



Biological Recording in Scotland (BRISC)
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BRISC Conference and AGM 2004

Secret Wildlife, Recording the Urban Environment

Saturday 6th March

The Dining Room, Students Union, Teviot Row House, Bristo Square, Edinburgh
Please book by 25th February 2004

Cost: £10 for members, £15 for non members, £5 concessions for students, lunch extra at £4

10.00 Registration – coffee/tea

10.25 Welcome and introduction – Anne-Marie Smout, Chair of BRISC

Morning session: Issues and habitats

Chair: to be announced

10.30 Greenspaces – where the wild things are? Dr Scott Ferguson, Scottish Natural Heritage Advisory Officer, Settlements Group

11.00 Urban Gems - Conserving invertebrates on brownfield sites Matt Shardlow, Conservation Director, Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust

11.30 Garden BirdWatch: keeping track of garden bird populations Andy Wilson, Research Officer, BTO Scotland

12.00 Open discussion

12.15 Short break

12.20 BRISC AGM

13.00 Lunch (this is booked separately, see above)

Afternoon session: Recording the local scene

Chair: Dr Adrian T Sumner, Director of Lothian Wildlife Information Centre

14.00 Discovering some of Edinburgh's less well-known wildlife - Bob Saville, Lothian Wildlife Information Centre Coordinator

14.30 Vacant and derelict land and biodiversity: a North Lanarkshire perspective Jonathan Willet, North Lanarkshire Biodiversity Officer

15.00 Tea break

15.15 Urban water - a neglected freshwater habitat Craig Macadam, National Ephemeroptera Recording Scheme Officer

15.45 Going batty Anne Youngman, Scottish Bat Officer, Bat Conservation Trust

16.15 Open discussion

16.30 Closing remarks and dispersal.