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Dear members

This newsletter comes at a very strange time for all of us. Whether this is merely the beginning, the middle, or towards the end is still largely unknown, there are so many unanswered questions.

In this newsletter we will cover the pandemic, but we will look to brighten your day with some of the positives to have come out of it, and the lockdown in particular. It is in these strange times when we need to remain informed and keep a positive outlook of what is to come. Of course, this can't happen if we don't learn from the past and help to turn it into a better future. One of coexistence. Respecting not only wild animals, but farm animals and the environment. It is an embarrassment that in 2020, a world that claims to be full of animal lovers, that such grotesque, mistreatment of animals still exists.

"If we do not do things differently, we are finished. We can't go on very much longer like this".

Dame Jane Goodall

Ewan Crosbie – ESBPS Editor

Message from the Chairman

Reflections on the pandemic: An avoidable global disaster

This newsletter comes at a time when the world is in the grip of a pandemic that was the direct result of our broken relationship with the natural world. The current virus SARS COV2 was naturally occurring in a wild species, possibly bats, but the pandemic COVID 19 was human generated and was avoidable.

At the time of writing the exact route that the virus took from the wild host to humans is not known for certain but there is scientific consensus that it is highly likely that the point of initial infection where the zoonotic virus made the jump from animals to humans was a live animal market in Wuhan China at the end of 2019. It might never been known for sure which species were involved in the journey (particularly as the Chinese authorities are resisting calls for an independent inquiry into the causal factors) but what is known is that the taking and incarcerating of wild animals, including badgers, in tiny cages crammed together with all manner of species in a live animal market where animals are brutally killed on the spot with a total disregard for animal welfare or basic hygiene is a recipe for disaster.

These are the 'perfect storm' conditions for the passing of zoonotic diseases to humans like ducks in a row. And if there is not a radical shift in human attitudes to nature and animals in general it will happen again and maybe next time CORVD 23, 24 or whatever the number ends up being, might be much deadlier. SARS1 which also originated from the same system in 2003 and probably involved farmed Civets as the infection source to humans had a much higher lethality factor than the current virus but fortunately did not evolve into a pandemic although according to the World Health Organisation it was a close-run thing.

That this pandemic was avoidable is unquestionable. After SARS1 the Chinese authorities temporarily banned the presence of captive wild animals in live animal markets but shortly after the epidemic was brought under control and had remained regionalised, they were re-opened. No lessons were learnt. Over the last 20 years some animal welfare and conservation NGOs have been working in China to try and improve China's poor record in wildlife conservation and animal welfare. Part of that work focused on the wild animal trade and the live animal markets bring to the attention of the authorities concerns about animal welfare and the dangers of zoonotic

diseases being transmitted to humans. I have some direct knowledge of this as I oversaw the work of one of these NGOs working in China. However, the team in China were frustrated by the indifferent attitude of the Chinese authorities who blandly stated that this was all part of Chinese culture so would remain, although not all Chinese people would agree with that. Apparently, that concern has finally been overridden by realities of the inherent dangers of zoonotic transmission but only to a degree.

News out of China suggests that the live wild animal trade will face restrictions as will the consumption of wild animals and the selling at markets but there will be no outright ban and no restrictions at all on the farming of wild animals for so called Traditional Chinese Medicine that benefit of which has little in the way of proper scientific evaluation. In fact, the Chinese authorities want the production of bile obtained for the gall bladder of live bears actually ramped up as they consider it an essential ingredient in the treatment of patients with severe symptoms of COVID 19. There is currently no scientific evidence to support this contention. These bears are kept in the cruellest conditions imaginable and in my view is the worst type of intensive farming that exists. It beggar's belief that after all that has happened in the last few months that bear farming in China is to be expanded. The effect on the farming of badgers for hair is not yet clear as the ban on wild animal products seems to relate to food consumption only.



Intensively farmed badgers in cramped and sterile cages in China

It is quite remarkable and inexcusable that it is still possible to purchase shaving brushes using badger hair from systems such as that illustrated

above from Amazon and other retailers. This is classic case of profits over morality. Ironically if the badger hairs originated from the UK the selling and purchasing of the product might well be illegal. Under Section 1 (3) of the Protection of Badger Act 1992 it is illegal to possess any part of a badger unless one of two exemptions apply, and in, they do not in such a situation.

