minutes, memoranda, correspondence, May 1944-July 1950

9 File: Scottish Nature Reserves Committee (set up by the Zoological Society of London) correspondence, Nov 1942-April 1948

10 File(11): NRIC general correspondence, Aug 1945-April 1946

11 File(12): NRIC general correspondence, April 1946-November 1948

12 File(13): NRIC general correspondence, Aug 1948-January 1954 (when finally wound up)

Box 37

1 File(A): Completed returns of questionnaires sent out by the NRIC and SPNR giving details of existing Nature Reserves, 1942
Each questionnaire records name, owner, position and distance from nearest towns and railways; administration; watchers, managing committee and approximate cost of upkeep; animals/plants specifically preserved; date of acquisition and brief history and any information of interest

2 File(B): Completed forms distributed by the SPNR and NRIC giving details of proposed nature reserves and some existing reserves (and some additional notes) 1942-1943
These forms record:
(i) brief description of area and reasons for acquisition: position, types of vegetation, particular species of plants/animals requiring special protection; approximate area; nature of surrounding countryside

(ii) ownership: name and address of freeholder, any tenants, land use, any sporting rights, any common rights, or public rights of way, is there any likelihood the owner will protect land as a Nature Reserve by deed of covenant, consent to the land being included in a planning scheme as a Nature Reserve, sell the land for a Nature Reserve

(iii) other information: open to public, suitable for agricultural development, any buildings, danger of being developed

3 File(C): Correspondence and lists, proposing areas worthy of protection in Suffolk; submitted in reply to a request for information from the Linnean Society on behalf of the SPNR, 1942

4 File(D): Correspondence relating to a Nature Reserves Inquiry into existing reserves, April 1940-March 1942

Box 38 Fauna Preservation Society

The following files of the Fauna Preservation Society contain correspondence, reports, minutes, notices of meetings, printed material etc

1 File(1): Fauna Preservation Society, October 1941-June 1947

Box 39 Fauna Preservation Society

Box 40 International Geological Congress, London 1940 (postponed), 1948 and 1952
The following files contain papers, circulars, correspondence, reports etc accumulated by G H Smith, the Society's delegate
1 File: 16th International Geological Congress, London, 1940-1948

Box 41 British Association for the Advancement of Science
1 Reports and notices of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1940-1948
2 Reports, correspondence, programmes, memoranda etc relating to the 1949 Newcastle-upon-Tyne meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science
3 Copies of the address given by G F H Smith to the 1949 meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science
4 Reports, correspondence, programmes, memoranda etc relating to the 1950 Birmingham meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science

Box 42 British Association for the Advancement of Science
The following files contain reports, correspondence, programmes, memoranda etc
1 File: British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1951 Edinburgh meeting
2 File: British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1952 Belfast meeting

Box 43 Standing Committee on National Parks
The following files contain reports, memoranda, correspondence, press cuttings, etc
1 File(1): Standing Committee on National Parks, May 1936-May 1939
2 File(2): Standing Committee on National Parks, Jul 1941-Apr 1944
3 File(3): Standing Committee on National Parks, Dec 1944-Dec 1945
4 File(4): Standing Committee on National Parks, 1946
5 File(5): Standing Committee on National Parks, 1947
The following files of the CPRE contain general correspondence, notices, reports, circulars, notices of meetings, minutes etc.

1. File: Council for the Preservation of Rural England, Jan-Jun 1948
3. Some miscellaneous correspondence including details regarding CPRE conference at Tunbridge Wells (1939); correspondence with H H Symonds (1942); correspondence and report regarding Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Bill, correspondence regarding Sir John Ellerman's contribution (Nov 1938-May 1939); correspondence regarding Tring Park and offer by Lord Rothschild to the Trustees of the British Museum (Apr 1939)

Box 45 Council for the Preservation of Rural England
General Correspondence

1. File: Council for the Preservation of Rural England, Jan-Jun 1949

Box 46 Council for the Preservation of Rural England
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2 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 17A (Kent), Apr 1949-Mar 1952
3 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 17B (Surrey), Oct 1948-Sep 1951
4 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 17C (Sussex), Jun 1948-Nov 1949
5 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 18 (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), Mar 1943-Feb 1956
6 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 18 (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), Feb 1956-May 1951
7 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 19 (Dorset), Jan 1943-Sep 1949

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1 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 20 (Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire) Feb 1943-Nov 1951
2 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 20. Details of suggested and existing nature reserves
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4 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 21 (Devon), Aug 1943-Jun 1947
5 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 21 (Devon), Jun 1947-Dec 1952
6 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 21 (Dartmoor Subcommittee) Dec 1942-Aug 1943
7 File: NRIC Subcommittee Region 22 (Cornwall), Jun 1943-Oct 1951

Box 54

The following general correspondence files contain material relating to donations, subscriptions, membership, handbooks, annual reports etc.

1 File(1): General correspondence, May 1912-Mar 1917
2 File(2): General correspondence, May 1917-Jan 1920
3 File(3): General correspondence, Jan 1920-Jul 1922

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1 File(4): General correspondence, Aug 1922-Sep 1923
2 File(5): General correspondence, Jul 1923-Jul 1924
3 File(6): General correspondence, Jul 1924-Jul 1925
4 File(7): General correspondence, Jul 1925-Mar 1926
5 File(8): General correspondence, Jun 1926-Jun 1928

Box 56 SPNR General Correspondence Files
1 File(9): General correspondence, Jun 1928-Jul 1929
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3 File(11): General correspondence, Dec 1930-Feb 1932

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1 File(12): General correspondence, Feb 1932-Jun 1933
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2 File(2): General correspondence, May 1940-Jul 1941
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4 File(4): General correspondence, May 1942-Sep 1942

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3 File(7): General correspondence, Jan-Jun 1944
4 File(8): General correspondence, Jun 1944-Feb 1945
5 File(9): General correspondence, Feb-Jun 1945
6 File(10): General correspondence, Jun 1945-Dec 1946

Box 61 SPNR General Correspondence Files
1 File(B1): General correspondence, Jan-Apr 1946
2 File(B2): General correspondence, Apr-Oct 1946
3 File(B3): General correspondence, Oct 1945-May 1947
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Box 62 SPNR General Correspondence Files
1 File(B6): General correspondence, Feb-Aug 1948
2 File(B7): General correspondence, Sep 1948-Feb 1949
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1 File(C1): General correspondence, Sep 1950-Feb 1951
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6 File(C11): General correspondence, Mar 1958-Jul 1959
7 File(C12): General correspondence, Jul 1959-Nov 1960

Box 65 SPNR General Correspondence Files
2 File(C14): General correspondence, Mar 1962-Jan 1963
3 File(C15): General correspondence, Jan-Oct 1963
4 File(C16): General correspondence, Oct 1963-May 1964

Box 66 Papers relating to the SPNR collected by Captain C Diver and deposited by Mrs E J Diver with the Society in 1975

The following files contain mainly minutes of the Council and Executive Committees, handbooks, annual reports and financial statements, but also include some correspondence

1 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1943-1947
2 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1947-1949
3 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1950-1951
4 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1952
5 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1953
6 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1954
7 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1955
8 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1956

Box 67 Papers relating to the SPNR collected by Captain C Diver and deposited by Mrs E J Diver with the Society in 1975

