



## SOUTH WEST REGION AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE GROUPS' CONFERENCE

Saturday 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2015

Draycott Memorial Hall, Latches Lane, Draycott, Somerset, BS27 3UE

### Conference Programme

Morning session chair: John Dickson

- 9.30 am** Delegate registration, refreshments
- 9.55 am** Welcome
- 10.00 am** Darryn Nash (DICE. University of Kent)  
*'Reptile mitigation: does it work? The results thus far.'*
- 10.30 am** Inga Zeisset (University of Brighton)  
*'Water Frogs in Somerset.'*
- 11.00 am** Refreshments
- 11.30 am** Jim Foster (Amphibian and Reptile Conservation)  
*'Consolidating the range of heathland's lost species: the smooth snake reintroduction in Devon.'*
- 12.00 pm** Trevor Beebee (Reptile and Amphibian Group for Somerset)  
*'The Mendip Ponds Project.'*
- 12.30 pm** Lunch (Provided)

Afternoon session chair: Roman Muryn

- 2.00 pm** Stewart Edwards (Students Invasive Non-Native Group)  
*'Developing a Tool for Understanding Thermal Preferences of the Invasive Alpine Newt ( Ichthyosaura alpestris): Potential Uses in Species Management Plans'.*

- 2.30 pm** Chris Glead-Owen (CGO Ecology)  
*'Sand lizards and smooth snakes in atypical habitats.'*
- 3.00 pm** Chris Durrant (Queen Mary's University of London)  
*'Population genetics of adders in SW England... a work in progress.'*
- 3.30 pm** Refreshments
- 4.00 pm** Francesca Dunn (Regional Officer for Southern England. Freshwater Habitats Trust)  
*'PondNet: A volunteer pond surveillance network for England and Wales.'*
- 4.30 pm** Peter Richardson (Biodiversity and Fisheries Programme Manager. Marine Conservation Society)  
*'Marine Turtles in the UK.'*
- 5.00 pm** Depart

Conference places cost £20 per person (£15 on production of NUS card.)  
Price includes lunch and refreshments.  
**Delegates MUST book and pay in advance.**

**Venue Details**

[www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk](http://www.draycottmemorialhall.org.uk)

Grid ref: ST474514.

Parking available.

Bus route 126 between Weston Super Mare and Wells.

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**SOUTH WEST REGION AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE GROUPS' CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM.**

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Registration is **£20** per person; **£15** for verified students.

Name	Town	Postcode	email	Mobile no.	Fee
			<b>Date paid &gt;</b>	<b>Total paid &gt;</b>	

**Payment methods.**

**To pay by BACS:**

1. Pay to 30 98 45 01471424 (Somerset RAGS) **using your surname as reference.**
2. 'Save as' the booking form adding your surname in file name
3. Complete the saved form and e-mail to Peter Goldie (RAGS Treasurer) at [pag2@live.co.uk](mailto:pag2@live.co.uk) making clear that payment has been made by BACS.

**To pay by cheque:**

Please make cheques payable to 'Reptile and Amphibian Group for Somerset' and send, with a completed booking form, to:

Peter Goldie, Yaffles, Greenway, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 8NH.

**Dietary requirements:** Please notify any dietary or medical requirements.

**Car sharing:** I/We give permission to RAGS to circulate my/our contact details to other delegates to encourage shared travel: **YES / NO** (delete as appropriate).

Any such arrangement is entirely the responsibility of the individuals concerned.

**Please note:**

Receipts will be issued (*at the conference*) on request.

Payments will be non-refundable after 31 October 2015. Any refund will incur a £5 administration charge per booking.

All bookings will be acknowledged by e-mail.