

# The Wildlife Information Centre

## Autumn Conference: Why Biological Recording Matters

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**  
**Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park, nr Gorebridge**

### **Programme**

- 10:00            **Registration and coffee/tea**
- 10:30            **Welcome and introduction**  
Dr Rob Briers (TWIC Member & Programme Leader, Edinburgh Napier University)
- 10:45            **Where are our Butterflies and Moths?**  
Dr Barry Prater (Butterfly Conservation East Scotland)
- 11:25            **Using your Data: Why Biological Records are Invaluable to Local Authorities**  
Caroline Peacock (City of Edinburgh Council)
- 12:05            **Comfort break**
- 12:15            **Local Biodiversity Sites: from Recording Excursion to Assessment**  
Steve Hannah & Natalie Harmsworth (TWIC)
- 12:55            **Open Mike Session – part 1**  
Christine Johnston – Update on Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum (SBIF)  
Stuart MacPherson – East Lothian Biodiversity Action Plan: A New way of Encouraging Conservation Work.  
Alan Krumholds – Roles of Ranger Service in Biological Recording: Dispelling the Myths on what a Ranger does.
- 13:10            **Buffet lunch**
- Posters and displays**
- 14:10            **Open Mike Session – part 2**  
Pete Minting – Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC) in Scotland  
Graeme Wilson – Lothian and Borders Mammal Group (LaBMaG) activities  
Douglas McKean – Japanese Knotweed on the River Almond
- 14:20            **Biological Records in Research: Extent and Detail**  
Dr Patrick White (Edinburgh Napier University)
- 15:00            **Biological Records – A Consultant’s View**  
Melanie Ingledew (Findlay Ecology Services)
- 15:40            **Summing up**  
Sarah Eno (TWIC Director)
- 16:00            **Conference ends**