



**National Federation for Biological Recording**

**Annual Conference 2013**  
***Biological Recording from the  
Local Perspective***

**Royal National Lifeboat Institution College, Poole, Dorset**  
**Thursday - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013**  
**(with optional field day to Studland NNR: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April)**



***CONFERENCE BOOKING DETAILS***

***The fee for the conference will be £65 (NFBR members will be entitled to a £10 discount for bookings if paid by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 for both days). For Friday only the cost is £45 (NFBR members £5 discount). For Thursday afternoon only the fee is £25. Tea/coffee and lunch are provided on Friday. Tea and coffee are available on arrival Thursday.***

***ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION***

***A room on Thursday evening with bed and breakfast is available at the NFBR conference rate of £75.50 per person plus £27.50 for an evening meal, payable to the RNLI. Double rooms are £84.50.  
Book direct with RNLI: Jo Saunders on 01202 336141.***

**NFBR, c/o 3 Brookmead Close, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth, DT3 6RS**



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**Programme: Day 1**

**13.30 Arrival and registration.**

**14.00 Welcome and introduction to the Conference Programme**

**14.05 Seminar: Chairman for the session: Michael Pocock (CEH/BRC)**

**“Making sure we have the data we need – from Protected Species to Ecological Networks “. (Do we have the people and tools to deliver the right information for all the various ways we want to use it?)**

**14.10 The Context – summary of the latest Government initiatives requiring information. Graham Walley (Leicestershire CC)**

**14.20 The Support – “The role of an environmental charity in contributing to national biological recording data – the FSC in its 70<sup>th</sup> year” Sue Townsend & Pete Boardman (Field Studies Council)**

**14.50 The Discussion. Leader: Sue Townsend (Field Studies Council)**

**16.00 Round-up and summary.**

**16.30 Close and tea.**

**18.30 Conference Dinner.**



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**Programme: Day 2**

**10.00** Arrival and registration for latecomers.

**Morning focus: Local and regional recording projects: what recording is achieving at the local level**

**10.15** *Fifty ways to make good use of local data*  
Nicky Court, Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre

**10.45** *Following in the footsteps of Cyril Diver at Studland*  
David Brown, National Trust

**11.15** *Getting to the heart of it – monitoring a landscape scale woodland creation project* Ken & Linda Smith, Herts Natural History Society

**11.45** *Dive into Conservation! – the role of local habitat and site-based recording in delivering a national network of Marine Conservation Zones*  
Paula Lightfoot, YNU/Seasearch UK

**12.15** Lunch, posters etc.

**13.15** NFBR AGM – all welcome to attend and listen in.

**Afternoon focus: do we have what is needed to tell us what we need to know, and how can we get the most from what we do know?**

**14.00** *What motivates biological recorders? – a Dipterist's view*  
Roger Morris, Hoverfly Recording Scheme

**14.30** *Missing links? – the challenge of joining local and national recording*  
Martin Harvey, NFBR

**15.00** *Putting records to work – indicators, predictors, criteria*  
Trevor James, NFBR

**15.30** *Assessing resilience of local ecological networks*  
Tom Oliver, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

**16.00** Discussion and round-up.

**16.30** Tea and depart



**Saturday: 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Optional extra day:  
“Putting recording into practice”**

**The intention is to make a visit to the South Haven area of the Studland peninsula to assist the National Trust with meaningful biological recording in this important habitat.**

**Arrangements:**

**We aim to start from the Knoll Beach Discovery Centre at 10.00 a.m. For delegates visiting the area by train, the National Trust will arrange to pick delegates up by mini-bus at 9.30 a.m. from the R.N.L.I. College and transfer them to Studland *via* the ferry and return people to Poole for the 16.07 fast service to Waterloo, arriving at 18.20, subject to Network Rail having a complete track available. Arrangements will be made to secure luggage.**

**South Haven peninsula offers a wide variety of habitats to explore, including acid sand dunes, which are not covered in the NVC classification. There are acid mires, wet woodland, lowland heath, open water at Little Sea, shoreline habitat at Brands Bay and Poole Harbour, as well as acid, neutral, and calcareous grassland.**

**In addition to the usual visitor facilities, refreshments are available at Knoll Beach Café. The Trust will pre-order picnic lunches @£5, but we need to know numbers and whether a vegetarian option is required.**

**The Trust will endeavour to make available local guides to assist our members who may not be familiar with the area. We will also make maps available and provide health and safety guidance, as the area was used for wartime training and old munitions may also be found.**

**Please book using the attached form:**

## Booking Form:

Conference Administration: Mr J.A.Newbould, Stonecroft, 3 Brookmead Close, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6RS. Telephone: 01305 837384.

Email: [johna72newbould@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johna72newbould@yahoo.co.uk) (Please note new email address!)

I/we wish to attend the NFBR Conference 2013 for both days, (£65 per person) ; for Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> (£45) ; or for Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> (£25) . (NFBR members receive a £10 discount per booking if payment is received by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 for both days).

Contact Name .....

Organisation.....

Address.....

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Post Code..... Telephone No .....Email.....

I/we have booked to stay at RNLi College on Thursday evening  &/or Friday

❖ Non resident – I/we wish to book an evening meal on Thursday

❖ I/we wish to purchase a picnic for Saturday

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**LUNCH** - the following are available:

Non vegetarian option

Vegetarian option (V)

Special diet: please contact J. A. Newbould.

NFBR Conference Fee £.....

Membership subscription (individual £10) £.....

Membership subscription (organisation £20) £.....

Saturday Picnic (£5 per person) £.....

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**TOTAL** £.....

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### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please invoice against my/our official order, no.: .....

I/we enclose a cheque in payment for £ .....

(payable to 'National Federation for Biological Recording')

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### Saturday field visit to Studland

Name: ..... Recording Interest .....

Transport from/ to Poole required: Y / N

Picnic Lunch required; Y / N

Do you wish a vegetarian option Y / N

**IMPORTANT: For the past two years, delegates have turned up without a conference booking. This could be due to spam filters. I will endeavour to email booking confirmations within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation within 72 hours, please contact me by phone on 01305 837384.**