1 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1957
This file contains mainly minutes of the Council and Executive Committee, printed matter and some correspondence
2 File: Correspondence regarding the sale of Colonel Duffield's land near Wye, Kent, 1959-1960
3 File: Papers of Captain C Diver, 1962-1967
This file contains mainly minutes of the Council and Executive Committee, printed matter and some correspondence
4 File: Woodwalton Fen Advisory Committee minutes, 1960-1965
5 File: Reserves and Reserves Committee
This file contains reports on reserves, such as Blackmoor Copse; minutes of Reserves Committees; minutes of local committees of management; correspondence concerning the Herbert Smith memorial

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6 File: Regional Liaison Trusts Committee
This file includes reports etc on the reorganisation of Council and committees and proposals for changes in constitution, 1958-1959
7 File: Blackmoor Copse, 1955-1958; and further material relating to the reorganisation of the Society, 1959
8 File: Executive Committee minutes, 1957-1958
9 File: Blackmoor Copse reports and Reserves Committee annual reports, 1959

Box 68 Blackmoor Copse, Bentley Woods (Wilts)
The following files contain material relating to the general administration and management of the reserve. They include management committee minutes, secretaries reports and papers relating to the acquisition of the reserve, the leasing of sporting rights, a vegetation and other surveys, and a proposed lease to the Wiltshire Trust

3 File(3): Blackmoor Copse, Mar 1958-Jul 1959
6 File(6): Blackmoor Copse, Mar-Aug 1963
7 File: Management report on Blackmoor Copse by Captain C Diver and comments and letters in response to it, Jan-Feb 1950
8 File: Blackmoor Copse, Various papers including minutes of local committee of management, circulars concerning the copse; vegetational survey and suggested management prepared by J H Hemsley and G A Robert; Management Plan: observations by C Diver; various secretaries reports

Box 69 Buckfastleigh Caves (Devon)
The following files contain correspondence, reports etc relating to the general administration and management of the caves. They include papers concerning the possible extension of a nearby quarry, a proposal by the Nature Conservancy to designate the area as an SSSI, and the proposed leases of property to the Devon Naturalists' Trust and the Wm Pengelly Cave Studies Trust

Box 70  
Coward Memorial Reserves (Cotterill Clough, Bollin Valley, Cheshire and Marbury Mere, near Northwich, Cheshire vested in trusteeship of SPNR)

The following files contain correspondence, reports etc relating to the general administration and management of the reserves. They include papers concerning the organisation of the appeal for money to purchase the reserves in memory of T A Coward; the threats to Marbury Mere from a proposed bombing range and to Cotterill Clough from developments at Ringway Airport, and the problems at Marbury Mere as a result of a burst in a nearby oil pipeline.

2. File(2): Coward Memorial Reserves, May 1937-Apr 1939
3. File(3): Coward Memorial Reserves, Oct 1939-May 1946
5. File(5): Coward Memorial Reserves, Mar 1956-Mar 1957

NB For subsequent files consult the Cheshire Naturalists Trust files, (AVT5) to which the reserves were leased.

Box 71  
Dancers End Nature Reserve

The following files contain correspondence etc relating to the general administration and management of the woodland which was given to the Society by the Rothschilds. They include papers concerning such matters as wardening, visits, the leasing of land to the Forestry Commission, a grazing and mowing experiment, a badger survey, and the possible leasing of the reserve to the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists Trust (BBONF).

2. File(2): Dancers End Nature Reserve, Jul 1941-Sep 1944

Box 72  
Welcombe Mouth Nature Reserve (Devon)

The following files contain correspondence, reports etc relating to the general administration and management of the reserve. They include papers concerning the purchase of lands by C Cadbury and his presentation of it to the Society; the covenanting of the land to the National Trust, and the lease of property to the Devon Naturalists' Trust.


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File: The Welcombe Mouth dispute, Sep 1967–Sep 1968
This file relates to the SPNR's closure of cliff top car park and provision of new one, narrowing of approach road and filling in of passing places. The dispute was resolved in an agreement with the authorities by which the Society reinstated the car park.

Box 73 Wicken Pen (Cambs) and Coas Goch (Anglesey)


The above files include reports and accounts of the local management committee; and correspondence with the National Trust (which owns the reserve) concerning financial contributions from the Society.

3 File: Coas Goch, Anglesey, May 1962–Sep 1963
This file includes material relating to the purchase of the property by the SPNR.

Box 74 Woodwalton Pen Nature Reserve (Hunts)

1 File(9): Woodwalton Pen Nature Reserve, Jul 1953–Apr 1955


The above files contain material relating to the general administration and management of the reserve.

This file includes minutes, reports etc of the Committee and reports relating to the proposed lease of the Pen to the Nature Conservancy.


Box 75 Nature Conservancy


Box 76  Nature Conservancy

3  File: Nature Conservancy, Biological Services, 1948-1951
4  File: Nature Conservancy Entomological Liaison Committee, Mar 1960-Nov 1968
5  File: Nature Conservancy and Naturalists Trusts Liaison Committee, Jan 1965-Jul 1972

Box 77  Nature Conservancy
(Alford office files)

2  File(no 3132): Naturalist Trusts Committee/Nature Conservancy Liaison Committee, Jan 1964-Sep 1967
4  File (unnumbered): Wildlife Conservation Committee of the Nature Conservancy, Aug-Sep 1967

Box 78  Nature Conservancy

Various publications of the Nature Conservancy, including Nature Conservation News, vol 1 no 8 - vol 3 no 1, May 1951-Jan 1953, Access and Library Bulletins, Bibliography Series

Box 79  National Trust

1  File(1): National Trust, Sep 1939-Nov 1962

Box 80  Council for Nature

1  File: 1st Working Party Meeting, 5 Dec 1957
2  File: 2nd Working Party Meeting, 17 Dec 1957
4  File: 4th Working Party Meeting, Jan 1958
5  File: 5th Working Party Meeting, Jan-Dec 1958
These files contain minutes, papers, correspondence etc relating to the setting up of Council for Nature
6  File: Circular letters to proposed constituent bodies etc, and some correspondence, Dec 1957
7  Files: Spare copies of working papers pre 1958 meeting
8  File: Inaugural meeting of the Council for Nature, 19 Feb 1958, including notes, agenda, minutes, annotated papers, constitution etc

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1. **File(1):** RSPB Liaison Committee, May 1965- Dec 1966
2. **File(2):** RSPB Liaison Committee, Feb 1967- Dec 1971

**Box 88** Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

(Alford office files)

1. **File(no 371):** RSPB general correspondence, Mar 1950- Nov 1967
2. **File(no 3721):** RSPB Council, Apr 1965- Dec 1967
3. **File(no 3722):** RSPB Council circulars, 1965-1967

**Box 89** Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

(Alford office files)

1. **File(no 3723):** RSPB Watchers Committee, May 1963- Sep 1967
2. **File(no 3724):** RSPB Education and Publicity Committee, Sep 1963- Nov 1967
3. **File(no 373):** RSPB Press Bulletins, May 1964- Dec 1967
4. **File(no 374):** RSPB Reserve Bulletins, Feb 1965- Aug 1967
5. **File(no 375):** RSPB publications, including YOC Newsletter and other leaflets, catalogues, programmes etc, 1966-1967

**Box 90** World Wildlife Fund

(A loan fund set up by the SPNR with the assistance of the Nuffield Trustees to help County Naturalists Trusts to acquire property of scientific interest)

1. **File(1):** World Wildlife Fund, Feb 1962- Feb 1963
2. **File(2):** World Wildlife Fund, Feb 1963- Dec 1964

**Box 91** World Wildlife Fund

1. **File:** World Wildlife Fund Committee papers, 1961-1965
2. **File:** World Wildlife publicity material, and publications, cuttings etc
3. **File:** World Wildlife Newsletters and Bulletins

