



## WILDLIFE TRAINING WORKSHOP APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

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Please notify any special dietary requirements or medical conditions which are likely to require special provision or attention.

Workshop (s) applied for (please include title and date):

Please return application form with cheque made payable to *Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum* to:

Wildlife Training Workshop Administrator  
c/o Autumn Cottage, Thorne Road, Sandtoft, Doncaster, DN8 5TB

Cheque enclosed for (please enter amount): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum

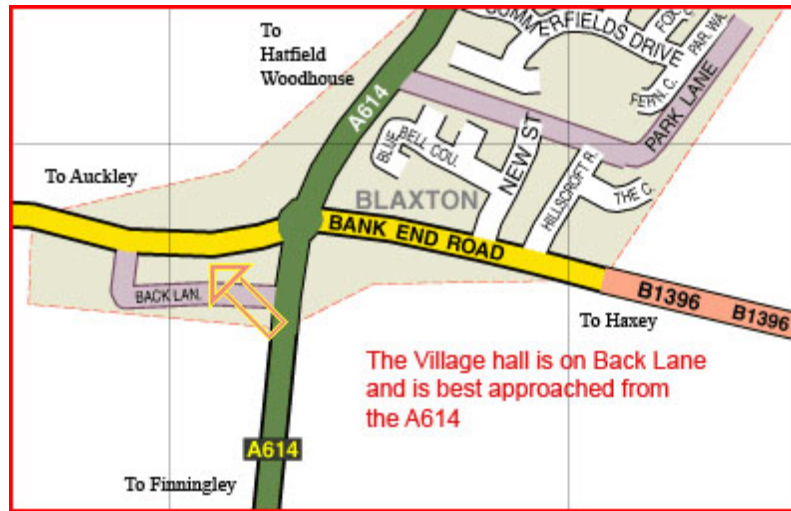


## 2008 Programme of Wildlife Training Workshops

Please visit our website at

[www.thmcf.org](http://www.thmcf.org)

All workshops are to be held at Blaxton Village Hall (signposted from the A614 Bawtry Road at approximately SE671003) commencing at 10am and finishing at approximately 4pm.



Each workshop will comprise a classroom style session with an introductory presentation, examination of standard and sample material and a field session on Hatfield Moors, usually in the afternoon.

Note however that the November 1st field trip will include a minibus tour of the sites discussed in the presentation.

Refreshments are available in the morning and at lunch time, however participants are asked to bring their own packed lunch and advised to wear stout footwear and suitable clothing for the fieldwork session.

The cost of each of the workshops is £15 and payment with booking is required to secure a place. Early booking is advised as each workshop has limited places. Please ensure that cheques are made payable to Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum.

For further information please contact WT Workshop Administrator on 07833 693635

## Programme of Workshops

Sunday 22 June 2008      **Ground Beetles**      Brian Eversham

Sunday 27 July 2008      **Ants**      Brian Eversham

Sunday 28 Sept

**Ferns & Horsetails**

Brian Eversham

Because they do not produce flowers, ferns and horsetails tend to be neglected by amateur botanists. This course aims to make the identification of the local species straightforward and simple. It will also provide an introduction to the biology of ferns and their relatives: their life histories; some basic ecology; the value of ferns and their allies in nature conservation; explanations of technical terms; and a guide to the available literature. A checklist of the local species and hybrids will be provided, indicating the current status of each species in each county, and a brief indication of their habitat. A range of simple keys to the local species has also been produced.

Saturday 1 November

**Glacials and the Postglacial in the Humberhead Levels**

Paul Buckland

(rescheduled from 25 October)

The region between the gentle dip slope of the Magnesian Limestone, west of Doncaster, and the Middle Lias scarp, east of the Trent, bounded to the south by the ridge of Triassic Sherwood Sandstone and Mercia Mudstone between Bawtry and Gainsborough and grading imperceptibly northwards into the floodplain of the Ouse, encompasses the medieval chase of Hatfield and its periphery. Broken only by a low ridge of Quaternary deposits on which stands the small town of Thorne and the north-south line of the Mercia Mudstone of the Isle of Axholme and Crowle, most of the land lies close to sea level and slopes gently towards Trent Falls, where the Trent and Ouse, and formerly the Don, combine to form the Humber Estuary. Through the narrow gap in the Chalk escarpment at Ferriby, over one fifth of the land surface of England drains, and it is therefore not surprising to find that the deposits of the Humberhead Levels provide an extensive record of environmental change over the Late Quaternary, beginning with a glaciation which extended far to the south of the region and in so doing scooped out the large basin into which later sediments were deposited.

Beginning with an introductory lecture summarising the sequence, the course will then examine the morphological and stratigraphic evidence from a series of viewpoints, beginning at Alkborough above Trent Falls and finishing on the edge of the Late Holocene peatlands of Hatfield Moors.

Sunday 8 March 2009

**Introducing Lichens**

Brian Eversham

(rescheduled from 14 December 2008)

Lichens are among the best indicators of air quality, and are particularly useful in conservation evaluation of woodland, parkland, heathland and moorland habitats. This workshop is in two parts:

1. The larger species of lichens growing on trees are among the best places to start learning lichens - the commoner 20-30 species are easily recognised in the field, so this is an ideal habitat for a beginner to study lichens. The workshop will concentrate on survey and monitoring techniques and field identification, but will also introduce the use of chemical tests to help identification.
2. The day will also provide an opportunity to explore some of the lichens which grow on peat and sandy soils - cup-lichens, 'reindeer-moss', dog-lichen and devil's-matchsticks are some of the largest and most beautiful lichens, and indeed are an important part of heath and moorland vegetation.

For both groups of lichens, a reference collection, a range of books, and simple keys to the local species of lichens on trees and on soil, will be provided.