



The Wildlife Information Centre Spring Conference

Biodiversity Matters

Sat 27 April 2019

McSence Conference Centre, 32 Sycamore Rd, Mayfield (EH22 5TA)

Programme

- 10:00 **Registration and tea/coffee**
- 10:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Grant Ballantine (Midlothian Council)
- 10:40 **Midlothian Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2019 – 2024**
Emma Hay (Midlothian Council)
- 11:10 **The Pentland Hills Regional Park - What makes it a special place?**
Jenny Hargreaves (Natural Heritage Service, City of Edinburgh Council)
- 11:50 **Comfort break**
- 12:10 **Scottish Native Honey Bee Conservation (*Apis mellifera* subsp. *mellifera*)**
John Durkacz (Scottish Native Honey Bee Society)
- 12:40 **Introducing the Scottish Borders Brown Hare Survey**
Natalie Harmsworth (TWIC)
- 13:00 **Buffet lunch**
Please take the opportunity to look at the displays and purchase any raffle tickets.
- 14:00 **Greener Greenways – Supporting & recording wildlife on the National Cycle Network**
Lenka Sukenikova (Sustrans)
- 14:30 **Next Generation Conservation – The Power of Young Voices in Saving Nature**
Isla Hodgson (A Focus on Nature – The Youth Nature Network)
- 15:00 **Tea/coffee break**
Note raffle prizes will be available to be claimed at tea break and conference end.
- 15:25 **Bats and Buildings: From Facts to Myths**
Lindsay Mackinlay (Parnassus Ecology)
- 16:05 **Summing up**
Wilma Harper (TWIC Director)
- 16:15 **Conference ends**