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4. **File(no 173):** World Wildlife Fund correspondence, Feb 1964- Apr 1967

**Box 92**

1. **File:** Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland, 1948-1968
2. **File:** British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1953-1967
3. **File:** Brighton Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science Sep 1948, Jun-Sep 1948
5 File: British Ecological Society: proposed joint meeting, 1949
6 File: British Trust for Ornithology, Jul 1953-Jun 1957

Box 93
1 File: Comité National de la Protection de la Nature dans les Territoires de la France d'Outre-Mer, Feb-Jun 1940
2 File: Council for British Archaeology, Oct-Nov 1944
3 File: Council of Europe, May 1961-Oct 1968

Box 94
Councils for the Preservation of Rural England and Wales
1 File: Council for the Preservation of Rural England, Jan 1953-Dec 1959
2 File: Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales, 1948-1967
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Box 95
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1 File: Council for the Promotion of Field Studies/Field Studies Council, Dec 1943-Feb 1953
2 File: Field Studies Council, Aug 1954-Feb 1968

Box 96
1 File: Inland Waterways Association, Aug-Nov 1946
2 File: International Committee for Bird Preservation (British Section), 1950
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6 File: International Ornithological Congress, Jun 1950

Box 97
International Union for the Protection/Conservation of Nature
5 File: IUPN Nomenclature Committee, Jun-Oct 1951
6 File: Nomenclature notes, 1933-1948
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2. File: League for the Protection of Nature in Portugal, Feb-Apr 1949
3. File: National Forest Parks Advisory Committee (of Forestry Commission), May 1938-Jul 1939

Box 99 Standing Committee on National Parks

3. File(3): Standing Committee on National Parks, 1953

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3. File: Zoological Society of Scotland, Jan 1938

Box 101 (Alford office files)

1. File(no 32): Forestry Commission, Jan 1963-Sep 1967

Box 102 (Alford office files)

3. File(no 413): British Trust for Ornithology, 1956-1966
Box 103 Affiliations and Conferences and Representation of the SPNR on Special Committees

These files include such material as programmes, printed material, circular letters, correspondence relating to the sending of delegates and representatives to conferences, committees, etc; reports of delegates, cuttings relating to conferences etc.

The conferences, committees etc for which material has survived include the International Congress for the Protection of Nature, the International Committee for Bird Preservation (British Section), the Council for the Preservation of Rural England Conferences, the National Conference for the Preservation of the Countryside (1929), the Standing Committee on National Parks, and Association of British Zoologists

1 File(1): Affiliations and Conferences and SPNR representation on special committees, 1929-1930
2 File(2): Affiliations and Conferences and SPNR representation on special committees, 1931-1935
3 File(3): Affiliations and Conferences and SPNR representation on special committees, 1936-1937
4 File(4): Affiliations and Conferences and SPNR representation on special committees, 1937-1938

Box 104 SPNR Charter

1 File containing early correspondence relating to the petition for Charter, 1915-1916
2 Printed copy of petition
3 Charter of Incorporation, 20 Sep 1916
4 Charter of Incorporation signed by the President, Hon Treasurer, Members of the Council and Hon Secretary and certified by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, 15 Oct 1929
5 Advertising leaflets and stationery
6 File(1): Correspondence relating to the amending of the SPNR Charter, Oct 1965-Dec 1966
7 File(2): Correspondence relating to the amending of the SPNR Charter, Jan 1967-Dec 1968
8 File(3): Correspondence relating to the amending of the SPNR Charter, Dec 1969-Jan 1970

Box 105 Membership Files

1 File: Membership, Feb 1916-Jul 1939 (containing mainly application forms)
2 File(1): Membership, Jun 1939-May 1942
3 File(2): Membership, May 1942-Jun 1943
4 Associates recommendation forms, May 1928-Jun 1939

Box 106 Membership Files

1 File(3): Membership, Jun 1943-May 1945

These files contain enquiries concerning membership, application forms etc from both individuals and corporate bodies.

Box 107 SPNR General Correspondence Files

1 File(17): General correspondence, May 1964-Mar 1965
2 File(18): General correspondence, Apr-Dec 1965
3 File(19): General correspondence, Jan-Jun 1966
6 File(22): General correspondence, Mar-Dec 1968
7 File(23): General correspondence, Jan 1969-Dec 1970
8 File(24): General correspondence, Jan 1971-Dec 1972

These files contain general enquiries relating to membership, requests for publications, enquiries concerning employment on nature reserves, wardening etc; particulars and publications of other bodies.

Box 108 Membership and Reserve Returns of the County Naturalists Trusts


File: Correspondence with the Trusts concerning the above

File: Various manuscript and typed lists of membership and reserves, and classification lists of reserves etc
Box 109
1 File: Officers and Committees, Jan 1961-Apr 1969
   This file includes correspondence concerning membership
   of Committees, attendance, election and appointment of
   officers etc
2 File: Council agenda, minutes, papers etc, 1958-1972
3 File: Executive Committee agenda, minutes, papers etc, Feb 1966-Dec 1969
4 File: Executive Committee agenda, minutes, papers etc, Feb 1970-Dec 1972
5 File: Reports circulated with Executive Committee
   minutes, 1957-1968

Box 110
These following files contain minutes, agenda, papers etc, and
other correspondence

1 File: Future Policy Subcommittee, Jan 1956-
       Mar 1958
2 File: Reserves Policy Subcommittee, Jan 1953-
       Aug 1958
   These Subcommittees were appointed to consider the
   reorganisation of the Council and its committees
3 File: Regional Liaison Committee, Apr 1958-Feb
       1960
4 File: Reserves Committee, Apr 1959-Jan 1963
5 File: Finance and General Purposes Committee,
       Nov 1971-Nov 1972

Box 111
The following files contain minutes, agenda, papers etc, and
some correspondence

1 File: Conservation Liaison Committee, Jan 1967-Sep
       1970
2 File: Conservation Liaison Committee, Jan 1971-Jan
       1973
3 File: CNT Publicity Committee, Oct 1967-Feb 1973
   This Committee began as an Advisory Group on Administration
   and Publications but in Mar 1970 it was set up as a full
   Committee of the Society

Box 112  County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee Files

The following County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee files contain
minutes, agenda, papers etc and some correspondence

1 File(1): Regional Liaison Committee, Jun 1957-
           Dec 1958
2 File(2): Regional Liaison Committee, Jan-Dec 1959
3 File(3): County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee,
           Jan 1960-Jan 1962
4 File(4): County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee,
           Jan-Sep 1962
Box 113 County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee Files
2 File(6): County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee, Apr 1964-Feb 1965
3 File(7): County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee, Mar-Oct 1965

Box 114 County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee Files
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Box 115 County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee Files
1 File(10): County Naturalists' Trusts' Committee, Jan 1968-Dec 1969

Box 116 Committee for the Conservation of the Large Blue Butterfly
1 File(1): Committee for the Conservation of the Large Blue Butterfly, Dec 1962-Dec 1965
2 File(2): Committee for the Conservation of the Large Blue Butterfly, Mar 1966-Dec 1967
3 File: Treasurer's correspondence relating to this Committee, May 1965-Nov 1968

Box 117 Committee for the Conservation of the Large Blue Butterfly
1 File(3): Committee for the Conservation of the Large Blue Butterfly, Feb 1968-Nov 1970
2 File(4): Committee for the Conservation of the Large Blue Butterfly, Jan 1971-Mar 1973