The badger rescue that did not go according to plan.

It was the last badger action for me before the lockdown that was pronounced the next day. I was called on Sunday morning by a Kingston resident who had found a badger curled up under a bush in his front garden. This is something that is always of concern and is often associated with a badger being hit by a car and not being able to return to its sett. In this case it was likely to have been somewhere in nearby Richmond Park. It was important to get to the scene as soon as possible before the badger crawled off to an uncertain future.

On arrival I quickly located the badger that was rather small, likely to have been a female. It was curled under a thick bush and it was difficult to get the grasper loop over its neck. After several failed attempts the badger had clearly had enough and managed to galvanise itself and ambled out of the garden onto the pavement of the road outside and once there rather surprisingly started to run up the road towards the park. My initial relief that perhaps the badger was OK after all was short lived as I soon realised that the badger would have to cross a major, and at that time of the day, very busy road with little prospect of getting across safely. My only course of action was to try and head the badger off before it arrived at the road, so I ran as fast as I could still with grasper in hand and that turned out to be a big mistake. As I was catching up with the badger, I managed to place my right foot into the loop of the grasper that was dangling ahead of me and a combination of a subsequent loss of balance and gravity had me cartwheeling forward while my leg remained relatively in the same position. Something had to give and it was my hamstring. I could feel the disappointing sensation of the ripping tendon before I had even hit the ground and know that this was not going well at all. I collected a few bruises and cuts when I hit ground zero but that didn't really concern me. The sharp pain when the back of my right leg met my buttock certainly did as I knew it was a classic symptom of a hamstring injury and that would take weeks to fully heal. As I looked up, I caught sight of the badger that had by now turned back a short distance and then disappeared into one of the gardens. Wherever it had gone it was now beyond any help that I could give it. I had my own problems to

deal with now and getting back on my feet was the starting point. But that was not going to be easy.

This was still in pre lockdown days (just) and a kind soul managed to help me get to my feet and support me getting back to my car which I could only do on one leg. So far so good but now I had to drive it home and the back of the leg was beginning to swell, and the pain increasing.

Fortunately, it was an automatic, so no gear changes needed but just using the brakes was not much fun and I managed to navigate home courtesy of the odd expletive that somehow seemed to help. My aborted attempt to turn the badger from the busy road must have had something of a comic element to it but fortunately not caught on camera as far as I am aware. As to the fate of the badger, that remains unknown.

Raymond Ings – ESBPS Chairman

POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2020 AGM

As many of you will know, we had to cancel our AGM following the imposition of the Covid-19 lockdown.

We are still hoping that we can hold our AGM soon, although it seems unlikely that this will be before September at the earliest. You will appreciate that this is entirely dependent on government regulations and on our being able to ensure the safety of all those who attend the meeting.

We will let all our members know as soon as we have a new date confirmed. Meanwhile we hope that you are staying safe and well and that you are finding at least some solace and escape in nature.

David Meanwell – ESBPS Secretary

A heart-warming story from lockdown: The Story of the Remarkable Geese

During lockdown I was forced to take my photography closer to home. This resulted in finding a local pond and photographing geese. It started off with Greylags and progressed to Canada Geese.

I can't say I've ever had an inclination to photograph them, and to most people they're considered feral, aggressive, psychotic pests. Over the course of a few months I now think of them as anything but. If you asked me to choose between a goose and a swan as to which is more beautiful, a goose would be my answer. Obviously, they don't have the exquisite natural beauty of a swan, but for me, the beauty of geese runs far deeper.

There is one Canada Goose family in particular that has been quite remarkable. With all other geese families, I've seen this year (6 in total), each morning I returned I'd count how many goslings were left. They've tended to start with 6 or 7 and gradually dwindled. It's always a sad moment turning up and seeing one less than the day before. This family is very different. They started with 8 and ended up with lucky 13! See if you can count them all.



They've been accruing members from other geese. This might sound cruel, or as though they're stealing from other parents, but I view it as fostering or adopting. The fact they haven't lost any yet up to this point shows they are

the most capable parents on the lake and are giving the best chance for these little goslings to survive. I saw first-hand the goslings switch allegiances. When swans were in pursuit, other parents would scarper without thinking about their petrified young. But these parents put themselves directly in the firing line, which allowed their young, and any others in close proximity to get to safety, which is why they ended up with so many more.

