



# VOLUNTEER VALUE:

## PUTTING THE SCIENCE INTO CITIZEN SCIENCE

BTO Annual Conference 6–8 December 2019  
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

  
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# FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

- 16:00 Registration Opens
- 18:00 - 19:00 Swarovski drinks reception in the Garden Lounge
- 19:00 - 20:30 Dinner
- 20:30 **The Friday Evening Talk**  
**Martin Collinson**  
CSI: Ringing and Migration

# SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

- 08:15 Breakfast
- 09:25 Welcome by Andy Clements (BTO CEO)

## SESSION 1

- 09:30 **Jamie Dunning**  
The Twite network - monitoring Twite in Britain and Ireland
- 10:00 **David Norman**  
Partial moult in Blue Tits - what have we learned?
- 10:30 **Tara Okon**  
Growing a nest recording group: a personal view
- 11:00 Tea/coffee

## SESSION 2

- 11:45 **The Witherby Memorial Lecture**  
**Bob Furness**  
What have the ringers ever done for us? How amateurs make British ornithology great
- 13:00 Lunch

## SESSION 3

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| 14:15 | <b>Dawn Balmer</b><br>Project Owl: What did we learn about Tawny Owls?   | OR | 14:15 | <b>Ringers' Meeting</b><br>In the Main Conference Hall   |
| 14:45 | <b>Teresa Frost</b><br>Alerts, estimates and collecting more data: updates from the Wetland Bird Survey          |    |       | Including updates from BTO's Ringing and Nest Recording team. BTO's Hugh Hanmer will also be giving a talk on winter ringing |
| 15:15 | <b>Daria Dadam</b><br>The role of malaria in the decline of the House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i> in London |    |       |  |
| 15:45 | Tea/coffee   |    | 15:45 | Tea/coffee   |

## SESSION 4

- 16:30 **Ben Dolan**  
Thermal Birding
- 17:00 **Nick Whitehouse**  
Project “Yellow-browed” – introducing Motus tracking technology to Britain
- 17:30 Awards: BTO Tucker and Jubilee Medals; British Birds Charitable Trust grants
- 18:00 **BTO AGM**  
In the Derbyshire Hall. All welcome to attend but only BTO members are eligible to vote
- 19:30 **Dinner**
- 21:00 Team Quiz in the Main Conference Hall

## SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

- 08:00 Short Christian Service in the Chapel

08:15 **Breakfast**

## SESSION 5

- 09:30 **Katharine Bowgen**  
Gylfinir: Putting Welsh curlew in perspective through tracking
- 10:00 **Richard Broughton**  
How to survey Marsh Tits, a woodland specialist in decline
- 10:30 **Malcolm Burgess**  
Utilising citizen science data in climatic change research
- 11:00 **Tea/coffee**

## SESSION 6

- 11:45 **Jenny Donelan**  
First come best served? Using colour-ringing to understand how arrival dates influence breeding phenology
- 12:15 **Chantal Macleod-Nolan**  
Terning the Tide – The LIFE Little Tern Recovery Project
- 12:45 Raffle
- 13:00 Summing up
- 13:10 **Lunch and close of conference**

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All talks are in the Derbyshire Hall, unless otherwise stated

All meals are in the Haddon and Chatsworth Dining Halls

Tea and coffee are in the Garden Lounge

*Don't forget to visit the BTO Shop in the Writing Room as well as the Art Exhibition and displays including NHBS and Second Nature Books in the Butterley Hall*

## Finding your way around The Hayes



- 1 Bar
- 3 Butterley Hall
- 4 Chatsworth Dining Room
- 6 Derbyshire Hall
- 7 Derbyshire Rooms 1-6
- 8 Derbyshire Rooms 7&8
- 9 Haddon Dining Room
- 10 Kinder Room
- 11 Garden Lounge
- 12 Reading Room
- 13 Reception Area
- 14 Sports Hall
- 15 Tea & Coffee
- 19 Vinery
- 20 Writing Room
- X No access due to refurbishment

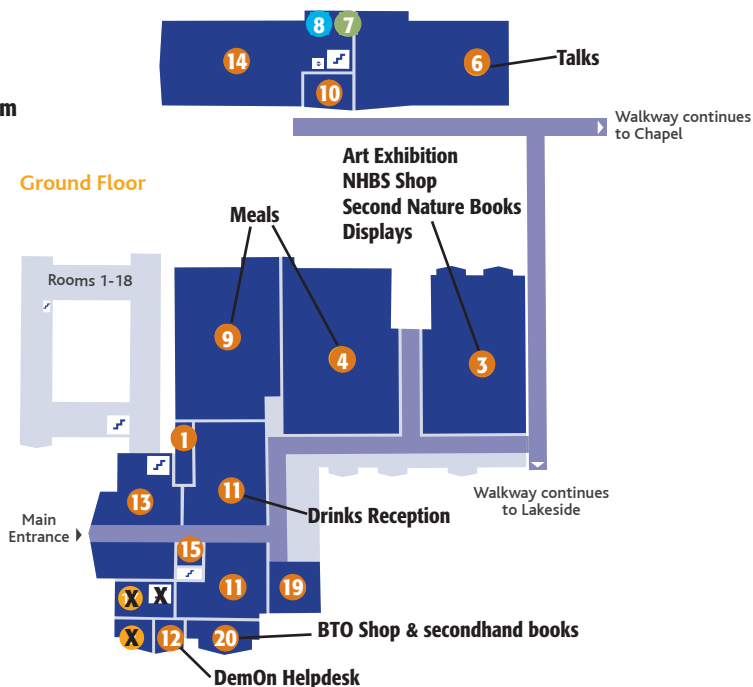


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