Box 118 'President's Files'
The following files contain the President's correspondence with the various members of the Council
1 File(1): President's correspondence, Jan-Dec 1963
2 File(2): President's correspondence, Jan 1964-Feb 1965
3 File(3): President's correspondence, Feb 1965-Apr 1966
4 File(4): President's correspondence, Apr 1966-Dec 1969
5 File(5): President's correspondence, Jan 1970-Apr 1973

Box 119 County Naturalists' Trusts' Conferences
The following County Naturalists' Trusts' Conference files contain correspondence concerning programmes, excursions, accommodation etc
1 File: 1st County Naturalists' Trusts' Conference, Skegness, May 1960
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2 File: Arthop Bog (Merioneth), Jun 1955-May 1956
3 File: Screech Owl, Bridgewater, Feb-Jun 1957
4 File: The Chains and Hoar Oak Valley, Exmoor, Jun-Dec 1959
5 File: Dallington Forest (Sussex), Jun 1960-Jun 1961
6 File: Great Breach Wood (Somerset), Sep 1956-May 1957
7 File: Greenhill Wood, Otford, Jun 1955-May 1956
8 File: Halton, near Wendover, Apr-Jul 1956
9 File: Hart Dene, Crimdon Dene and Blackhall Rocks (Durham), Nov 1954-Feb 1957
10 File: Knap Wood (Kent), Jul 1956-Nov 1957
11 File: Langstone Harbour and Farlington Marshes (Hants), Aug-Oct 1957
12 File: Penrhos Lligwy (Anglesey), Jul 1961-Feb 1962
13 File: Pentre Ewysh Hall, Wrexham (Denbigh), Mar 1957-Mar 1958
14 File: Porlock Marsh (Somerset), Jan 1955-Dec 1960
15 File: Ringstead Down, Nunstanton, (Norfolk), Oct-Dec 1959
16 File: Shropshire Union Canal, near Welshpool (Montgomery), Sep 1956-Nov 1960
17 File: Whitbarrow Scar (Westm), Aug 1955-Apr 1956

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1 File: Chillingham Cattle, Nov 1939-May 1940
This file contains material relating to appeals for financial assistance from the Chillingham Wild Cattle Association Ltd
2 File: Galapagos Islands Committee (of the British Association for the Advancement of Science), Dec 1935-Jun 1937
3 File: Galapagos Islands Committee (of the British Association for the Advancement of Science), Dec 1935-Jun 1939
This Committee (of which Herbert Smith was President) was concerned with the protection of the fauna of the island
4 File: Grants, Jun 1937-Jun 1939
This file contains material relating to the giving of donations, subscriptions etc by the Society to various projects and organisations
5 File: Kite Preservation Fund, 1939-1968
This file includes reports of the Committee (constituted by the SPNR, RSPB, CPRW, the Cardiff Naturalists' Society, the West Wales Field Society and the Montgomery Field Society); and material relating to the Society's contribution to the fund
6 File: National Forest Parks, Jul-Aug 1939
This file contains material relating to the opening of the Forest of Dean
7 File: Pink-footed goose, Mar-Apr 1940
The above files contain material relating to the offer of the wood to SPNR and its refusal of it and resulting legal proceedings.

This file is concerned with the protection of the cottage of William Smith.

The Island was given into the trust of SPNR by ICBP.

The Trust was founded in Dec 1962 to support the establishment of Dartmoor National Park by constructing a field studies centre and managing this and nature reserve in which it was situated. The file includes newsletters, publications, minutes and correspondence with SPNR relating to the possible purchase of Higher Kiln Quarry, Buckfastleigh.

This file is concerned with the proposed reservoir at Cow Green.

Toxic chemicals, containing papers, publications, research reports of committees (especially of the Nature Conservancy), circulars etc, concerning their effect on wildlife, c 1959-1964.


Oil pollution, containing reports and cuttings, 1961-1966.

Oil pollution; Torrey Canyon, 1967-1968.
Box 130
(Alford office files)
1. File(no 54): Caravan sites, 1962

Box 131
(Alford office files)
1. File(no 64): Disused railways, 1962-1964
6. File: Roadside verges, 1966
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Box 132
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1. File(P/5/1): Sales brochure, Mar 1971-Sep 1974
2. File(P/6): Conserve this heritage poster, May 1968-Dec 1970
6. File(P/12): Habitat, Dec 1968-Dec 1975
7. File(P/16): European Conservation Year, 1970

Box 133
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Box 134 Wild Plant Protection Working Party

1 File: Correspondence etc with the various European Embassies in London concerning the law in each country relating to the protection of wild flowers and plants, Jan-Apr 1964
Also includes the relevant legislation, printed material, posters etc

2 File: Correspondence with various Canadian provincial departments of agriculture, relating to their law for the protection of wild plants and flowers, Mar-May 1964
Also includes the relevant legislation, printed material etc

3 File: Correspondence with various USA State Departments of Agriculture etc relating to their law for the protection of wild plants and flowers, Mar-Apr 1964
Also includes the relevant legislation, printed material, posters etc

4 File: Correspondence with Australia and New Zealand in connection with their law for the protection of wild plants and flowers, Mar-Apr 1964
Also includes the relevant legislation, printed material etc

Box 135 Conservation Liaison Committee research into foreign legislation relevant to wildlife protection*

1 File: General circular letters, uncompleted correspondence etc, Jul-Nov 1970

2 File: Information on, and legislation relating to wildlife protection in English, for France, Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Japan, South Africa, 1970-1971

3 File: Information on and legislation relating to wildlife protection in foreign languages for Romania, Brazil, USSR, Austria and Switzerland, 1970

4 File: Information on and legislation relating to wildlife protection for Italy in Italian, Jul-Oct 1970

5 File: Information on and legislation relating to Belgium, in French, Oct 1970

* This Committee consists of representatives of all national organisations with an interest in wildlife protection. The research was conducted in order to draft a comprehensive Wildlife Protection Bill.
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This conference was concerned with the UK delegation to the Brunnen and Fontainbleau Conferences.

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| Box 138 | International Conference for the Protection of Nature, Brunnen 1947 |

Papers, reports and associated material relating to the International Conference for Protection of Nature, Jun-Jul 1947, Brunnen

* An informal conference was held in July 1946 at Basle. As a result of discussion a further conference was held in Brunnen in 1947 to consider the institution of a new International organisation for the Protection of Nature. At a third conference in Fontainbleau in 1948, the IUPN was formally set up
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1  File:  5th IUPN General Assembly, 20-28 Jun 1956, Edinburgh
      Organising Committee minutes and agenda, Dec 1954-Mar 1956

2  File:  General correspondence, Feb 1955-May 1956

3  File:  Correspondence concerned with the publication
        of the proceedings, Sep 1956-Oct 1960

4  File:  Papers relating to the 5th IUPN General
        Assembly

Box 146  Conference and Working Party on British Mammalian Predators

1  File:  Conference and Working Party on British
        Mammalian Predators, Feb 1965-Nov 1966
        This conference was sponsored by the Council for Nature,
        Fauna Preservation Society and SPNR, Mar 1965. The file
        contains correspondence concerning the administrative
        arrangements and organisation of the programme; reports
        by various landowning, conservation, hunting and other
        sporting organisations; and correspondence etc relating
        to booklet prepared by the subsequent working party on the
        Control of Mammalian Predators

Box 147  Countryside in 1970 Conferences

1  Countryside in 1970 : 1963 Conference papers and reports

2  Countryside in 1970 : 1965 Conference papers and reports

Box 148  Countryside in 1970 Conferences

1  File:  Papers, reports, bulletins, newsletters,
        correspondence etc relating to the
        Countryside in 1970 Conferences and Study
        Groups, Aug 1963-Nov 1965