Do they know the additions aren't their own? I think so. I've seen other geese parents nipping at goslings to chase them away from their own.

Frankly, I'm in awe of them. They treat all equally but in taking them on, they're endangering themselves and their own. The mother goose has become extremely dishevelled, presumably exhaustion. She's had her right eye damaged, which I can only imagine is from defending her brood from foxes. The male is ever present, standing guard and chasing off any other geese that dare get too close.



I'm not expecting these to stay as 13, they've still a long way to go. Arguably as they get bigger and can no longer sit under their mothers' wing, they will become more at risk. For now, though, I'm enjoying observing a remarkable story in the life of 'Britten's 13'!

If you'd like to see more of the geese and their goslings please visit www.ewancphotography.co.uk.

Ewan Crosbie – ESBPS Editor

Badgers in a plastic world

Warwick had a call from a lady who enjoyed feeding a family of badgers that visited her and her son's garden. Her son had put night video cameras out to record their nightly visits. A mother, father and two baby badgers were visiting. She had noticed that one of the little babies looked to have something around its neck. Unbelievably it looked to be a four-ring plastic thing that holds four cans of drinks together!!

When we visited one hot June afternoon, I was amazed what a lovely garden was hidden away behind this semi-detached house. Flowers in abundance with bushes and trees really great for birds and other wildlife.

On looking at the video footage it was clear that this poor little fella was struggling with something tight around his neck. Warwick and I both knew there and then that we had to try and catch him to try and remove it. We had to act quick as when he grew the ring would get tighter and tighter, eventually strangling him!

We went back another day and positioned a cage outside the patio doors. The door of the cage had some rope on it which went into the house so as soon as the badger was in the cage, hey presto the rope could be pulled, and the door would shut! It was not to be. None of the family were tempted by the gourmet meal of rice, grapes and nuts that was left out! There was no option other than to wait one evening to try and catch the badger with a grasper.

One evening about 10.30pm when the badgers were known to visit, myself, Warwick, the lady and her son waited, in their front room with the patio doors wide open.

We were in luck, from the darkness of the bushes the family appeared and so did our little badger. My heart was beating so fast I was willing the little badger to come nearer. We were all as quiet as the little mice that were running to the seed that had fallen out of the bird feeder opposite us. The little badger wandered around but did not seem to eat anything unlike his sibling. Then the badger slumped down right by the patio door and lay his head down to rest. I pointed to Warwick where he was. I was holding my breath. As Warwick tip-toed to the door with the grasper, the badger looked up and YES Warwick grasped him! Quick as lightening we put him into a smaller cage to take him straight to Simon at Wildlife Aid Leatherhead. Warwick had warned Simon we might be coming and by the time we got there it was gone midnight!

Simon was as shocked as we both were on closer inspection of the poor little badger's neck. Simon cut the ring off and it was straight away evident that it had already cut into his neck. It was not nice to see. The badger was fly blown,

very thin and dehydrated. He was given an antibiotic and the wound treated. He was put into a pen with a little wooden hut to hide in with some mincemeat and dog food. He was safe now, but it was touch and go if he would survive.



We all did our best but sadly the sweet little badger lived for a further 5 days and was found dead one morning in his pen. With all the wonderful care from the vets and staff at Wildlife Aid we had hoped he would recover, and we could return him to the garden and his family again but it was not to be. We don't know how he managed to get this plastic round his head in the first place, but we were grateful that the lady called us. He did not suffer a slow and agonising death and was not rejected by his mother which would have happened if he had been left.

We must learn from this and DISPOSE of all rubbish carefully and thoughtfully. Cut each ring with scissors before throwing away or better still don't buy cans of drinks sold in this way!

Plastic, whilst a convenience, is deadly to all forms of wildlife, with more and more images being taken of animals entangled in it, using it as nesting materials or ingesting it. There is even an image of two polar bear cubs fighting over a large piece of plastic in the Arctic.

See below on some simple things we can do to help reduce our impact.

