

Chairpersons Annual Report FORH 2017

Jayne Wilkinson – Chair

On reflection, it's noted that the FORH had a very successful year. Delivering an Awards for All project and getting that completed and signed off by the National Lottery was a great achievement. In conjunction with the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust, it raised funding and awareness in the local community where the Trust's Portway Hill nature reserve is situated.

The group have had a rollercoaster ride of success and that should be commended and celebrated.

FORH have a large following of enthusiastic wildlife followers on the internet that subscribe to our website blog and follows its social media presence, engaging remotely in the activities, and attending our activities over the last 12 months.

The group encouraged members to become actively involved but has now come to a plateau with regards to running as a formal constituted group, sadly suffering losses to its committee structure. Due to personal circumstances the chair will be resigning her post, along with the treasurer/secretary. Members of the active volunteer site groups have indicated that they wish to continue with the group but in a less regimented format.

I would like to thank everyone involved with FORH including the BBC Wildlife trust for giving the group an opportunity to get involved with conservation over the years I was Chairperson, and would like to thank everyone involved for giving me the opportunity to be chair of such a successful conservation Friends group.

As for my retirement from the post, I wish the group well in the format that they have indicated they wish to move forward.

Jane Wilkinson