

The Wildlife Information Centre

Autumn Conference: Why Biological Recording Matters

Saturday 23rd 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**