

Worcestershire

Local Recorders Conference

19th November 2022

10am - 4:30pm

Bishops Wood, Field Studies
Council Centre

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Programme

10.00 Registration

10.30 Welcome and Introduction

Rachel Davies – Field Studies Council

10.40 SmartRivers Monitoring in the Severn Catchment – using citizen scientists to monitor water quality

Alice Deans and Dewi Roberts – Severn Rivers Trust

11.05 Harvestmen of the West Midlands

Meg Skinner – Harvestman Recording Scheme

11.30 The Conservation of the Endangered, White-clawed Crayfish

Caroline Savage – Environmental Agency and Keith Falconer – Malvern Hills Crayfish Group

12.05 My Journey from Nosy Naturalist to Biological Recorder

Jean Young – Worcestershire Recorders

12.30 Lunch

13:30 Welcome Back

13:35 West Midlands Worms – What we've learned and what's next

Keiron Derek Brown – Earthworm Society of Britain

14:00 Take Ten to Protect Pollinators – Flower Insect Timed Counts and the Pollinator Monitoring Scheme

Richard Dawson

14:25 Identification – Why Bother? 40 years of the AIDGAP field guide project

Dr Rebecca Farley-Brown – Field Studies Council

14:50 Break

15:10 Supporting B-Lines in Worcestershire & Shropshire

Rachel Richards – Buglife

15:35 Biodiversity Training with the Field Studies Council – plans afoot for 2023 including invertebrate training opportunities

Evangeline Berryman-Bevans – Field Studies Council

16:00 Refreshments

16.30 End of day

SmartRivers Monitoring in the Severn Catchment – using citizen scientists to monitor water quality

Find out how citizen scientists can help bridge the gap in data collection and provide invaluable evidence to help protect our rivers. We will take a look at the nationwide citizen science scheme using river invertebrates as indicators of river health and specifically look at the monitoring being carried out in the Severn catchment.

Alice Deans, Dewi Roberts, Severn Rivers Trust. Twitter [@severnivers](#)

Harvestmen of the West Midlands

An insight into harvestmen of the region, including distribution changes, recording and new species to look out for.

Meg Skinner, Harvestman Recording Scheme. Twitter [@BritishSpiders](#). Facebook: [UK Harvestmen \(Opiliones\)](#)

The conservation of the endangered white-clawed crayfish

Britain has only one native species of white-clawed crayfish, and they are an important part of river ecosystems. They were once widespread across Britain and Europe, but populations have declined so much that they are now classified as endangered. This talk will explain what crayfish are, how they are threatened and recent local actions that have been taken to protect them.

Caroline Savage, Environment Agency and Keith Falconer, Malvern Hills Crayfish Group. Facebook group: [Malvern Hills Crayfish Group UK](#)

My Journey from Nosy Naturalist to Biological Recorder

Jean will talk about how the BioLinks project and being a member of Worcestershire Recorders has boosted her skills. She is keen to encourage everyone to make biological records and hopes to show that everyone can make a contribution regardless of their level of expertise or willingness to take specimens.

Jean Young, Worcestershire Recorders.

West Midlands Worms – What we've learned and what's next

The National Earthworm Recording Scheme relies on the efforts of a small number of dedicated recorders. Working with BioLinks, the Earthworm Society of Britain has launched a structured training programme to train and motivate new recorders. Keiron will report on what was achieved through 5 years of BioLinks and what's next for earthworm recording.

Kerion Derek Brown, Earthworm Society of Britain. Twitter and Facebook [@earthwormsoc](#)

Take Ten to Protect Pollinators - Flower Insect Timed Counts and the Pollinator Monitoring Scheme

FIT Counts are part of the National PoMS scheme that allows anyone, anywhere, to take part in monitoring and protecting pollinators. In this talk, pollinator surveyor and entomologist Richard Dawson will introduce the FIT Count protocol and how to get involved in this fantastic citizen science scheme. Suitable for all ages, experiences and abilities. Learn about your local pollinator community and how you can get involved monitoring and protecting these vital and overlooked elements of the environment. Learn how to use the Pollinator Monitoring Scheme Flower Insect-Timed Count protocol (FIT Count) and become part of local and national conservation action.

