

**THE ANIMAL DEFENCE TRUST**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JULY 2007**

**AT 11.00AM AT THE BUCKERELL LODGE HOTEL, EXETER**

Present:	Miss Marion Saunders	Chairman of the Trustees
	Mrs Carole Bowles MBE	Trustee
	Richard J. Vines	Trustee
In Attendance:	Alan A. Meyer	Hon Treasurer & Trust Secretary
	Roy Stokes	Grants Administration

1. The Minutes of the previous Trustees meeting held on 4 July 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
2. The Chairman reported the sad death of the Trustee Paddy Newton on 5 April 2007 and recorded the tireless and invaluable work she had carried out for many years on Dartmoor and her immense knowledge of animal welfare. It was agreed that in her memory there would be a £5000 donation to the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society with a view to establishing some form of permanent memorial using this donation as a start up towards achieving a worthwhile project which the Chairman and Richard Vines would discuss with other Dartmoor interested parties.
3. In accordance with the requirements of the Trust Deed it was necessary to appoint an additional Trustee within six months of Paddy Newton's death.

There were three possible nominees coming with relevant animal welfare knowledge and interest. After discussion it was agreed that the need was for only one new Trustee. By a majority vote of the Trustees it was agreed that Jenny Wheedon the Administrator at the Ferne Animal Sanctuary should be appointed with effect from 1 August 2007.

4. The Hon Treasurer went through the Financial Statement showing the June 2007 value of the Trust's various investments which showed over the year the total value had increased again from £1,608,215 to £1,795,428.

It was agreed that the move to Rensburg Sheppards had proved satisfactory and that the advice provided was much more individually related to the Trust's needs. In addition the holdings in the Charities Property Fund and the Property Investment Trust for Charities had improved the Trust's financial provision substantially.

5. The Trustees agreed in exercise of their legal obligation that the Investment Policy on this annual review required no changes from the revised policy statement adopted in 2005.
6. The Trustees formally approved the Accounts and Annual Report for the year to 30 November 2006, and confirmed the appointment of Reeves & Neylan as the Trusts Accountants and Auditors for the Trusts current year. It was agreed following the enactment of the Charities Act 2006 that the Trust would not make any changes this year to the existing Audit arrangements.
7. Consideration was given to 57 Grant Applications received by the Grants Administrator. The Trustees also gave consideration to a number of other Charities who had over the years 2004-2006 been recipients of ADT Grants.

As a result after careful consideration of each application the Trustees awarded a total of 47 grants totalling £85,000 in addition to the £5,000 grants awarded in the memory of Paddy Newton.

Once again the Trustees considered that attempts should be made to visit some of the charities in receipt of this year's grants and to make brief reports on such visits.

8. It was agreed that the ADT website and its content should be reviewed and brought up to date to include the Trustees Annual Report. The Trust Secretary would contact Eileen Cannon's son who had implemented the website and maintained it for an annual fee.
9. Consideration would be given to checking through the Jean Sainsbury Trust the credentials of applicants of ADT Grants.
10. The meeting closed at 2.45pm and the next meeting would again probably be in July 2008 unless an earlier Trustees meeting was required.

**ANIMAL DEFENCE TRUST**  
**SCHEDULE OF 2007 GRANTS**

AGNI Animal Welfare Fund	£1500.00
Barn Owl Trust	£2000.00
Blue Cross	£2000.00
Born Free Foundation	£3000.00
Care4cats	£1500.00
Caring for Animals Trust	£2000.00
The Cat and Rabbit Centre	£1500.00
Cat Rescue	£1000.00
Catwel (Cardiff)	£2000.00
Cottontails Sanctuary	£1500.00
Crosskennan Lane Animal Sanctuary	£2500.00
Devon Wildlife Trust	£2000.00
Exotic Pet Rescue	£1500.00
Ferne Animal Sanctuary	£3000.00
The Folly Wildlife Rescue Trust	£2000.00
Great Dane Adoption Society	£1000.00
Greek Cat Welfare Society	£2000.00
Greyhound Awareness League	£2000.00
Happy Dogs	£1000.00
International Otter Survival	£2000.00
Irish Horse Welfare Trust	£1500.00
Les Amis Des Chats	£1000.00
Lincolnshire Trust for Cats	£2000.00
Little Ouse Headwaters Project	£1000.00
Lower Moss Educational Nature Reserve	£1500.00
Margaret Green Foundation	£1000.00
Mayhew Animal Home	£2000.00