Box 149  Countryside in 1970 Conferences
        (Alford office files)

1  File(no 3161): Countryside in 1970 1st Conference, chiefly
        comprising papers and press releases, although also including some correspondence, 1963

2  File(no 3162): Countryside in 1970 2nd Conference, chiefly
        comprising papers and press releases, although also including some correspondence, 1965

Box 150  (Alford office files)

        Oct 1970; correspondence, reports, papers etc

2  File(no O/8/1): Voluntary bodies Working Party, Jul 1967-
        Nov 1969
Box 151  
(Alford office files)

1. File(no 0/8/2): Council for Environmental Education,  
2. File(no 0/8/3): County Councils Countryside Award Schemes  
   applications, Apr–Sep 1970

Box 152

Duplicate Council and Executive Committee Minutes,  
Nov 1959–Nov 1948

Box 153

1. File: Early agenda lists, 1918–1933
2. File: Council and Executive Committee minutes,  
   1912–1951
3. File: Council and Executive Committee minutes,  
   1912–1950

Box 154

1. File: N D Riley's Council and Executive minutes,  
   agenda, papers etc, together with some  
   correspondence concerning meetings etc,  
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2. File: N D Riley's Council and Executive minutes,  
   agenda, papers etc, Mar 1948–Jun 1953

Box 155

1. File: General Meeting of SPNR, 20 Oct 1943 on  
   'Safeguarding the Countryside', Mar–Dec  
   1947
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   Zoological Society of London, Regents Park,  
   on Mar 11 Jul 1955, in honour of the IUPN  
   Executive Board, Jun–Jul 1955
3. File: Correspondence relating to the SPNR Annual  
   tea party and film, 1968–1972

Box 156

1. File: Regional Liaison Committee, 1958–1959
2. File: General correspondence with various societies,  
   1954–1956
3. File: General correspondence with various societies,  
   1958–1960
4. File: Correspondence with the Council, 1958–1959
5. Envelope of Trust leaflets

Box 157

1. NRIC working papers and returns, reports, notices of meetings  
   etc, c 1942–1944
   by a Committee and approved by the Council of the British  
   Ecological Society, Oct 1943

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Scottish Council for National Parks, correspondence, minutes, agenda, reports, 1942-1946

A Wildlife Authority for Great Britain, a proposal put forward by the Universities' Federation for Animal Welfare, Sep 1943

Other miscellaneous material on lectures, exhibitions, etc, 1940s and 1950s

Box 158

70 sheet maps of England and Wales, showing position of National Reserves as recommended in 'Conservation of Nature in England and Wales' (Cmd 7122, 1947), total of 74 nature reserves.

42 Geological monuments are also recorded from 'National Geological Reserves in England and Wales' and 'National Nature Reserves and Conservation Areas in England and Wales' SPNR Memoranda 5 and 6, 1945

Box 159

NRIC Subcommittee Reports

Loose copies of NRIC Subcommittee reports (duplicated), 1943-1944

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NRIC Subcommittee Maps and Reports

1. Loose copies of NRIC Subcommittee reports (duplicated), 1943-1944
2. Envelope of Essex maps and Mr Tutts notes
3. Envelope of Sussex maps to accompany the NRIC Subcommittee report

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5. File: Film, 1965-1966

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Press cuttings

V County Naturalists Trust Files

(The asterisks against some of the general correspondence files below have been used to differentiate between the two sets of files arising from the two distinct offices of the Society. Those marked with an asterisk are the files of the British Museum office, and the unmarked ones are those of the Alford office.)

T1 Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Jun 1959-Nov 1972*
2 File: General correspondence, Sep 1960-Dec 1973
3 File: Property purchases, May 1972-Nov 1976

T2 Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Nov 1959-Oct 1972*
2 File: General correspondence, Nov 1959-Dec 1973

T3 Brecknock Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Dec 1965-Jun 1969*
2 File: General correspondence, Jul 1965-Jun 1973

T4 Cambridgeshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, May 1958-Jan 1973*
2 File: General correspondence, Mar 1956-Jun 1976
3 File: Property purchases, Jan 1960-Jun 1976

T5 Cheshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Oct 1962-Jan 1969*
2 File: General correspondence, Jun 1962-Nov 1973
3 File(5): Coward Memorial Reserves, Apr 1962-Jan 1965
   The above file includes material relating to leasing of the property to the Cheshire Naturalists Trust by the Society; correspondence concerning proposed extensions of Ringway Airport; and compulsory purchase for road diversion

T6 Cornwall Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Nov 1963-May 1971*
2 File: General correspondence, Jun 1961-Mar 1973

T7 Cumbria Naturalists Trust (formerly Lake District Naturalists Trust)
1 File: General correspondence, Jan 1962-Nov 1972*
2 File: General correspondence, Apr 1962-Nov 1973

T8 Derbyshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Jun 1963-Jun 1973

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These files also include material relating to the conservation of the Large Blue Butterfly.
T20 Lancashire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, May 1964–Nov 1971*
3 File: Property purchases, Mar 1972

T21 Leicestershire and Rutland Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Nov 1955–Jul 1970*
2 File: General correspondence, Nov 1955–Dec 1973

T22 Lincolnshire Naturalists Trust
1 File(1): General correspondence, Jun 1947–May 1956*
2 File(2): General correspondence, May 1956–Dec 1964*
3 File(3): General correspondence, Jan 1965–Mar 1972*
4 File: General correspondence, Jan 1965–Dec 1973

T23 Norfolk Naturalists Trust
1 File(1): General correspondence, May 1942–Apr 1965*
2 File(2): General correspondence, Apr 1965–Apr 1972*
3 File: General correspondence, Mar 1965–Dec 1973

T24 Northampton Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Aug 1964–Apr 1972*
2 File: Ashton Wold, Aug 1940–Apr 1943*
3 File: General correspondence, Aug 1963–Dec 1973

T25 Northumbria Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Jul 1962–Jul 1972*

T26 North Wales Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Sep 1963–Jun 1971*
2 File: General correspondence, Aug 1963–Dec 1973

T27 Nottingham Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Dec 1965–Mar 1967*

T28 Shropshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Aug 1964–Apr 1965*
2 File: General correspondence, Mar 1962–Dec 1973
3 File: Property purchases, Jun 1971–Sep 1972

T29 Somerset Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Nov 1962–Feb 1969*
2 File: General correspondence, Feb 1964–Nov 1975
T30 Staffordshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Mar 1970-Feb 1972*
2 File: General correspondence, Nov 1968-Dec 1973
3 File: Property purchases, Sep 1969-Mar 1977

T31 Suffolk Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, May 1963-Jul 1970*
2 File: General correspondence, May 1965-Dec 1973
3 File: Property purchases, Feb 1972-Jun 1977

T32 Surrey Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Apr 1959-Dec 1965*
2 File: General correspondence, Jun 1966-Apr 1972*
3 File: General correspondence, Apr-Dec 1973

T33 Sussex Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Oct 1963-Apr 1972*
2 File: General correspondence, Apr 1961-Dec 1973

T34 Warwickshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, May 1958-Jan 1966*
2 File: General correspondence, Oct 1961-Dec 1968
3 File: General correspondence, Apr-Dec 1973
4 File: Property purchases, Feb 1974-Dec 1975

T35 West Wales Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Dec 1947-Jun 1971*
This includes material when it was the West Wales Field Society
2 File: General correspondence, Jun 1968-Dec 1973
3 File: Property purchases, Mar 1972-May 1976

T36 Wiltshire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Aug 1963-Jul 1969*
2 File: General correspondence, Nov 1961-Dec 1973

T37 Worcestershire Naturalists Trust
1 File: General correspondence, Feb 1966-Sep 1972*
2 File: General correspondence, Feb 1968-Dec 1973

T38 Yorkshire Naturalists Trust
1 File(1): General correspondence, Aug 1946-Dec 1961*
2 File(2): General correspondence, Jun 1962-Nov 1972*
3 File: General correspondence, Aug 1957-Dec 1973

T39 Scottish Wildlife Trust
1 File: General correspondence, May 1965-Sep 1972*
2 File: General correspondence, Jun 1962-Dec 1973
3 File: Property purchases, Sep 1972-Nov 1975

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VI Early Miscellaneous Correspondence

1 Envelopes of correspondence, divided alphabetically according to author, received by the Hon Secretaries of the SPNR, c 1913–1915.
These chiefly contain letters relating to invitations to join the Society and correspondence concerning dates of and attendance at meetings of the Council. However, other material is also included.

