

Bat Conservation Trust



East of England Bat Conference Saturday 30th January 2010 Ickworth House, nr Bury St Edmunds

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

09.45 Registration, teas and coffees

10.15 Session 1

Welcome and introduction

Development of bat studies in East Anglia: 1930s to present (Bob Stebbings)

NBMP in the East of England (Phil Briggs, BCT)

Bats and wind turbines: a review of the current situation in the UK (Anthony Mould, Natural England)

Bat activity patterns in agricultural landscapes (Danielle Linton, WildCru)

11.45 BREAK, TEAS AND COFFEES

12.00 Session 2

Bat care as a conservation tool (Daniel Hargreaves, Herts. & Middlesex Bat Group)

Suffolk Woodland Surveys (Alison Collins, Suffolk Bat Group)

Out of the bat cave: involving people in bat conservation (Jude Hirstwood, Beds. Bat Group)

BCT: what's new (Laura Dunne, BCT)

13.30 LUNCH

14.30 Workshops (options given overleaf)

16.00 BREAK

16.10 Feedback to BCT

16.30 Thanks and close

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Workshops / discussion groups

Species ID, Brian Briggs

Bat identification in the hand. Tips for untangling confusing species - concentrating on Pipistrelles and *Myotis* bats.

Bats and trees, Abie Meddings & Arthur Rivers

A field workshop drawing on examples from the Ickworth Estate. Attendees will be required to bring suitable footwear and waterproofs (weather depending).

Sound analysis, Phil Briggs

This workshop will consist of a presentation covering the basics of sound analysis and species call identification, looking at species commonly recorded in the East of England and a selection of rarer/more challenging species. Time expansion and frequency division recordings will be covered and there will be a brief overview of some of the sound analysis software currently available. This will be followed by a practical session in which participants work together in small groups to analyse a set of recordings. This workshop is designed for relative beginners, though more experienced sound analysts may find the more challenging recordings of interest and are welcome to contribute to discussion and share knowledge.

Designing mitigation in historic buildings, Chris Vine

A field workshop drawing on examples from the Ickworth Estate. Attendees will be required to bring suitable footwear and waterproofs (weather depending).

Bat boxes, Maurice Webber and Becky Barratt

Maurice Webber will be sharing his experiences of bat box design. His 30 year's experience of trying to provide the ultimate roost in a box includes choice of materials, heat sources, insulation, maintenance and monitoring practicalities. Examples of bat boxes in various states of construction will be available.

Getting the most from your bat detector, Andrew McLeish

The workshop will look at a number of the widely used bat detectors on the market and demonstrate how their use can be extended, including recording GPS data, microphones, using as data loggers, external power sources and weather protection. The workshop will NOT cover any aspects of sound recording/analysis.

Feedback to BCT

This session will be chaired by a bat group representative in the Board of Trustees and will present an opportunity for attendees to let BCT know what, you feel the priorities in bat conservation are, and what should be at the top of the BCT agenda in coming years. Please note, this is not a Q&A session. A summary of points will be fed back to the BCT office/Board of Trustees and a response

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