

Transect Walk Bat Survey and Sound Analysis Course 2007

Date: 13th - 14th Sept 2007

Horner Woods Somerset

Costs £250

A specialist and intensive course aimed at professional ecologists. A two day/one night course based in the beautiful Holnicote estate on the North Somerset coast 10 miles west of Minehead. Accommodation and meals will be provided in the Lorna done Hotel in Porlock. Indoor sessions will be held a couple of miles away ion the National Trust Field Centre at Piles Mill, Allerford. Field visits will be made into a local woodland edge village, with good diversity of habitat. The course will run from 2pm sharp on the 13th Sept until 14th Sept afternoon and the cost includes delicious meals and comfortable accommodation.

The aim will be to introduce the participants to the methodology and types of transect recording, familiarisation with the use of recording equipment and will include sessions on post survey analysis of the recordings, using specialist computer software. It will also incorporate the practical application of the data gathered. Participants will need to be equipped for field visits, one of which will be at night.

Field visits to include:

- Daytime assessment of habitat within transect to be walked
- Night transect walk, recording bats present

Classroom sessions to include:

- Equipment familiarisation
- Theory of types of transect walking
- Introduction to sound analysis
- Bats and the Law
- Post survey computer analysis
- Practical application of techniques
- Case studies

The tutors will be among the most experienced bat surveyors in the country with extensive knowledge of sound analysis and transect walking, working with Greena Ecological Consultancy.

NB This course can be taken in conjunction with the woodlands course which runs from 10th – 13th Sept at the Horner woods on the Holnicote Estate.

Spaces are limited, so for further details, or to book a place, please contact:

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