2 Envelopes containing lists of members in the order in which they were enrolled together with their addresses, Jan 1913–Jun 1914.

Completed questionnaires and associated material arising as a result
of a survey conducted by SPNR of areas 'worthy of protection' for
possible nature reserves, c. 1912-1916

The layout of the questionnaire is as follows:

Name of Place
District and County where area is situated
Name and address of society or person giving information

A Is the suggested area worthy of permanent preservation as
   1 A piece of typical primeval country
   2 A breeding place of one or more scarce creatures
   3 A locality for one or more scarce plants
   4 Showing some section or feature of special geological interest

B Is the place recommended primarily for birds, insects or plants
   1 To whom does it belong
   2 Would the owner be willing to sell, or could the area be leased
   3 Could you get local financial aid should it be considered
desirable to acquire the area
   4 Is the place or site locally popular as a pleasure resort

In addition to the completed questionnaires relating to potential
nature reserves, other material has been retained including correspondence,
maps (usually annotated to indicate the boundaries of the area proposed),
cuttings and printed material

1 Bricket Wood and Common, Herts
   Registration form; correspondence, 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number
   239; Field Path map of Watford District, prepared by Watford Field
   Path Association (revised 1913)

2 Benfleet Creek and Saltings, Canvey Island, Essex
   Registration form; correspondence, Mar-May 1913; 1" OS map, sheet
   number 258; 6" OS map, sheet number 76SE

3 Devils Kneading Trough, Wye, Kent
   Registration form; correspondence, Nov 1913; 1" OS map, sheet
   number 289; 6" OS map, sheet number 65NE

4 Chippenham Fen, Cambs
   Registration form; correspondence, Jan-Feb 1913; 1" OS map, sheet
   number 188

5 One of the Coombs between Bude and Boscastle, Cornwall, and cliffs
   around Crackington
   Registration forms; 1" OS map, sheet number 322

6 Aldbury Howers, Rifle Range, Tring
   Registration form; correspondence, Mar-May 1913, Apr 1915; 1"
   OS map, sheet number 235

7 Meathop Moss, Witherslack, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs
   Correspondence, Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 49; 6" OS map,
   sheet number 42SW

8 Sutton Bog and Heath, near Wansford, Northampton
   Registration forms; correspondence, Feb 1913; 1" OS map, sheet
   number 157
9 Helpstone Heath, near Peterborough
Registration form; correspondence, Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 157; 6" OS map, sheet number 8NW

10 Saltee Islands, Wexford
Registration form; correspondence, Apr 1914; 1" OS map, sheet number 51; 6" OS map, sheet number 51A and 51B

11 Steepholm Island, Bristol Channel
Registration form; correspondence, Jan–Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 279; "Excursion of Cardiff Naturalist Society to Steepholm Island, May 29, 1883 by T H Thomas, with a description of the flora of the Island by John Storrie" (1884). Printed

12 Wye Forest
Registration form; correspondence, Dec 1912–Apr 1913; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 167 (Dudley) and 182 (Droitwich)

13 Hengistbury Head, Christchurch, Hants
Registration form; correspondence, Dec 1912; 1" OS map, sheet number 329 (Bournemouth)

14 Hornsea Mere, Yorks
Registration form; correspondence, Jan 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 73 (Hornsea)

15 Askham Bog, near York
Apparentely no surviving material

16 Spurn Point, Yorks
Registration form; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 81 and 82 (Patrington)

17 Lawkland Moss, Ingleborough Hill, Yorks
Registration form; correspondence, Dec 1912–Feb 1916; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 50 (Settle) and 68 (Clitheroe)

18 Middleton Rigg, Lune Valley, Yorks
Registration form; notes, 1915; 1" OS map, sheet number 40 (Kirkby Stephen)

19 Sheepleas, Horsley, Surrey
Registration form; notes; 1" OS map, sheet number 285 (Aldershot)

20 Wasteland, East of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight
Registration form; notes; 1" OS map, sheet number 330 (Lymington)

21 Dartmoor
Registration form; correspondence, Dec 1912–Feb 1913; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 324 (Okehampton), 339 (Dartmoor Forest)

22 Worms Head
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 246 (Worms Head); 1" OS map, large sheet series, 101

23 Dungeness, South Kent
Registration forms; correspondence, Dec 1912–Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 321 (Dungeness); notes 1912

24 Coomb South of Hartland Quay, North West Devon and Cornwall
Apparentely no surviving material
Woolpack and other Fleets, north of Dungeness
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 205; 6" OS map, sheet number, Kent 83NE

The Ray, Mersea, Essex and Hall March
Registration form; correspondence, Mar-Nov 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 242 (Brightlinsea); 6" OS map, sheet number Essex 46NE

New Forest
Registration form; correspondence Dec 1912-Feb 1913, May 1916; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 330 (Lymington), 329 (Bournemouth), 315 (Southampton)

Gorsedene, Frensham
Registration form; correspondence, Feb-May 1915

Rock Abbey, near Rotherham, South Yorks
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 100 (Sheffield)

A Maltby Woods, Yorks
B Maltby Common, Yorks
Registration forms; 1" OS map, sheet number 100 (Sheffield); 6" OS map, sheet number Yorks WR 290 SE

Abbey Moss, Cheshire
Registration form; correspondence, Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 109 (Chester); photograph

Upper Teesdale
Correspondence, Feb and May 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 31 (Brough); Report of the Council of the Natural History Society of Northumberland, Durham and Newcastle-upon-Tyne intended to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society, 29 Oct 1912 (Printed)

Bardrain Glen and Marshes around Hartfield Common and Caphan Dam, Renfrew, Scotland
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 30 (Glasgow); 6" OS map, sheet number Renfrew 3SE

Crundale Downs, near Chilham, Kent
Registration form; correspondence, Feb-Mar 1913 (includes sketch); 1" OS map, sheet number 289 (Canterbury); 6" OS map, sheet number Kent 55SE

Puffin Island, Anglesey
Registration form; correspondence, Feb-Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 94 (Beaumaris)

National Park for Scotland
Correspondence, Dec 1912-Jan 1913

Llandudno Sand Hills, Caernarvon
Registration form; correspondence, Apr 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 94 (Beaumaris)

Area near Aldeburgh, Suffolk
A Sudbourne Beach
B Orford Beach
C Kings Marshes
D Lantern Marshes
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 208 (Woodbridge); small map (Ward and Lock and Co Ltd) 1", much annotated
39 Maidstone, Kent
Registration form; correspondence, Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 288 (Maidstone)

