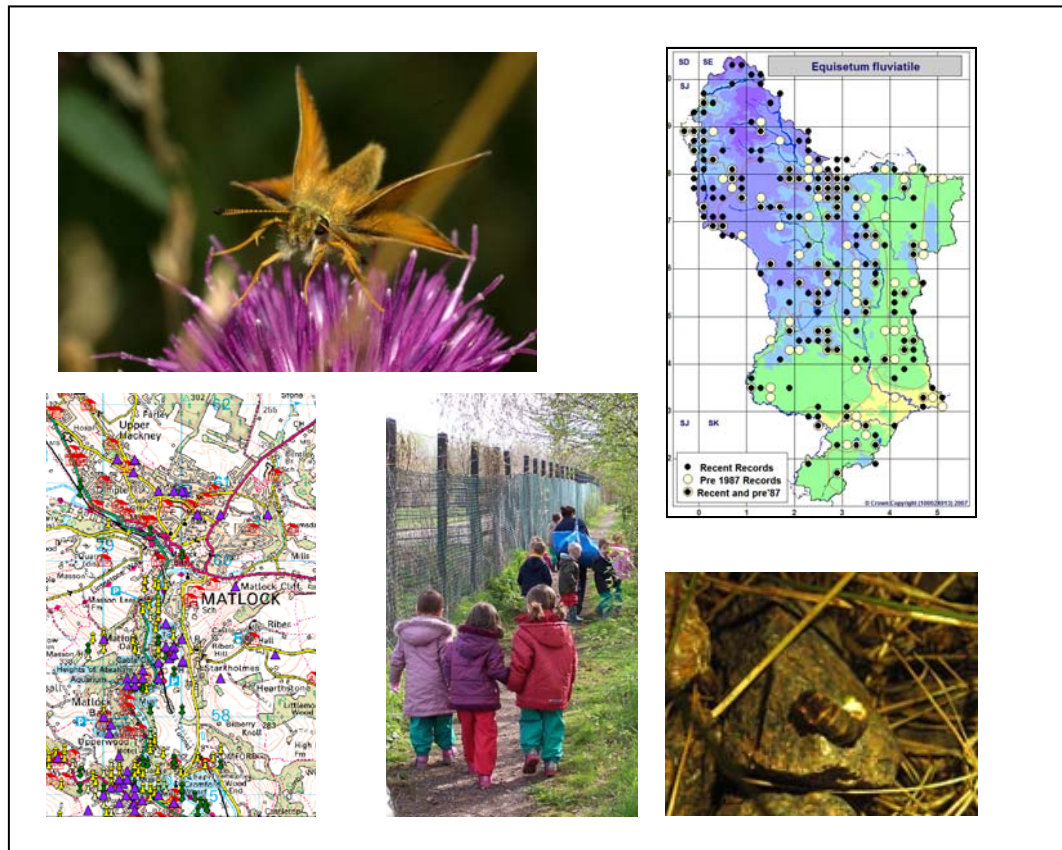




# Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership Forum 2013



## *Species-Rich?*



**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
**County Hall, Matlock**  
**10am - 4.15pm**

A programme of talks, workshops and displays, based around a theme of 'Species'  
Looking at identification, recording, publishing, campaigning and conservation!



This event is generously supported by Derbyshire County Council.

 Conference Twitter hashtag: #LDBAP

# ***Species-Rich?***

This year's Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Forum will be held in Matlock on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. With an emphasis on 'Species', there will be talks from a range of county experts, plus two workshop sessions on subjects you can choose from.

Workshop details are on the next page of this flier. Please select your preferred choices when you complete and return the booking form **by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

Our main speaker and one of our six workshop leaders will be **Tim Birch**, the newly appointed Conservation Manager at Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Coming from a Greenpeace background, Tim will be asking whether Species and Nature Conservation are at a Crossroads, and inviting us all to question whether we really are doing enough of the right stuff to halt the loss of species and their habitats.

Other speakers and workshop leaders will cover a range of diverse subjects, mostly around our 'species' theme – see attached programme (provisional).

There will be plenty of opportunities during the day to share experiences with like-minded people, as well as to meet other groups and individuals within the county.

