

## Biodiversity in the New Forest

Conference at Balmer Lawn Hotel, Brockenhurst

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th September, 2007

This meeting is being held in support of the recent designation of the New Forest as a National Park. The New Forest is widely recognised as an exceptionally important haven for wildlife, including some of the richest landscapes in the lowlands of western Europe. This is reflected in a variety of designations, with some 20 SSSIs, six Natura 2000 sites and two Ramsar Convention sites included at least partially within its boundaries. The New Forest is recognised as being of particular importance for flowering plants, bryophytes, lichens, fungi, bats and birds, as well as many invertebrate groups. Despite this, the current status and distribution of many species occurring within the New Forest is very poorly understood.

The aim of this meeting is to provide an overview of biodiversity in the New Forest, by summarizing what is currently known and identifying where the knowledge gaps lie. Specialists on different groups of organisms will present an account of current information regarding the status and distribution of species occurring within the New Forest, focusing on those of particular conservation interest or concern, and with the aim of identifying current trends in abundance. Information on the status and trends in the condition of different habitats will also be presented.

The objective is to provide a forum for both naturalists and ecological researchers to present current information about

biodiversity in the New Forest, with the aim of informing future management decisions and identifying particular issues of concern. Much of the information relating to biodiversity in the New Forest is widely dispersed and difficult to access, and no previous attempt has been made to provide such an integrated overview. The meeting is being organised by the Forest Ecology group of the British Ecological Society in association with Bournemouth University, the Forestry Commission and the National Park Authority.

The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in the biodiversity of the New Forest. Offers of poster presentations or displays are welcome.

Please complete and return the attached booking form if you wish to attend. The booking fee for the meeting is £55, which includes cost of refreshments. Lunch will also be available, but at an additional cost. Delegates are required to make their own accommodation arrangements, but a list of preferred local accommodation is available on our website.

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## Tuesday 25th September

- 8.30** Registration
- 9.00** **Adrian Newton (Bournemouth University)**  
Introduction and welcome
- 9.15** **Simon Wotton (RSPB), Greg Conway (British Trust for Ornithology) and Andy Page (Forestry Commission)**  
Birds
- 10.00** **Colleen Mainstone (Hampshire Bat Group)**  
Bats
- 10.30** **Martin Noble (Forestry Commission)**  
Reptiles and amphibians
- 11.00** Tea / coffee
- 11.30** **Terry Langford (University of Southampton)**  
Fish and aquatic invertebrates
- 12.00** **David Thompson (University of Liverpool)**  
Dragonflies and damselflies
- 12.30** **Keith Alexander (Ancient Tree Forum)**  
Saproxyllic beetles
- 13.00** Lunch
- 14.30** **Andrew Barker (Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre) and David Green (Butterfly Conservation)**  
Butterflies and moths
- 15.00** **Bryan Pinchen and Lena Ward (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology)**  
Other invertebrates
- 15.30** **Martin Rand (Botanical Society of the British Isles) and Clive Chatters (National Park Authority)**  
Vascular plants
- 16.00** Tea / coffee

**16.30 Neil Sanderson (Botanical Survey and Assessment)**

Lichens

**17.00 Adrian Newton (Bournemouth University)**

Fungi

**17.30 Discussion**

**17.45 Close**

**Tuesday evening** Informal field outing to the New Forest. Further details will be provided during the meeting.

### **Wednesday 26th September**

**9.30 Rachel Green and Diana Westerhoff (Natural England)**

The condition of New Forest habitats: an overview

**10.00 Elena Cantarello, Gillian Myers, Sarah North and Adrian Newton (Bournemouth University)**

The condition and dynamics of New Forest woodlands

**10.30 Tim Holzer (Environment Agency)**

Wetland restoration: LIFE II & III project overview

**11.00** Tea / coffee

**11.30 Naomi Ewald and Alan Stewart (University of Sussex)**

Temporal changes in temporary pond invertebrate communities within the New Forest

**12.00 Jane Memmott (University of Bristol)**

Dynamics of heathland communities and food webs

**12.30 Rory Putman**

The effects of grazing on the ecological structure and dynamics of the New Forest

**13.00** Lunch

**14.30 Stephen Trotter and Ian Barker (National Park Authority)**

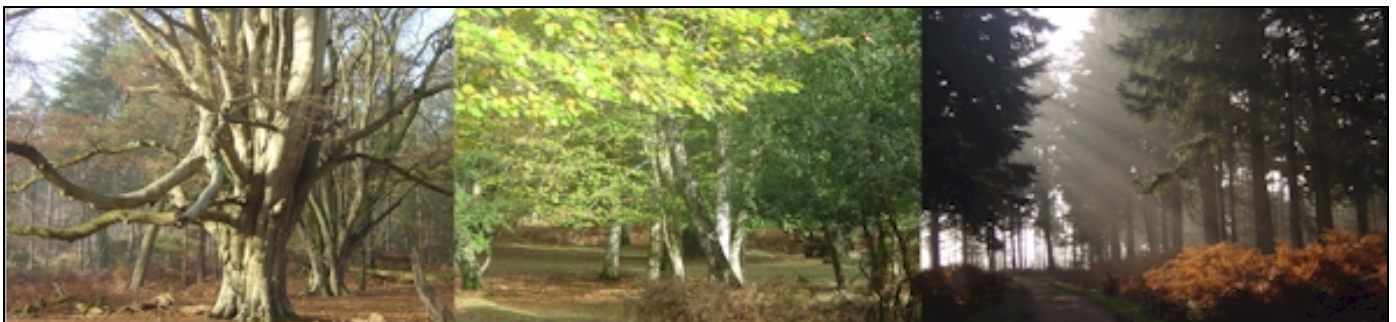
Biodiversity conservation from the National Park perspective

**15.00** Closing discussion: identifying priorities for action

Chaired by **Clive Chatters (National Park Authority)**

**16.00** Tea / coffee

**17.00** Depart





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