40 A Freshfield, Lancs
B Simmons Wood Moss, Lancs
C Sandhills at Wallasey, Cheshire
Correspondence, Apr 1913, Mar 1915, Aug 1916; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 83 and 84 (Wigan), 96 (Liverpool)

41 Whitecliff Bay, Bembridge, Isle of Wight
Registration form; correspondence, Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 331 (Portsmouth)

42 Dovedale, South West Derbys
Registration form; correspondence, Mar 1913, Jul 1916; 1" OS map, sheet number 124 (Ashbourne); press cuttings; photographs and postcard

43 Gull Rock, East of Falmouth, Cornwall
Registration form; correspondence, Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 353 (Megagissey)

44 Part of the north coast of Cornwall
Correspondence, Mar and May 1913

45 Abbots Moor, near Polegate Junction, Sussex
Registration form

46 Barton Hills, Beds
Registration forms; correspondence, Mar-Apr 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 220 (Leighton Buzzard); 6" OS map, sheet number Beds 26SW

47 A Ballard Down and Cliff
B Studland sand dunes and Littlesea
C Morden Decoy
D Branksea Island
1" OS map, sheet number 343 (Swanage)

48 A Askham Bog, Yorks NR
B Thorne Moor, Yorks NR
C Hatfield Chase, Yorks NR
D Askern Bog, Yorks NR
Registration forms; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 79 (Goole), 88 (Doncaster), 71 (Selby)

49 A Burnham and Berrow, Somerset
1" OS map, sheet number 279 (Weston-super-Mare); registration form; correspondence, May-Jun 1912
B Pittwood, Harborne, Birmingham
Registration form; correspondence, Apr 1913, Jul 1915; 1" OS map, sheet number 168 (Birmingham); 6" OS map, sheet number Warwicks 135W; printed details of book by H S Thompson (who returned registration form) Alpine Plants of Europe with Cultural Hints

50 Synchant Pass, Conway, Wales
Sketch map; 1" OS map, sheet number 94; 6" OS map, sheet number 4 NE and W
51 Tregaron Bay, Cardigan, Wales
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 178 (Llanilar)

52 Ronas Hill, Shetland Isles
Correspondence, May 1913, Sep 1915; 1" OS map, sheet number 129 (Hillswick); Bartholomew sheets 29 (½" and 2")

53 Taff's Ness, Isle of Sanday, Orkney
Correspondence, May 1913, Jun 1914; 1" OS map, sheet number 122 (Sanday); Report to RSPB Watchers Committee from Mr W R Ogilvie Grant and Mr G A St Quintin responsible for Orkney, 1911 (Printed)

54 St Kilda
Registration form; correspondence Apr–Jul 1913; notes

55 South of Kenmare River, Kerry
Registration form; correspondence Apr 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 192 (Glengarriff); 6" OS map, sheet number 108 (Co Kerry)

56 Ferndown, near Bournemouth
Registration form; correspondence, Apr 1913 and Jun 1913; sketch; 1" OS map, sheet number 329 (Bournemouth); plan and published material of Ferndown Golf Club

57 Hopwas - Hayes Wood, Staffs
Registration form; correspondence, Mar 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 134 (Lichfield)

58 Old Loch Sween, West Coast, Argyll
Registration forms; correspondence, Apr 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 28 (Jura); 'Loch Sween', J Graham Kerr (Reprinted from the Journal of the Natural History Society of Glasgow, vol IV, no 2 Feb 1912)

59 A Kilnsey Crag, Grassington, Yorks
Registration form; correspondence, Apr 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 60 (Settle); 6" OS map, sheet number Yorks WR 115 SE B The woodlands on the east side of Kettlewell Valley
Registration form; notes

60 Box Hill, Surrey
Registration form; correspondence, Apr–May 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 286 (Reigate)

61 The Warren, Folkestone, Kent
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 309 (Folkestone)

62 Burraflirth, Unst, Shetland
Correspondence, Jun 1913–Nov 1914

63 Foreshney and Aylesby Bog with numerous flow-wells, Lincs
Registration form; correspondence, Sep 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 90 (Grimsby); large sheet series, Grimsby and Louth, sheet number 39

64 Sutton Common, near Gainsborough, Lincs
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 59 (Brigg)

65 Hartslock Wood, and land bordering Thames, Yathampton near Oxford
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 268 (Reading); 6" OS map, sheet number Berks 28NE, Oxon 55NE
66 Braunton Burrows, North Devon
Registration form; correspondence, Dec 1913–Jan 1914; 1" OS map, sheet number 292 (Bideford)

67 Cliffs from the Lizard, including Kynance Cove, Cornwall
Registration forms; notes, Mar 1914; 1" OS map, sheet number 359 (Lizard); 6" OS maps, sheet numbers Cornwall 84SE and 9ONE

68 St Cysth and Clacton on Sea
Registration form; correspondence, Oct 1913; 1" OS map, sheet number 242 (Brightlingsea)

69 Cherbury Common, Berks
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 253; 6" OS map, sheet number Berks 9NW

70 Garboldisham, or East Thorpe Heath, Thetford, Norfolk
Registration form; correspondence, n.d.; 1" OS map, sheet number 175

71 Thames Estuary (various localities)
Registration form; correspondence, Nov 1913, Nov 1915; 1" OS map, sheet number 27 (Dartford); list of forms and owners on Fobbing Levels and marshes of Rivers Roach and Crouch near Burnham and Foulness

72 The White Water, near Southorpe, Northants
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 157

73 Ben Lawes, Perth
Registration form; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 47 (Crieff), 46 (Balquhidder)

75 Upton Towans, St Ives, Cornwall
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 351 (Penzance)

76 Limestone hills on the Mendips, North West of Wells, Somerset
Registration form; correspondence, Nov 1915; 1" OS map, sheet number 280 (Wells)

78 East shore of Lough Neagh from ½ mile south of Toome Bridge, Antrim
Registration form; notes

79 Henley, near Woodbridge, East Suffolk
Registration form; correspondence, Nov 1912; 1" OS map, sheet number 208; 6" OS map, sheet number Suffolk (East) 84 NW

81 Bogs close to Mowhall, Co Leitrim
Registration form; 6" OS map, sheet number 32 (Leitrim)

82 A Bogs about Cookstow
Registration form; 6" OS maps, sheet numbers 101 (Co Tyrone), 109 (Co Galway)

F Bog bordering the Shannon opposite Shannon Harbour about Ahascragh, Galway
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 117 (Parsontown)

83 Bogs about Killucan, near Mullinger
Registration form; 6" OS map, sheet number 20 (Westmeath)

84 Hempstead Wood, Moulsham, Sussex
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 319 (Lewes)
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Norfolk Broads
A Barton Broad
B Hickling Broad
C Horning Broad
D Upton Broad
Registration form; report; 1" OS maps, sheet numbers 145 (North Walsham) and 162

Portland, Weymouth, Dorset
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Staffhurst Wood, Surrey
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Swaddiwell: an old stone quarry, Helpstone, Northants
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Geagor Dhail Bheag, Aberdeen
A Caen Locham Glen (Forfar)
B Lochanger (Aberdeen)
C Glen Doll (Forfar)
D Glen Fee (Forfar)
E Lock Kander (Aberdeen)
F Nleike Kilrannock (Forfar)
Registration forms (7); 1" OS map, sheet number 65 (Balmoral); 6" OS map, sheet number 89

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Brimpton Common, Berks
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Aston Upthorpe Downs, Berks
Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 117; 6" OS map, sheet number, Berks 21NE

