The Wildlife Information Centre  
Spring Conference 2017  
Farming and Biodiversity in Scotland – An Essential Partnership  
Sat 29 April 2017  
Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, East Lothian (EH21 6AA)

Programme

10:00  Registration and coffee/tea
10:30  Welcome and Introduction
      Graeme Wilson (TWIC Manager)
10:45  Complex Soil Communities: Why should we care and how can we use them?
      Dr Tim Daniell (University of Sheffield/ The James Hutton Institute)
11:25  Arable Weeds – A Disappearing Problem?
      Luke Gaskell (Kittyfield Farm and Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland recorder)
12:05  Tea/coffee
12:20  The PARTRIDGE Project: Grey Partridge Conservation in the EU and Scotland
      Fiona Torrance (The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust)
13:00  Buffet lunch (Supported by Caledonian Conservation Ltd.)
14:00  Managing Farmland for Biodiversity: A Land Manager’s View
      Teyl de Bordes (Whitmuir Farm, near Selkirk)
14:40  Building Biodiversity into Decision Making for Farmers
      Dr John Kerr (Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture)
15:20  Comfort break
15:40  Update talks:
      Great Crested Newt Detectives Project 1 year on
      Pete Minting (Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust)
16:00  Saving Scotland’s Red Squirrels
      Alexa Seagrave (Saving Scotland’s Red Squirrels Project Officer – South Scotland)
16:20  Summing up
      Ian Young (TWIC Director)
16:30  Conference ends

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