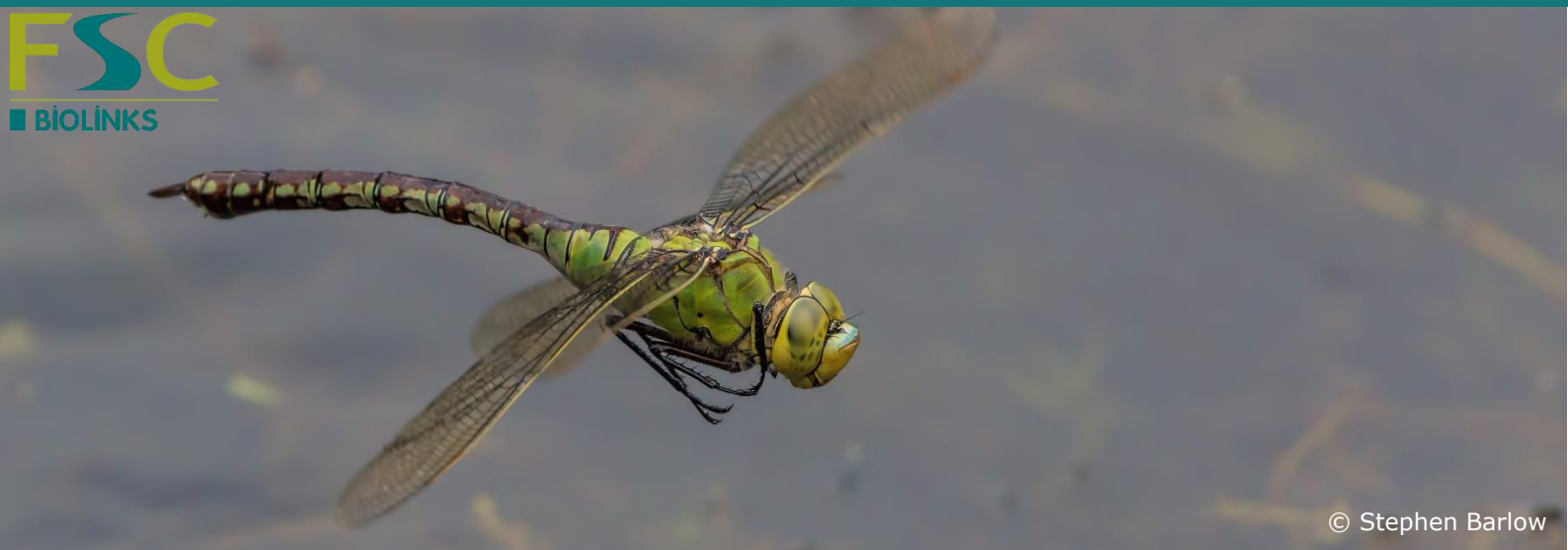


# Dragonfly Recorder Day



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Date 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Location Alderford Lake and Whixall	Level Open to All	Course fee* Free
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\*This events is offered at a reduced rate due to support from the FSC BioLinks project

## Course Overview

Come and help record as many species of dragonfly and damselfly as you can!

There are around 30 species of dragonfly in Britain and around 20 species of damselfly. They are incredibly beautiful insects and many can be identified in the field.

This day is designed to be a recording day; there will be no formal teaching although a tutor will be leading the day and providing identification support. The aim is to identify and record as many species of Odonata (dragon and damselflies) as possible. Consequently it is most suitable for those with some experience of identifying dragon and damselflies previously; for example people who have attended one or both of the BioLinks Learn To Love Dragonflies/Learn To Love Damselfly courses, or who have a similar level of knowledge. It is a great opportunity to practice or refresh your ID skills!

## Timetable

Please arrive in time to start promptly at 10am. The day will end at 4pm but don't worry if you can't stay for the whole day.

## What's included?

- 6 hours of expert-led recording.
- Certificate of attendance.
- The café at Alderford will be providing tea, coffee and lunch (please let us know of any dietary requirements in advance).

## About the Tutor



Sue Rees Evans was the Shropshire County Recorder for Dragonflies and Damselflies for eight years. During this time Sue created the 'Shropshire Dragonflies' website ([shropshiredragonflies.co.uk](http://shropshiredragonflies.co.uk)) - an online atlas and the Shropshire Dragonfly Watch blog. Already an enthusiastic recorder of adult Dragonflies and Damselflies, an MSc in Biological Recording gave Sue the opportunity to dive into the world of larval and exuvial identification. With a real enthusiasm for hands-on teaching, Sue has taught numerous courses on both as an Associate Tutor for the FSC and for various Wildlife Trusts, the National Trust and projects further afield such as 'Cold-blooded and Spineless' in the North Pennines.

## What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Field guides/keys (if you have one)
- Hand lens (if you have one)
- Small rucksack or bag
- Waterproofs (just in case!)
- Stout shoes, boots or wellies
- Water bottle and/or thermos flask
- Hat and sunscreen
- Casual clothing

There will be a member of staff with first aid training and access to a first aid kit on site. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have special medical or access requirements.

## Getting there

### Alderford Lakes, Tilstock Road, Whitchurch SY13 3JQ

We will be based at Alderford Lakes for the day, and start and finish the day here. More information can be found on their website: <https://alderford.com/>.

## How to Book

Please book online via the website [www.fscbiodiversity.uk/courses](http://www.fscbiodiversity.uk/courses). If you have any questions please email [biolinks@field-studies-council.org](mailto:biolinks@field-studies-council.org) or phone 01743 852174.

## About FSC BioLinks

FSC BioLinks is an exciting project for the FSC which brings together existing volunteers and naturalists with skills in biological recording and invertebrate identification, with new ones. It will run for 5 years and is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. As part of the project remit a range of subsidised training courses are available. Training opportunities will be given at all levels from beginner to expert, allowing people to progress and consolidate their skills and experience.

This **Dragonfly Recording Day** is designed to complement a structured pathway of training courses on dragon and damselflies. The diagram below shows the FSC BioLinks training pathway for dragon and damselflies.