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119 Bacombe Hill, near Wendover, Bucks
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120 Brickhill Heath, Bucks
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121 Cads Dene, near Little Kimble, Bucks
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122 Coombe Hill, near Wendover, Bucks
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123 Dorney Wood, near Burnham Beeches, Bucks
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125 Reay, Caithness
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126 Devil's Dyke, Cambs
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127 Littlesea, near Studland, South Dorset
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128 Wicken Fen, Cambs
   Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 188 (Cambridge); 6"
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129 Clogwyn, Snowdon, North Caernarvon
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131 Lyn Idwart, Cliffs of Caernarvon
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133 Goonhilly Downs, St Keverne, Cornwall
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134 Lizard, near Gunwaloe, Cornwall
   Registration forms; 1" OS map, sheet number 359 (Lizard)
135 Kea Downs, Truro, Cornwall
   Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 352 (Falmouth);
   6" OS map, sheet number Cornwall 57SE
136 Dunes below Newquay and Perranporth, Cornwall
   Registration forms (3); correspondence 1914; 1" OS map, sheet
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137 Tidal portion of River Wick (see 196)
138 Millersdale, Derbys
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139 Berry Head, near Brixham, Devon
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140 Hartland Quay, Cliffs south of, North Devon
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141 Bloxworth Heath
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142 Chesil Beach, Dorset
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143 Osea Island, Blackwater River, Essex
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144 Kenfig, Glamorgan
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145 Durdham Down, near Bristol, Glos
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146 St Vincent Rocks, near Bristol, Glos
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147 Woodchester, near Stroud, Gloucester
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148 Bass Rock, Haddingtonshire
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150 Catshot Bank, Salting, near Southampton, Hants
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151 Hook Common, Hants
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152 Odiham Marsh, Hants
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153 St Catherine's Hill, near Winchester, Hants
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154 Ludlow Great Wood, Herefs
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155 Holm Fen, Hunts
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157 Blean Wood, near Canterbury, East Kent
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164 Ainsdale and Birkdale, Lancs
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177 Laoigh (Beinn) Perth
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178 Boughwood, near Three Locks Junction, Radnor
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179 Bomere, Salop
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181 Portlock Weir, Somerset
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182 Uphill Cliff, Somerset
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183 Tuddenham Fen, Suffolk
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184 Amberley Wild Brooks, near Arundel, Sussex
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185 Camber Castle, Sussex
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186 Chichester Harbour
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187 Lewes Down, Sussex
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188 Langstone Harbour, Sussex
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189 Selsey Bill, Sussex
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190 Ben Hope, North Sutherland
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191 Betty Hill, North Sutherland
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192 Inchmadamph, South West Sutherland
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193 Hutton Roof, Westmorland
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194 Flamborough Head, Yorks
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195 Forge Valley, west side of Scarborough, Yorks
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197 Widdy Bank, Teesdale, Yorks
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210 Burren, near Ballyvaughan, Co Clare
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212 Errisbeg, near Roundstone, Galway
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213 Brandon Mountain, Kerry
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214 Gap of Dunloe, Kerry
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215 Killarney, Upper Lake of and surroundings, Co Kerry
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220 Snodland Down, Medway, Kent
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223 Troboton Fell, Lake District
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225 Sow of Athol, Perth
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226 St Catherine's Point Cliffs, south of Lighthouse, Isle of Wight
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227 Roudsea Wood : Fish House Moss, Deer Dike Moss, Striben Moss, Ellerside Moss, North Lanes
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228 South west side of Ben Bulben, west of Glen Can, near Sligo
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229 Shapwick Heath and Street Heath, Glastonbury, Somerset
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230 Bradersham, area near, Bucks
   Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 255

231 Ruskin Reserve, Oothill, near Oxford, Berks
   Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 253; 6" OS map sheet number, Berks 5SE and Oxon 38SE

232 Tandridge Hill, Oxted, Surrey
   Registration form; 1" OS map, sheet number 286; 6" OS map, sheet number Surrey 27NE

233 Hostermere Mere, near Bowden, Cheshire
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234 Ashdown Forest, Sussex
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235 Leigh Woods, near Bristol, Glos
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236 Ansdell, Rossal to Fleetwood Barracks, Fylde District, Lancs
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National Park of Scotland, Forfarshire
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Oban, area near, known as the Ardconnel Estate, Argyll
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Wick River, tidal portion of, Caithness
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A Newham Bog, Northumberland
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Dawlish Warren, Devon
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Royal Workington and Newmarket Golf Links, Suffolk
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The Crocus Field, near Inkpen, Berks
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276 Sunny Hill, Kearsney, Alkham, Kent
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277 Hambledon Hill, Yew Wood, near Stapleton Corner, 4 miles north of Blandford, Dorset
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278 Staverton Park, Melton, Suffolk
Registration form; correspondence, Sep 1916; 1" OS map, sheet number 205; 6" OS map, sheet number Suffolk (East) 68SE

279 Buttoft, area near, Skagness, Lincs
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280 Weston Turville Reservoir near Wendover, Bucks
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281 Brent Reservoir and adjoining areas, Hendon, Middlesex
Correspondence, Feb 1914; small map; cuttings
C LEGAL RECORDS

I Charter of Incorporation

1 Draft Petition for the Grant of a New Charter (2 copies), 1967

2 Draft Charter of Incorporation (2 copies), 1967

3 Printed Charter of Incorporation, 1971

II Deeds

The Society has retained some deeds relating to its properties. These are not, however, stored at its offices.
D PUBLICATIONS

I Handbooks, 1923-1969

The Society first published its annual Handbook in 1923. Each issue contains the Annual Report and Statement of Account, lists of officers, Council members etc; notes on nature reserves, general interest articles and articles about the activities of the Society, reports of conferences etc.

1 Bound volume of SPNR Handbooks, 1923-1940. This volume also contains a List of Members and Associates (1914), a List of Council and Associates (1920) and a List of Council and Associates (1921). All three lists are annotated

2 Bound volume of SPNR Handbooks, 1941-1950

3 Bound volume of SPNR Handbooks, 1951-1960

4 Loose copies of SPNR Handbooks, 1961-1969

II Conservation Review, 1970-

This is an illustrated magazine which has been issued twice yearly (in Spring and Autumn) since 1970

III Other SPNR Publications

1 Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction, Memorandum No 1, Jul 1942

2 Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction, Memorandum No 2, Jul 1942

3 Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction, Memorandum No 3 Potential National Parks. Report by the NRIC, Jul 1942

4 Conference on Nature Preservation in Post-War Reconstruction, Memorandum No 4 National History Survey of Great Britain, Aug 1943


7 Memorandum submitted to the National Parks Committee (England and Wales) of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, Feb 1946

8 Memorandum submitted to the National Parks Committee (England and Wales) of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning by the Nature Reserves Investigation Committee, Feb 1946

9 Memorandum submitted to the New Forest Departmental Committee of the Forestry Commission, Jul 1946

10 British Conference for the Protection of Nature Report, issued by the SPNR, Jun 1947

11 Printed information leaflet, Aug 1922

12 Nature Reserves for the Nation, 1930

13 One Hundredth Meeting of the Executive Committee, Mar 1948

IV Publications of other bodies

The Society has also retained a large quantity of publications of a wide range of other bodies including the National Trust, RSPB, Fauna Preservation Society, CPRE, Council for Nature, Countryside Commission, Council of Europe, Nature Conservancy Council, IUCN and Forestry Commission. It also possesses material relating to such topics as pollution, recreation, birds, legislation and pesticides. However, the majority of these publications are post 1960 in date.
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