Paphiakos & CCP Animal Welfare	£3000.00
Prevent Unwanted Pets	£2000.00
Rainforest Concern	£3000.00
Rotherham Dog Rescue	£2000.00
RSPCA Danaher Animal Home	£1000.00
Safe Haven for Donkeys in Holy Land	£1000.00
Scottish SPCA	£1500.00
Tia Greyhound and Lurcher Rescue	£1500.00
Twinkle Trust Animal Aid	£1000.00
Woodside Animal Welfare Trust	£3000.00
Animals in Need	£1500.00
British Divers Marine Life Rescue	£2500.00
Perthshire Abandoned Dogs Society	£1000.00
Yorkshire Swan Rescue	£2000.00
Brooke Hospital	£2000.00
Celia Hammond Animal Trust	£2000.00
Lagos Animal Protection	£2000.00
Society for Welfare of Horses and Ponies	£2000.00
Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre	£2000.00
Tree of Life for Animals	£2000.00
Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society	£5000.00

Paddy Newton

# Animal health officer loved outdoor life

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THERE are few farmers on Dartmoor who will not remember Paddy Newton with considerable affection and respect.

As Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food - MAFF, the forerunner of Defra - animal health officer and with Dartmoor as her patch, Paddy developed a deep knowledge of the hill farming community and its pattern of extensive husbandry.

She was known among her colleagues to be immensely territorial about "her" area and they fondly referred to her as Queen of Dartmoor.

A gentle diplomat who was often called upon to help resolve problems between differing factions, Paddy was equally at home with officialdom as she was round the kitchen table where her persuasive skills bridged many a gap.

She had a fund of amusing stories of her experiences with inspecting stock on the farmstead and they revealed her humour, patience and empathy with the people.

Remembered by a colleague in her early days with MAFF as having amazingly thick, dark hair worn in two pigtails, Indian squaw fashion, she cut an enviable dash in her Midget sports car, with her German shepherd, Maggie, occupying more than half the available space.

Her work for MAFF on the brucellosis eradication scheme sometimes necessitated the collection of milk samples from cows at unearthly hours, but Paddy's lively smile and good humour coupled with firm persuasiveness saw her through.

The rigours of working outdoors on Dartmoor and dealing with the farming community presented her with few problems.

Born in Exmouth in 1938, the eldest of three sisters and a younger brother, the family finally settled in Dawlish and Paddy was educated at Tolgemouth Grammar School.

Paddy showed a keen aptitude for sports, playing hockey for her school and becoming an enthusiastic team player in the Dawlish Ladies Hockey Club. As well as being an active member of the Pony Club, Paddy joined



QUEEN OF DARTMOOR: Paddy Newton

the Young Farmers' Club, and her long career among the farming community began.

Paddy's love of horses continued throughout her life, with many years of hard work on Pony Club committees, as a highly respected judge of ponies at local shows, secretary of Dawlish Horse Show and a riding club member. She rode and hunted on Dartmoor, and it was while out on her ex-racehorse, Blanepta Again, that she suffered a cerebral embolism and took medical retirement from MAFF.

Down but not out, Paddy made a remarkable recovery due mainly to her determination and optimistic outlook on life. Not content to sit at home and take life gently, Paddy decided to accept the voluntary post of Animal Welfare Officer to the Dartmoor Commons' Council, overseeing the welfare of stock on the commons.

She was the first person people would contact for help and was always prepared to assist at any time of day or night. Paddy also worked on committees such as the Dartmoor Hill Pony Association and as a trustee of the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust. She was a trustee of the Animal Defence Trust and on hand with advice for the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society.

Paddy's partner, Peter was part of her life for 40 years, living together for the last 25. With Peter enjoying a day's shooting, there was nothing Paddy liked better than to take their springer spaniels beating for the local shoot. At other times she would be seen exercising the dogs on the commons, while keeping an eye on the stock.

Paddy died on April 5, aged 68, at the end of a long and exhausting treatment for cancer.