

South West of England Bat Conference 2023

Saturday 25 March 2023 – Petroc College, Tiverton & Online

Programme (latest draft 24.03.2023)

09:00 Arrival, registrations in person from 09:00, Zoom room open from 09:30

09:50 Session 1

- 09:50 Welcome & Housekeeping Notices
- 10:00 Greater Horseshoe Bat Research in North Devon – *Geoff Billington, Greena Ecological Consultancy*
- 10:25 White Noise in the Woods – Chasing Bechstein's Bats – *Paul Kennedy, Somerset Bat Group*
- 10:55 Notices.

11:00 Break.

11:30 Session 2 – Workshops (90 mins)

- Basic (in-hand) bat identification (in-person only) – with Colin Morris, Dorset Bat Group [EV8]
- Biosecurity and Bats: effective disease risk management (in person & virtual) - with Lisa Worledge, BCT [D23]
- Horseshoe bats, their roosts and conservation (in person & virtual) - with Daniel Hargreaves, VWT [D14 A&B]
- Chasing the noise in the night (in person & virtual) – with Nick Tomlinson [EV5]
- Achieving High-Quality IR Video for Bat Surveys (in-person only) – with Adrian Bicker [Lecture Theatre]

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (includes Bat Carer's Meet-up at 13:30, seating area near the entrance)

14:00 Session 3 – Workshops (60 mins)

- Bat photography (in person & virtual) – with Daniel Hargreaves, VWT [Lecture Theatre]
- So you want to get a bat licence? (in person & virtual) - with Lisa Worledge, BCT [D14 A&B]
- Volunteer recruitment, motivation and retention (in-person only) – with Parvathy Venugopal, BCT [EV05]
- A Beginner's Guide to Analysing Bat Calls with Kaleidoscope Lite (in-person only) - with Fran Tattersall, Wildlife Acoustics [EV6a]
- Gardening for Wildlife (in-person only) – with Sheila Dearing, RHS Rosemoor [D23]
- An Introduction to Catching Bats with Mist Nets and Harp Traps (in-person only) – with Louise Woolley, Devon Bat Group [EV8]

15:00 Break.

15:30 Session 4

- 15:30 Update on the work of the Bat Conservation Trust – *Dr Carol Williams, Bat Conservation Trust*
- 15:55 Grey Long-eared Bat Initiatives in East Devon – *Pete Youngman, East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*
- 16:15 Ringing the Changes – *Lisa Worledge, Bat Conservation Trust*
- 16:30 Equity, diversity and inclusion - how can we do better? – *Naomi Webster, Bat Conservation Trust*
- 16:45 How bats use churches: findings from our citizen science research – *Claire Boothby, Bat Conservation Trust*
- 17:00 Draw of Raffle Prices, Thanks and Close.

17:10 Finish

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