

Slapton Research Seminar 2022

Saturday 12th November,
FSC Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton

Located on the spectacular Start Bay coastline, Slapton Ley is the largest freshwater lake in the South West, with the shingle beach of Slapton Sands running between the Ley and the sea. Behind is situated a contrasting mix of ancient woodland, open pasture and dense reed beds, all of which constitute Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve. Nestled next to the reserve is the village of Slapton itself, and Slapton Ley Field Centre, run by the Field Studies Council which manages the Nature Reserve, and also hosts residential school and university visits from all across the country who come to carry out field work in these diverse surroundings.

For over 30 years prior to the covid-19 pandemic, the Nature Reserve and Field Centre have hosted an annual research seminar to provide a platform for a wide variety of research interests linked to this area. The research seminar aims to engage academics, the local community, FSC staff, partners, stakeholders and members with current research issues, and to connect Slapton with wider regional and national research issues and communities. The research seminar had become increasingly popular, and has provided an excellent outlet for research findings and discussion, with a diverse range of participants in attendance. After a 3-year break, we are delighted to announce that the seminar is returning this year and will be focusing on three main themes: (1) the benefits of nature (/nature reserves) on wellbeing, (2) the impact of climate change on Slapton NNR and, (3) habitat management.

Call for Presentations

Slapton Ley Field Centre and Nature Reserve hereby invites proposals for 20 minute presentations from people of diverse backgrounds; including all levels of academia, amateur naturalists, citizen science and practitioner enquiry on a wide range of topics relevant to Slapton, spanning the natural and social sciences, including education.

Abstracts of a maximum of 200 words should be submitted by the 1st September 2022 to: a.harrison@field-studies-council.org. Previous year's programmes can be viewed on the NNR website [here](#).

Registration

There is no charge for the event and lunch will be provided. Accommodation can be arranged for those travelling from further away by request. A station pick up can be arranged from Totnes train station at 9:05 and return for 4:30pm – please inform us on registration if you will require this service. Presentations will begin at 9:30am and will end at 4pm.

If you would like to attend, please email Anna Harrison at: a.harrison@field-studies-council.org.

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