For more info and to download the FIT Count app: ukpoms.org.uk.

Richard Dawson. Twitter [@arbarus](https://twitter.com/arbarus). Facebook [@ArthroPodsUK](https://www.facebook.com/ArthroPodsUK). Instagram [Richard_arthropods](https://www.instagram.com/Richard_arthropods)

Identification - why bother? 40 years of the AIDGAP field guide project

Successful identification is fundamental to survey work and biological recording - if we can't name it, we can't protect it. Yet the teaching of taxonomy and identification skills in schools and universities has declined drastically over the last 40 years. In response to this, the FSC started the AIDGAP project developing field guides.

Dr Rebecca Farley-Brown, Field Studies Council. Twitter [@FSCPublications](https://twitter.com/FSCPublications)

Supporting B-Lines in Worcestershire & Shropshire

This talk will cover why pollinators need our help, what B-Lines are, how they work, and what we can all contribute to filling in the B-Lines in our local area.

Rachel Richards, Buglife. Twitter [@Buzz_dont_tweet](https://twitter.com/Buzz_dont_tweet)

Biodiversity Training with the Field Studies Council- plans afoot for 2023, including invertebrate training opportunities.

The FSC Biodiversity team will provide an overview of training opportunities for 2023.

Evangeline Berryman-Bevans, Field Studies Council. Twitter [@FieldStudiesC](https://twitter.com/FieldStudiesC). Facebook [@FieldStudiesC](https://www.facebook.com/FieldStudiesC). Website <https://www.field-studies-council.org/>

Stalls

Watkins and Doncaster. Entomological equipment including containers, pots and tubes, lenses, butterfly nets, sweep nets, pooters and more. *Cash or card.*

Field Studies Council. Field Studies Council is one of the UK's leading publishers of wildlife identification guides, with authoritative guides for enthusiasts, recorders and professionals. As well as our best selling WildID fold-out guides - stunningly illustrated, packed with facts and splash-proof making them perfect for heading outdoors. They will be offering a selection of publications, including AIDGAP books and wildlife fold-out guides for sale. *Cash only.*

Arthropods. Arthropods present UK made accessories for entomologists, designed and created by entomologist and visual artist Richard Dawson. Products include the ArthroSphere microscopy accessory, the Beehave field ID aid, Lightweight Pan Trap Sets and civic BioDiversity Boxes. Plus second-hand entomology books & some new products launching at the event. *Cash or paypal only.*

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. The Trust will host a charity information stand.

Butterfly Conservation. Butterfly Conservation will have an information stall, attended by West Midland Branch volunteers.

Worcestershire Recorders. Worcestershire Recorders is a society for all naturalists interested in observing, recording and studying natural history in Worcestershire. They will have information on the society, their activities and membership opportunities. They will also have copies of the 'Worcestershire Record', a bi-annual journal which showcases what the society does and biological recording in Worcestershire.

Wyre Forest Study Group. The Wyre Forest Study Group is committed to collecting biological records in and around Wyre and celebrating its wildlife. Their book 'THE NATURE OF WYRE' and 'ANNUAL REVIEWS' will be on sale.

Bishops Wood Volunteering. Become part of our team and volunteer here at the Bishops Wood centre. Support us and help to maintain and nurture this centre while meeting new people.

Useful Information

Wi-Fi: letmeinpls

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The lunch buffet will be from 12:30 until 13:30. If you submitted dietary requirements when you booked, please speak to the staff at the start of the day so they can advise.

Get involved in the conversations online throughout the day on social media by using #WorcsRecordersDay22.

We would really appreciate your feedback, so please fill out a feedback form before you leave.

Please remember to visit the stalls during the breaks as they have great equipment to purchase and information on wildlife opportunities.

Biodiversity Newsletter

Keep up to date with wildlife news and opportunities!

Sign up to the Biodiversity Newsletter to hear about new courses, opportunities, publications and to receive exclusive discounts. Plus, blogs and news from the conservation and wildlife sector.



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