



# The Wildlife Information Centre Spring Conference 2017

## Farming and Biodiversity in Scotland – An Essential Partnership

Sat 29 April 2017

Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, East Lothian (EH21 6AA)

### Programme

- 10:00            **Registration and coffee/tea**
- 10:30            **Welcome and Introduction**  
Graeme Wilson (TWIC Manager)
- 10:45            **Complex Soil Communities: Why should we care and how can we use them?**  
Dr Tim Daniell (University of Sheffield/ The James Hutton Institute)
- 11:25            **Arable Weeds – A Disappearing Problem?**  
Luke Gaskell (Kittyfield Farm and Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland recorder)
- 12:05            **Tea/coffee**
- 12:20            **The PARTRIDGE Project: Grey Partridge Conservation in the EU and Scotland**  
Fiona Torrance (The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust)
- 13:00            **Buffet lunch** (Supported by Caledonian Conservation Ltd.)
- 14:00            **Managing Farmland for Biodiversity: A Land Manager's View**  
Teyl de Bordes (Whitmuir Farm, near Selkirk)
- 14:40            **Building Biodiversity into Decision Making for Farmers**  
Dr John Kerr (Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture)
- 15:20            **Comfort break**
- 15:40            **Update talks:**  
**Great Crested Newt Detectives Project 1 year on**  
Pete Minting (Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust)
- 16:00            **Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels**  
Alexa Seagrave (Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Project Officer – South Scotland)
- 16:20            **Summing up**  
Ian Young (TWIC Director)
- 16:30            **Conference ends**