

# North Eastern Fungus Study Group

Newsletter 1

November 1997

Group leader: Alan Legg, 36 Carleton Drive, Darlington, DL3 9QP,

Treasurer: Babs Walton, Secretary: Kathryn Pratt, Recorders: Peter Holmes and Tom Kirby

## Annual General Meeting of the North Eastern Fungus Study Group

Saturday 8th November, 11 a.m.

at

Low Barns, Witton-le-Wear, near Bishop Auckland

(Directions: Witton-le-Wear is just off the A68 between Tow Law and West Auckland. From the A68 at the Witton turn-off, follow the brown duck signs to Low Barns, which is about a mile away)

**Refreshments (drinks, toasted sandwiches, snacks) available**

**Help decide our programme of events for 1998!**

Please bring along some cash for subscriptions

### Fungal foray at Low Barns

**The fungal foray around Low Barns nature reserve, held on September 20th, proved to be very productive.**

The foray, held before the first ever meeting of the North Eastern Fungus Study Group, was well attended and proved enjoyable both for experienced and novice fungus fans alike.

A total of 63 taxa were found, not a bad tally considering weather conditions and the fact that the best trees for fungi (beech and lime) are absent from the site.

Amongst the fungi discovered was a new record for County Durham, *Leptotrochila ranunculi*, found on a leaf of Creeping Buttercup. This is a member of the cup fungi and allies (Ascomycetes).

Low Barns is a Durham Wildlife Trust nature reserve which has areas of mixed broadleaved woodland, ancient alder woodland in the old course of the River Wear, meadow and semi-improved grassland, as well as a range of wetland habitats. The full list of fungi found on the day is a valuable addition to the Trust's records for its reserves.

Minutes of the meeting held after the foray are enclosed.