



CAMBRIDGESHIRE BIRD CLUB /BTO CONFERENCE WETLANDS WEEKEND

Saturday 18th October 2008 1000–1700 at Cottenham Village College
Sunday 19th October 2008 Wetland sites in Cambridgeshire

The conference, jointly organised by Cambridgeshire Bird Club and the British Trust for Ornithology, will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn more about Cambridgeshire's outstanding wetland habitats and their birdlife. On Saturday, there will be a programme of lectures, displays and stalls, and wildlife artist Ben Green will be working on a wetland painting throughout the day. On Sunday there will be an opportunity to visit wetland sites in the county to learn about the habitats and their conservation. These visits are, of course, optional and are open to those who book for the programme on Saturday and spouse/partner/friend.

Saturday 18th October

1000: Arrival, registration, coffee

SESSION 1 STATUS AND CONSERVATION

Awash with waterbirds: Cambridgeshire in winter *Andy Musgrove (BTO)*

Kingfishers Bridge - buffalo bats bittern boffins *Roger Beecroft*

Bitterns and reedbeds in times of climate change *Simon Wotton (RSPB)*

SESSION 2 CLIMATE CHANGE

Wetlands: a historical perspective *Peter Bircham*

Fair weather and fowl: climate change, humans and waterbirds *Mark Rehfishch (BTO)*

SESSION 3 MIGRANT BIRDS

Cambridgeshire's waterbirds: the global context *Andy Musgrove (BTO)*

Lapwing wetland breeding antics *Jen Smart (RSPB)*

1630: Summing-up and raffle

1700: Departure

Tickets must be booked in advance: £15.00 per person (includes coffee, lunch and tea)

EVERYONE WELCOME: TURN OVER FOR BOOKING FORMS

Booking form for CBC/BTO Conference

Send your completed booking form to: Vicki Harley, 30 Margett St, Cottenham, Cambridge, CB24 8QY

Tel.: 01954 250340; email: Vicki.harley@Care4free.net

Bookings must be received by Saturday 11th October

Saturday 18th October – Cottenham Village College

Please send me.....tickets @ £15.00 a ticket. I enclose a cheque/PO made payable to 'Cambridgeshire Bird Club' and a **stamped addressed envelope (SAE)**.

Please delete/fill in as appropriate:

1 I/We require directions to the venue YES/NO

2 I/We have special dietary requirements as follows (**vegetarian** choice available)

Name

Signed..... Date.....

Full address

Tel:..... Email:.....

Please write below in **BLOCK CAPITALS** your **name(s)** as you would like it to appear on your participant's badge and any other information you would like to be included, e.g. Cambridgeshire Bird Club, BTO, BOU, RSPB etc.

Sunday 19th October – field visits

All visits commence at 1100. There will be guided walks at each venue and the opportunity to learn about how the reserves are managed.

Details of meeting points etc will be sent with confirmation of your booking.

Please indicate your first second and third choice, as numbers may be limited at each venue.

Venue	No of people booking	Choice
Kingfishers Bridge		
RSPB Nene Washes		
RSPB Ouse Fen		
RSPB Ouse Washes (including Pilot Project and Carroll's ground)		

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE YOUR SAE.

Check the Club's website for conference updates: www.cambridgeshirebirdclub.org.uk

For information about the BTO go to www.bto.org.uk