

Other attractions

Regional Network Meeting

To be held in the Orchard Room at 1610 hrs on Saturday. This will give members of the Regional Network a chance to discuss various issues. A framework programme will be available.

Swarovski Optik Stand

Try out Swarovski's optics and get expert advice from Swarovski's agent, Tim Norgate.

Competitions

Bird identification quiz, general bird knowledge quiz, the *British Birds* mystery bird competition, and raffle.

Art Exhibition

There will be paintings and drawings for sale and a chance for you to exhibit your own artwork. Call Robert Gillmor on 01263 740729.

Gardman Ltd

A range of Gardman bird feeders and foods will be on sale at the BTO shops.

BTO Shops

A wide range of cards, books and gifts from the BTO Collection 2009 will be available, as well as ringing equipment.

NHBS Books

This year we welcome our distribution agent, NHBS Environment Bookstore, to the Conference. They will have an extensive range of books and other wildlife equipment on offer. If you are interested in ordering a particular title give them a call on 01803 865913.

WildSounds

Leaders in supplies of audio and multimedia guides and field recording equipment including: PDA systems with Collins Bird eGuide, Scopac birding accessories, DVDs, DVD-ROMs, sound guides and charts. Please contact WildSounds on 01263 741100 if there is specific item you would like them to bring

Second-hand Books

There will be a selection of natural history books available to purchase.

Displays

Space for display material needs to be booked in advance. Contact Graham Appleton at BTO.

General information

Registration

You will be welcomed by BTO staff, who will have your name badge, ticket for the Annual Dinner and details of your accommodation. Your badge will serve as your pass to meals and talks, so please wear it at all times.

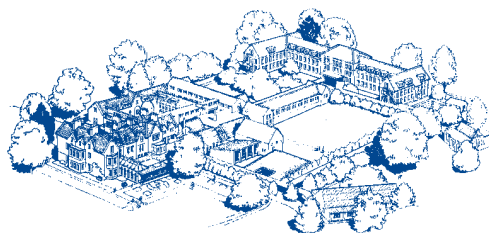
Security

All rooms can be locked. However, a safe is available for valuable items. If you would prefer to use this facility, please ask the Conference Centre Manager. Entrance to the buildings in the evenings is via doors with keypads. The number is announced at the meal on Friday evening, or can be obtained from reception.

Hayes Conference Centre

The centre is in a private estate of 95 acres and has public rooms and lounges as well as bedrooms and dormitories. There is ample hot water and central heating throughout and large car-parking areas.

The centre has a small, friendly and efficient staff. Conference participants are asked to help with the serving of meals and to keep their rooms tidy during the weekend. The majority of bedrooms are situated away from the main building complex, with several flights of stairs to negotiate.



Getting to Swanwick

By car

The Hayes Conference Centre is only five miles from the M1. From junction 28 of the M1, take the A38 dual carriageway towards Alfreton and Derby. Then take the B6179 for half a mile towards Swanwick and Ripley. At the traffic lights in Swanwick, turn left towards Somercotes. 500 yards down the road, turn right into Hayes Lane and the Conference Centre is straight ahead.

By plane

East Midlands airport is 30 minutes drive from the Hayes. Tel: 0871 919 9000

By train

The local rail station is Alfreton and Mansfield Parkway station on the Sheffield to Nottingham line. Trains are limited. The station is about three miles from the Conference Centre and taxis are easy to find. It may be easier to catch a train to Derby and then take a bus to Swanwick.

By bus

From Derby, take the 91 or the 92 to Mansfield. Ask to be dropped opposite *The Gate Inn*, Swanwick. The walk down Hayes Lane to the Conference Centre takes about five minutes.