Are you on Twitter yet? If so, our conference hashtag will be: #LDBAP

## **How much does it cost?**

Attendance at the Annual Biodiversity Forum is **free**, but **places must be booked** in advance. using the attached form.

## **Who is the event aimed at?**

The event is aimed at biodiversity partners, parish councils, landowners, schools, volunteers, community groups, students and anyone else who wants to find out about species and conservation issues in Derbyshire.

Anyone can attend the event, but priority is given to organisations in Derbyshire, and those already part of the LBAP Partnership, or our counterparts at NottsBAG.

## **Venue Details**

County Hall, Smedley Street, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

Buffet Lunch: free, in Members Room

Car parking: free (use large car park below County Hall. Entrance off Bank Road

Display or Table Space for sales etc: Available in Members Room (also used for lunch)

- Please use booking form to request a space

Date & Time: 10am to 4.15pm Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November

## **What is the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership?**

The Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership consists of over 90 organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors who have agreed to work together to deliver the aims of the [Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Action Plan](#). This Action Plan contains targets for habitat management, restoration and creation. Work is also taking place to survey, monitor and conserve species, especially those considered to be in national decline, such as the water vole.

## Workshops:

Delegates have an opportunity to attend **two** different workshops. See booking form. They are designed to be interactive, so come armed with questions and do be prepared to participate.

**Workshop 1: Halting the Decline?** If we continue with business as usual, can we really save what we have left of the natural world in the UK? This workshop follows on from Tim's morning session and will be seeking your views and ideas on what we all need to do differently to protect our environment. Do we need to record more? Inform more? Shout more? Campaign more? Act differently? An important ideas-gathering opportunity.

**Run by Tim Birch**, Conservation Manager, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

**Workshop 2: New Audiences for Surveying.** Looking at the many ways the public at large can help with surveying, and the tricks used to gather data from them. From garden birds to reptiles and from posters to apps, are we reaching all the audiences we really can to help us with surveys? What could we do better? How have you or your group gone about getting the public to lend a hand with recording? Please bring along any examples or ideas of projects that you've been involved with.

**Run by Chris Monk**, Derbyshire Amphibian & Reptile Group

**Workshop 3: ID with iSpot** This workshop will introduce you to the iSpot website and how it can help you with your wildlife identification tools. Weather permitting, we will go outdoors and find some wildlife to identify, photograph it, then upload it to the website for confirmation of an identification or for someone in the vast iSpot community to give us some help.

**Run by Debbie Alston**, iSpot Biodiversity Mentor for the East Midlands

**Workshop 4: How Healthy Is Your Pond?** There is a PSYMple way to find out!. PSYM stands for Predictive SYstem for Multimetrics, and has been developed to provide an easy method for assessing the biological quality of still waters in England and Wales. The method uses a number of aquatic plant and invertebrate measures, which are combined together to give a single value which represents the waterbody's overall quality status. The workshop will describe the methodology adopted to collecting the pond data, and how the PSYM score derived can be used to assess pond quality and inform future pond management plans.

**Run by Derek Golson**, Derby City Pond Warden Association

**Workshop 5– Get To Know Your Butterflies** This was a great year for butterflies, with many people now actively recording them across Derbyshire. But if most butterfly species are still just a coloured blur to you, these two separate workshops will show you the basics of butterfly identification, and offer a few tips for recording and understanding their ecology. **Choose one, or both:**

**Morning** Brief beginners guide to the butterflies of Derbyshire, introduction into the common butterflies found in the county.

**Afternoon** Intermediate butterfly workshop looking at the difficult groups and the more unusual species you may come across.

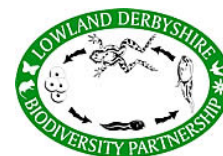
**Run by Dave Savage**, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust/Limestone Journeys

## **Workshop 6– Species Surveyors – the Next Generation**

How can we inspire, enthuse and motivate the next generation of naturalists and species recorders? How can we forge lasting connections between young people and the natural world and its amazing species? This workshop will share a few easy techniques and handy hints for helping engage children with the species on your reserve or out in the wider countryside without requiring lots of equipment or educational experience. George is an experienced environmental educator and will share some of her fun ideas that anyone can use to getting children learning about the species around them.

