

Countryside Officer's Report - Peter Ayling

1. Dennis Parker, Beverley Group Countryside Officer, appeared for the Area at the Public Inquiry starting July 1st and lasting 9 days, into the appeal against the refusal for planning permission for a wind turbine farm at Routh, east of Beverley. The Area had agreed to oppose the appeal. The decision is awaited; if permission is granted, the developer will have to contribute towards modifying a local RAF radar system.
2. PA and DP will submit a paper to the next EC on Area countryside policy, with special reference to wind energy, based on new guidance from Central Office.

Publicity Officer - Peter Ayling, acting publicity officer

The Area and Groups have attended five country shows this summer: Rowntree Park (York Group); Howden Show (Howden & Goole Group); Drifffield Show (Area; special thanks to Dennis Parker for participating while recovering from a fractured arm); and Malton and Ryedale Shows (Ryedale Group). We participated in the Science Fair for 70,11-year-olds in Brayton College Selby, and in a competition for secondary school science projects at Elvington. The feedback on all these events was generally very good. Thanks to all our volunteers for their splendid hard work and enthusiasm.

Information for Ann and Malcolm on our publicity equipment (all currently stored by PA, except display boards (2), which are with Ken Boothman):

- (1) New 2008 gazebo (identical with old damaged one).
- (2) Display boards: old 1998 set, medium size, slightly damaged but units usable side by side; carries a partial display (with Howden & Goole Group).
- (3) Display boards: large 2007 set; currently without any display material.
- (4) Display boards: new 2008 lightweight set in single container; with display material.
- (5) New highly visible RA "feather banner" for use at our open air stands.
- (6) Collapsible vertical banner for indoors.
- (6) RA horizontal plastic banner.
- (7) Box of materials for outdoor use, eg plastic covers.
- (7) Box of CO and Area leaflets (will need updating for 2009).