



York Ornithological Club

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Dear All

The YOC Committee met, remotely, last week to review, amongst other business how we move forward on club activities. After a lengthy discussion we decided that regretfully, in line with other clubs in a similar situation, we have no choice but to cancel the programme for the rest of the year given the ongoing uncertainty about when gatherings (especially indoors) will be permitted and current rules on social distancing. We do hope that we will be able to return to something like normality early in the New Year but it is premature to make any firm commitments at present; though we have planned a potential programme, which will be sent out in due course.

We are, of course, aware that members have paid their subscriptions for 2020 but that you have received a very truncated set of events. In recognition of this we therefore agreed that the subscription for the 2021 should be set at half the subscription rate for 2020 for existing members (though anyone joining the Club for the first time in 2021 will pay the full applicable rate). This will allow us to cover the cost of printing the Annual Report (for 2020) - a major portion of our annual expenditure - which all members receive.

The Annual Report for 2019 is well on the way to completion and we will be distributing it to you all by hand or post once it is received from the printers.

I am pleased to report that the club's finances are in a healthy state and that we intend to make some donations to local appeals. We also discussed local surveys for the coming year and will let you know about these nearer the time.

As well as direct communication to members, information will be put out on the website, via the YorkBirding Googlegroup email and via Twitter.

Do take care of your health and have a good summer.

Regards

Barry Thomas