Julie Rawbone – ESBPS Outside Events Manager

SIMPLE WAYS TO REDUCE PLASTIC USE

I have been making changes to my lifestyle to try and minimise my impact, and reducing plastic waste is a major part. It's only when trying to reduce it you realise that pretty much everything is in plastic and it's quite disgusting. However, by raising our awareness you soon find ways to reduce the use, and whilst it's inconvenient at first, it doesn't take long to become your new norm. This month I took part in Plastic Free July and I managed to go until 25th July before buying something in plastic. Whilst this isn't strictly true, as bottled goods often have a thin plastic wrapper around the lid or a seal under it, but even so I vastly reduced my use. Here are some simple things that I did:

Shopping:

- take your own bags with you
- buy bread from a bakery
- buy fruit and veg from a farm shop rather than the supermarket
- find a local shop which sells items loose like rice, pasta, herbs etc.

Whilst the smaller shops still use plastic they are buying in bulk, which reduces the quantities of single use plastic that float around. So not only are you reducing plastic waste, you're supporting small local businesses, it's better quality and tastier.

Bathroom

- Bamboo toothbrushes
- Toothpaste tablets in tins rather than tubes
- Order your loo roll from 'Who Gives A Crap'. They deliver their loo rolls completely plastic free. The loo rolls are either made from recycled paper or bamboo. Saving trees, and 50% of their profits are donated to help build toilets and improve sanitation in the developing world
- Shampoo, conditioner and soap bars instead of plastic bottles

Kitchen

- Coconut scourers instead of sponges
- Dishwasher tablets from SMOL. Online subscription delivery, plastic free, completely natural, with no animal testing (yes, dishwashing tablets are tested on animals. They also sell washing machine tablets)

There are numerous sources of info on tips and tricks, but if you'd like advice on some simple things then please contact me: ewancrosbie@gmail.com

It's near impossible to be rid of it completely but there are ways in which we can reduce our impact. There is no failing at this. New habits take time to form, and simply raising your awareness and looking for solutions is the first step.

MY BADGER STORY

Eva Bahledova

Having lived in London for 10 years, I decided it was time to move out. As I love nature, my number one criterion was to be close to the countryside and woodlands. I discovered Kenley and immediately decided that this was the place where I want to live.

What a fantastic choice it was!! Especially since I had never even been to Surrey before! Soon after I moved in in July, I bought a bird feeder as I noticed there are quite a few birds around, with the house being close to the woods. Having lived in cities all my life, I've never seen wildlife this abundant.

A few weeks later I bought a trail camera, to find out what's going on in the garden night and day. Usually I would see birds or the odd fox. I always checked the footage in the morning before going to work.

Then one beautiful September's day, I could not believe my eyes when I saw a BADGER in the footage! I had never seen one before and now it was in my garden! I knew they existed, but like most other wildlife, they were something of a mythical creature; we know them from fairy tales and documentaries, but never actually seen one.

Being the 'need to know it all' person that I am, I immediately searched for information online... what to do, what are these mythical creatures all about, how to help them... That's how I have found ESBPS!



From then on, every day I eagerly awaited to see another badger photo or video. It took a couple of weeks for the badger to return. I was overjoyed! I'd found out they like peanuts, so I had a ready supply. I could soon see on the camera footage that the peanuts found their customers... badgers and foxes started to visit the garden regularly. At the time I was using monkey nuts, but there was too much mess so I switched to shelled peanuts. Sometimes I add grapes or raisins and occasionally there's a raw egg on the menu. I was happy with every footage of the badger. Then, one day, there were two!

As per Murphy's law, once they came when it was foggy, and I could only make out their silhouettes and the other time they came when the fox tripped the trail camera over and the angle was wrong.

But I knew that a clan was living nearby. This was sometime in late autumn. After that I only saw one badger at a time. Come the spring, I would occasionally see two. And this time, not just on the camera footage!

They usually arrived about midnight and on one lovely weekend night, I was falling asleep and heard an unmistakable munching and crunching. I looked out of the bedroom window and saw something white in the grass. I put my glasses on and there he was: my badger! I was so happy to finally see it with my own eyes. I slowly opened the window, knowing that their sense of hearing is excellent. It did not run away and kept munching.



I went to another room and dragged my boyfriend out of bed. He looked and said, "Oh hello" and the badger ran. Oh well. Now we knew that greetings are not appreciated.

Ever since I have been lucky to see the badgers many times from my window. One day I had a camera ready and managed to take a picture. They weren't scared by the flash or any light (sometimes I watch them with a torch).

