

Annual Conference 2009

Habitats & Habitat Recording



**Bowden Hall Hotel, Gloucester:
Thursday - Friday, 16th - 17th April 2009**



From the M5 exit at junction 11a. Follow the dual carriageway towards Gloucester> Go straight over the 1st roundabout, at the 2nd roundabout take the 2nd exit. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit and follow through the traffic lights. At the 2nd set turn left into Abbeymead, Abbeydale. Follow the road straight for 1.5 miles where you will see the brown tourist signs for the hotel.

Accommodation: Delegates are responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation. The hotel has offered £95 for a single room or £110 (Twin/double) cancellable up to 2pm on the day. The price includes the evening meal, room and breakfast, including use of the hotel's gym and swimming pool. These may be booked with Charlotte Brown on 01452 874829. Alternately one can book on line but the bookings are not cancellable using www.ramadajarvis.co.uk Prices could be cheaper on line but at the time of preparation were not. There is a Premier Travel Inn at Barnwood just off junction 11a. Rooms were £60 on line. Breakfast/meals extra. Alternately there is a reange of bed and breakfast options in the *Gloucester Tourist Guide*. Telephone Gloucester TI on 01452 396576. On line www.visitgloucester.info. Delegates arriving on Thursday lunch may order a bar meal or eat before arriving.

National Federation for Biological Recording



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Programme: Day 1

13.30 Arrival and registration.

14.00 Welcome and introduction to programme for the Conference.

14.15 Workshop:

Using Volunteers in Habitat Survey and Recording.

Facilitator: Carolyn Steele, Dorset ERC.

Introductory talk: *Habitat recording: experience from the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly.*
Gary Lewis, ERCCIS Manager.

16.00 Round-up and report session.

16.30 Tea and posters etc.

18.30 Dinner.



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Programme: Day 2

10.00 Arrival and registration for latecomers.

10.30 Welcome and introduction to programme for day.

10.35 *Mapping for habitat opportunity*

Nicky Court, Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre

11.15 *The Integrated Habitat System and its future (to be confirmed)*

Liz Biron, Somerset Environmental Records Centre

11.55 *Keeping 'site' of the wood for the trees - using habitat data for site protection and management*

Martin Hicks, Herts Biological Records Centre

12.35 Lunch/posters etc.

13.30 NFBR AGM

14.00 *Updating and disseminating Natural England's habitat data: progress to date and future plans*

Clare Pinches, Natural England

14.40 *Habitat data capture using the OPAL Indicia Online Recording Toolkit*

John van Breda, contractor to NBN/OPAL

15.20 *The trouble with habitat data...*

Richard Burkmar, NBN Trust

16.00 Discussion and round-up.

16.30 Tea and depart

Booking Form:

The fee for the conference will be £50 (NFBR members will be entitled to a £5 discount for bookings received by April 10th, 2009) for both days. For Friday only the cost is £40. For Thursday afternoon the fee is £10. Tea/Coffee and Lunch provided on Friday.

Conference Administrator

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I/we wish to attend the NFBR Conference on for both days cost £50 or for Friday April 17th (cost £40) or for Thursday April 16th (cost £10)

Contact Name
Organisation.....
Address.....

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

Email.....

I have booked at to stay at Bowden Hall on Thursday evening

❖ I wish to book an evening meal on Thursday (Priced as taken)

I enclose a cheque for £..... Payable to the National Federation for Biological Recording. Please invoice my organisation. Our official order no is enclosed.

LUNCH - The following menu is available.

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| Non vegetarian option | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vegetarian option (V) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Diet: _ Please contact J A Newbould. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do you require the use of a loop hearing system?.....

There is access for wheelchairs, Please advise: