

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Skill Development for Biological Recording

- *To consider which skills recorders need*
- *To review results of gap analyses and plans to address issues*
- *To generate ideas to help new recorders learn*
- *To share best practice in transferring skills*
- *To discuss how NFBR can better support skill development*

Thursday 10th May

9:30 Registration and refreshments at The Gateway - Shrewsbury

SKILLS NEEDED

Chair: Sarah Whild

10:30 Sue Townsend - Welcome and Introduction

10:40 Keynote address

Skills needed to identify and record
John Tweddle, Steph West (NHM)

Perceptions on the skills gaps

11:10 David Roy – BRC

Perceptions on the skills gaps

11:30 Debs Muscat – ALERC

From a record centre data submissions

11:40 speaker tbc

From the use of collections in biological recording

11:50 Kieron Brown FSC/BioLinks

From the needs analysis from an identification and recording project

12:00 Carlos Abraham CIEEM

From the ecological consultancies

12:10 Discussion Groups

List and prioritise the skills needed by the sector suggested

Table groups to discuss to report back after lunch

12:30 LUNCH

Posters, displays and demonstrations

13:30 Brief reports from table groups

Data and communication skills

Chair: Paula Lightfoot

13:50 Rich Burkmar – FSC

Interesting ways to present data

14:05 Simon Smart – CEH

Surveys in the Countryside

14:20 Martin Harvey - CEH

14.30 *Social media for modern mentoring*
Nick Moran- BTO
Structured and Unstructured Recording

14:50 Tea Break

HOW RECORDERS HAVE GATHERED THEIR SKILLS Chair: Paula Lightfoot

15:20 Ian Wallace – Caddisfly Recording Scheme
The journey through to becoming a national recorder

15:35 tbc
How the younger generation are developing skills

15:50 Mags Cousins - Natural England Field Unit
A Government Agency approach to skill development

16:05 Nick Law - FPCR Environment and Design Ltd (Consultants)
A view on skills development from an environmental consultancy

16:20 David Nichols- Naturespot
How on-line support can improve identification skills

16:35 Close
Travel to accommodation at Preston Montford

18:30 Conference dinner

Friday 11th May

09:30 Coffee and registration for new arrivals at The Gateway

TRAINING SCHEMES AND SUCCESS STORIES Chair: Sue Townsend

10:00 Sarah Whild - Welcome back and introduction

10:05 Keynote Address

Paul Ashton *A University perspective – how to prepare students for employment*

10:30 Josh Styles - North West Rare Plant Initiative
A personal journey on the development of skills plant identification

10.40 Ryan Clark – Northants BRC and WILD Side
Success in Identification Training and recording
Juliette Butler - Beds/Camb/Northants Wildlife Trust
Training support from a wildlife trust

11:00 April Windle – Plantlife/ BLS/ BBS
Title tbc

11.20 Question time

11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:50 Paula Lightfoot

Seasearch training in identification

12:00 Sarah Whild - Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland

Field Identification Skills Certificates

12:10 Sue Townsend - FSC

Training Courses for All

12:30 Harriet Carty – Caring for God’s Acre

How this HLF project will train volunteers

12:45 LUNCH

Posters, displays and demonstrations. And NFBR Annual General Meeting 13:30 – 14:00

SHARING BEST PRACTICE - How can NFBR Help? Chair Graham Walley

14:00 Chris Cheffings – JNCC

A government perspective on the importance of biological recording for the next 25 years.

14:15 – 15:00 Workshop A

How do we fill the skills gaps in identification and recording?

Chair Sue and Sarah

Do we need a recording skills audit and if so how do we carry this out?

15:00 – 15:45 Workshop B

Do we need a common biological recording skills policy or protocol to be supported by the main groups in the sector including HE?

Chair Paul Ashton

Tea available

15.50 Plenary question

How do we promote the need for developing, extending and maintaining skills to local and national government?

Chair Chris Cheffings

16:15 Conference Closes – Graham Walley

16:00 Travel to Preston Montford for those staying for the field day

Saturday 12th May

FIELD VISIT TO BROWN MOSS IN THE NORTH SHROPSHIRE MERES AND MOSSES. (RAMSAR/NNR/ /SSSI)