**Workshop run by Georgina Greaves (formerly Cass),**

Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service, Derbyshire CC



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*(Provisional Programme)*

9.45 – 10.00	Registration and Coffee
10.00	Introduction <i>(Chair for the day)</i>  Welcome and Official event opening TBC
10.10	<b>Are Species and Nature Conservation at a Crossroads?</b> - Tim Birch, Conservation Manager, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
10.50	<b>Red Data or Dead Data? - Can species records influence the planning system?</b> - Tom French, Ecologist, Derbyshire County Council
11.05	<b>Future Directions in Species Recording – a Local Records Centre perspective</b> - Kieron Huston, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
11.20	<b>Questions for speakers</b>
11.30	Coffee Break
11.45	<b>Workshops – Session 1</b>  1. <b>Halting the Decline?</b> Tim.Birch (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust) 2. <b>Finding New Audiences for Surveys</b> Chris.Monk (Derbyshire Amphibian & Reptile Group) 3. <b>How to Survey a Pond</b> Derek Golson (Derby City Pond warden Association) 4. <b>ID with iSpot</b> Debbie Alston (iSpot) 5. <b>Get to Know your Butterflies</b> Dave Savage (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust,/ Limestone Journeys) a) Morning Session 1: Beginners      b) Afternoon Session 2: Intermediate 6. <b>Species in the Classroom</b> George Greaves (Derbyshire County Council)
12.45	<b>Buffet Lunch</b> and time to look around the displays and to network
13.45	<b>Workshops - Session 2</b> <b>(As Session 1)</b>
14.45	Coffee Break
15.00	<b>Ten Minute Talks</b> <b>Butterfly Transects</b> (Dave Savage - Limestone Journeys) <b>Plotting to Publish</b> (Debbie Alston, Derbyshire Mammal Group) <b>The Derby City Pond Project</b> (Derek Golson, Derby Pond Wardens Association) <b>Of Floras, Peregrines and Glow worms or “what I do on my days off”</b> (Nick Moyes), <b>Water Boatmen as Indicators of Water Quality</b> Carlos Abrahams Baker Consultants
16.00	<b>Final discussion and round up</b>
16.15	<b>Finish</b>

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## Booking Form (please complete one form per person)

I wish to attend the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership Forum 2013.

**Name:**

**Position / Job Title** (if appropriate):

**Organisation/Local group** (if appropriate):

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:**

**I would like my e-mail details adding to the delegates list**    **Yes / No**    (Delete as appropriate)

**I would like to bring a display**    **Yes / No**    If 'yes' please provide details eg size and if a table is needed.  
(All displays should be up before 10am and removed after 4pm. Items left for sale are at own risk )

**Special dietary or other requirements:**

**Workshops:**

Please mark the workshops you'd like to attend with a **first (A)**, **second (B)** and **third (C)** choice:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. <b>Halting the Decline</b> (Tim Birch)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4. <b>How Healthy is your Pond?</b> (Derek Golson)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. <b>Species Surveyors - the next generation</b> (Georgina Greaves)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. <b>New Audiences for Surveying</b> (Chris Monk)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5a (Morning only) <b>Get to Know Your Butterflies - BEGINNERS</b> (Dave Savage)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. <b>ID with iSpot</b> (Debbie Alston)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5b. (Afternoon only) <b>Get to Know Your Butterflies - INTERMEDIATE</b> (Dave Savage)	

**To secure your place on this event, please return this booking form asap to:**  
**Nick Moyes c/o Derbyshire County Council, Shand House, Dale Road South,**  
**Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3RY**  
or e-mail to [biodiversity@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**By Monday 18th November 2013**

If you have any queries regarding the content of the event please contact Nick Moyes 01629 539771  
[biodiversity@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Further copies and booking form can be downloaded from the Derbyshire Biodiversity website  
[www.derbyshirebiodiversity.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirebiodiversity.org.uk).

Further information, including a location map will be sent to delegates by e-mail or post from 20<sup>th</sup> November.