Taxis

Amber Taxis: 01773 836100
G'day Taxis: 07970 552378

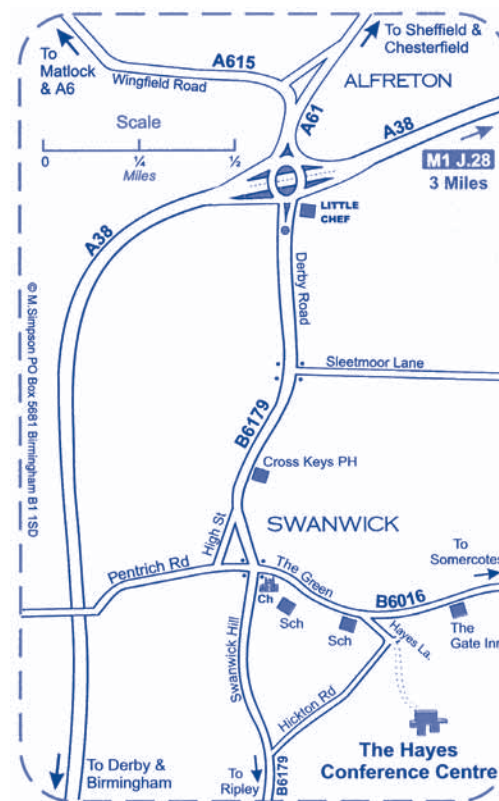
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How to find the Hayes Conference Centre



BTO 75th Anniversary Conference

5-7 December 2008

The Hayes Conference Centre

Swanwick, Derbyshire

Ornithology in a changing environment

Programme

Sponsored by





Friday 5 December

1700 onwards Registration

1900 Dinner (service until 2030)

Derbyshire Conference Suite

Chair — David Parkin

2030 – 2115 Ian Wallace — *Back to the future*

Small Conference Hall

2130 – 2300 Bird general knowledge quiz — composed by Derek Toomer
Sponsored by Gardman Ltd

Saturday 6 December

0830 Breakfast

Swarovski Optik Session

Derbyshire Conference Suite

Chair — Andy Clements

0910 Opening of the Conference by BTO Director, Andy Clements

0915 – 1005 Andre Dhondt — *Comparing studies on tits in Europe and the US: and where next?*

1005 – 1045 Dan Chamberlain — *Climate changes by 2020: bird distributions and populations*

1045 – 1120 Refreshments

The Witherby Lecture

Chair — Steve Hunter

Peter Grant — *Evolution of Darwin's finches*

1215 – 1245 Presentation of medals

1245 Lunch

Derbyshire Conference Suite

Chair — Chris Wernham

1400 – 1435 Steve Redpath — *Raptors: How can we maintain a balance?*

1435 – 1510 Dave Leech — *Urban development and its impact on birds*

1510 – 1545 Ian Hartley — *Bird behaviour in a changing environment*

1545 – 1610 Refreshments

Orchard Room

1610 – 1715 Annual Meeting of BTO Regional Network
(to include a workshop on BTO Strategy 2008-2014, Members & Supporters)

or

Workshops

Small Conference Hall

1610 – 1715 Ringers' Workshop — Ringers in the spotlight: the art of good local PR

Derbyshire Conference Suite

1715 – 1800 BTO Strategy 2008-2014 — workshop on science priorities

1800 – 1910 BTO Members' Annual General Meeting & Annual Review of BTO work

1930 Drinks reception (sponsored by Swarovski Optik), followed by Annual Dinner

Small Conference Hall

2100 – 2200 The Annual Nest Recorders' Meeting

or

Derbyshire Conference Suite

Bird Atlas 2007-11 — update and discussion

Sunday 7 December

Chapel

0800 Christian service led by members of A Rocha

0830 Breakfast

Derbyshire Conference Suite

Chair — Ian Newton

0930 – 1010 Ken Smith — *Conservation science: the next 20 years*

1010 – 1040 Richard Fox — *Moths and butterflies: past, present and future*

1040 – 1115 Refreshments

Derbyshire Conference Suite

Chair — Baroness Young of Old Scone

1115 – 1200 Phil Atkinson — *Overview of BTO studies of bird migration*

1200 – 1220 Andy Clements — Round-up

1220 – 1240 Raffle and quiz results

1240 – 1300 Closing remarks by BTO President, Baroness Young of Old Scone

1300 Lunch and departure

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