

## Wildlife Training Workshop

# "Ferns & Horsetails"

Led by Brian Eversham

from 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Sunday September 28th 2008

At  
Blaxton Village Hall

The cost will be £15.

Tea and coffee provided but bring your own food.

The workshop will comprise a classroom style session with an introductory presentation, examination of standard and sample material and a field session on Hatfield Moors.

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

Please book with  
Wildlife Training Workshop Administrator (Helen Kirk) on 07833 693635

Cheques should be made payable to Thorne and Hatfield Moors  
Conservation Forum.

Further details and enquiries from the above telephone number

Blaxton Village Hall on the A614 at Blaxton, signposted Finningley at the crossroads. Approaching from the Blue Bell pub it is on the right immediately past the roundabout and lies behind the houses.

(grid ref SE 671003)



Event organised by the  
Thorne and Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum.

## Ferns and horsetails

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. The following books are useful in getting to know ferns and horsetails, but none is essential for the day, as the keys provided should be sufficient to name the local species. The books will be available at the workshop, together with more information about each.

**Fitter, R, Fitter, A, & Farrer, A.** 1984. *Collins Pocket Guide to Grasses, sedges, rushes and ferns of Britain & northern Europe*. London: HarperCollins

**Rose, F.** 1989. *Colour identification guide to the grasses, sedges, rushes and ferns of the British Isles and north-western Europe*. London: Viking.