



OCTOBER 2011

### High Speed Duck Race

As there has been lots of reports on the Duck Race, the Committee would just like to thank everyone for the support. Thanks to Charlie Clarke you can watch it all again on Utube!

Fund Raising enabled the National Action Group to attend all the party conferences. The Stop HS2 fringe meeting was packed - standing room only. Opportunity to ask questions and to gain media coverage. A new manifesto on alternatives to HS2 and an examination of transport improvements for the whole country was taken to the conferences. [www.betterthans2.org](http://www.betterthans2.org)

**Urgent Request for those with family/friends in the West Midlands and North of England (see overleaf)**

#### Reminder

**Don't forget to sign the new epetition at**

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/353>

#### 13th October

**There will now be a debate on HS2 in the House of Commons**  
*(a small but significant victory)*

#### Brief News Items

Stop HS2 has announced it will field candidates in each of the 26 constituencies affected by the controversial high speed link.

Rare and highly protected beechstein's bats found in ancient woodland (North Bucks) Sadly they may have more impact than villages, homes and families!

**Quote** (picked up and released by Birmingham Post) "Anyone in Birmingham that says HS2 will do anything other than make Birmingham a dormitory town for London needs to get real."

Lord Digby Jones (pro HS2 - but thinks it should be built along M40)

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## **Continuing the Campaign against HS2**

**A simple e-mail campaign has been set up to contact 150 MP's covering the areas below. Everyone will know someone!**

Barnsley  
Birmingham  
Blackpool  
Bradford  
Cheshire (*Tatton, Halton, Eddisbury, Warrington, Bradford, Chester, Ellesmere Port, Macclesfield*)  
Derby  
Doncaster  
Durham and country (*Hartlepool, Tyneside, Darlington, Easington, Bishop Auckland, Sedgfield*)  
Edinburgh  
Glasgow  
Humberside (*Cleethorpes, Hull, Grimsby, Beverley, Howden, Scunthorpe*)  
Lancashire (*Blackburn, Chorley, Preston*)  
Leeds  
Leicester  
Loughborough

Liverpool  
Manchester -  
(*Oldham, Broughton, Wigan, Bolton, Aston under Lyme, Rochdale, Makerfield, Stockport, Altringham, Salford*)  
Merseyside  
(*Bootle, Garston, Sefton, Birkenhead, Knowsley, Wirral, Southport, Wallasey*)  
Newcastle  
N.Yorks (*Harrogate, Skipton, Scarborough, Selby*)  
Nottingham (*Mansfield*)  
Rugby  
Staffs  
Tyne and Weir (*Gateshead, South Shields, Jarrow, Sunderland, Blaydon*)  
West Mids (*Dudley, West Bromwich, Solihull, Walsall, Aldridge*)  
West Yorkshire (*Halifax, Huddersfield*)  
York and Lincoln

All you need to do is go to <http://www.highspeedrail.org.uk/xaa> and press a few buttons. It's best to do it while on the phone to your friend/family, then you know its done, it only takes a few minutes.

**Action Group Annual General Meeting  
to be held at the Village Hall  
on Thursday 3rd November at 7.00 p.m.**

**This is an open meeting  
new committee members and fund raisers  
urgently needed**