

# F I E L D N O T E S

In May/June 2011, Mike Collier walked with a group of people from the mouth of Tyne, via Hexham up the North Tyne to Thorneyburn with natural historians Keith Bowey, Matt Hawking, Steve Westerberg and Tina Wiffen. Participants included: Tom Kyle; Alex Lockwood; Ian Dawson; Clare Satow; Liz Beech; Alice and Rob Massey; Paul Usherwood; Diane Jones; Anne and Neil Gardner; Marjorie Baille; Izzy McDonald-Booth; Anne Purvis; Suzanne Lloyd; Michael Davies; Frank Anderson; Fred and Margaret Watson; Freda Hamilton and Eric Nicholson.



There were nine walks over five weekends. Each walk lasted between six and eight hours with regular stops to identify flora and fauna. *Field Notes* consists of 32 pages from Mike's journal in which he recorded all the flora and fauna seen and heard on this 100 km walk. The journal pages were scanned and the colour notes added after the walk was completed.

*Field Notes* was commissioned by VARC (Visual Arts in Rural Communities) and supported by the Customs House, South Tyneside Council and the University of Sunderland. As well as being shown here in the Customs House (where the walk started) *Field Notes* will also be presented at Highgreen Manor (which is close to Thorneyburn in North Northumberland where the pastels Mike uses are hand-made)