One day in spring, THREE visited at once! I was lucky to capture them with a camera, too. Judging by their coats, two are adult (brownish and bigger) and one is juvenile (a darker coat and smaller). It appeared as though one of them had been defending the territory as he had a fresh wound on his nose. Luckily, it was well healed a few days later.

But who is who? I know that one is a sow as I could see the teats. That's Margarethe. Then there is Franklin. I have not figured out yet whether he's the adult or the juvenile.

One has a spot on his nose. I have yet to put two and two together to figure out whether it's Franklin or not. Yesterday I noticed a whiteish spot near the tail that might help me identify him further.

Once I saw on the video Margarethe enjoying the peanuts, but the foxes wanted some too. Margarethe wasn't having any of that and without any hesitation she pushed the fox away with her butt. Quite funny that was.

As we had a drought recently, I have multiple water bowls outside. How lovely it is to see that the badgers drink from them! A good trick was raisins accidentally ending up in the bowl.

Oh, and I could never forget that my lovely furry friends are lovely stinky friends! I never knew that about them but some days as I watch them from a window, I can smell them. Should I install a badger shower in my garden for a bit of badger hygiene? Just kidding. They of course would prefer a shallow pond with some loungers next to it 😊



I was hoping to see badger babies in my garden. I read that in April – May the sow starts to bring them out. No such luck. My trail cam has started failing so I need to get a new one as I'd be gutted to miss the sighting of them!

Last night I was lucky to see them again. First Franklin (?) came. I was watching him quite a long time, curious where he'd go after he's eaten. He was not bothered by the torch light; he did not run away when more peanuts were thrown. He looked at me a few times, knowing me well by now.

After about ten minutes, Margarethe appeared. That meant more peanuts being thrown, the poor thing was late... and missed the main dinner. She as well understands by now that I am no threat. It took a good half an hour after they fully finished and moved on to greener pastures.

Very often foxes come first and there's nothing left for the badgers. This time the fox was lurking around when I opened the window, but they are shy, and run away. I made sure the badgers got fed well.

I hope that you enjoyed reading this ex city person's encounter with black and white mythical creatures... Now, onto their protection and further care!



General Information Section

Outside Events.

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Due to the pandemic, fairs and open days have been cancelled, preventing us from raising awareness of the ESBPS, badgers and wildlife in general.

We are awaiting news from the Carshalton Environmental Fayre and Croydon Heathfield. If these go ahead, please come and visit us.

Badger Merchandise!

We have some t-shirts for sale for a donation of only £10, to add to our range of merchandise. We also have various books, tea towels, cuddly toys, greeting cards, leaflets, badges etc.

All proceeds go directly to ESBPS to assist in continuing our work in looking after the welfare of badgers, in particular into the sett building that Warwick does.

Please contact ESBPS on esbps.badgers@gmail.com for more details.



Talks to Local Organisations.

Want to book a talk about our work for badgers?

Contact Ian Tilbury on 01372 721289.



Illustrations

We would like to acknowledge, with thanks, the use of drawings from Michael Clark's excellent book 'Badgers'. This is published by Whittet Books and we have it on our sales stall.

Our logo is based on Simon Turvey's painting 'Badger'.

For more information on us, and much more on badgers, please take a look at our website at: <http://www.esbps.org.uk>



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BT promotes the conservation, welfare and protection of badgers, their setts and their habitats. It represents and supports 60 local voluntary badger groups throughout Britain, provides expert advice on all badger issues and works closely with the RSPCA, the police and others.

BT maintains a database on incidents of badger persecution in Britain.

BT is an active member of PAW – The Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime. This involves the police, other government agencies and non-governmental organisations that are working to fight wildlife crime. BT is a member of WCL – Wildlife & Countryside Link.

Volunteers Wanted

We are run entirely by volunteers, and we can't get enough of them! Badgers are coming under increasing threat from developers, so it is ever more important for us to maintain up to date records of badger setts and activity.

There are three ways you may be able to help – by reporting badger sightings (alive or dead) and the whereabouts of any setts you know of; by helping us carry out sett surveys in your area; by helping us update our records and create and populate a new computer-based record of setts and activities. If you can help email us at esbps.badgers@gmail.com or call our Secretary, David, on 020 8644 9715.



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or ring your local Police Station in office hours

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We need to know about them, but we do not collect dead badgers, your local council should be able to help.