

**19<sup>th</sup> National Biodiversity Network Conference**  
**Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 November 2019, Albert Hall, Nottingham**  
**“Network, Knowledge and Narrative –**  
**Sharing and using data across the NBN and beyond”**

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**Wednesday 13 November**

09:30 Registration and coffee

**Morning session**

**Chair of morning session: Belinda Howell, NBN Trustee**

10.00 Welcome and introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, Neil Hodges

10.05 **Keynote address** Sir John Lawton, NBN Patron, President of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Vice-President RSPB – *“Thoughts from a boy birdwatcher, bug-hunter and botanist”*

10.35 Dr Jo Judge, NBN Trust Chief Executive – *“The NBN, a year in review”*

10.55 Daniel Hayhow, RSPB - *“State of Nature 2019”*

11.15 Q&A

**11.20 Tea / coffee break**

11.45 Richard Fox, Butterfly Conservation – *“What do recorders think about open data?”*

12.05 Sophia Ratcliffe, NBN Trust Data Manager – *“NBN Atlas: recent and planned developments”*

12.10 Brendan Foster, University of Salford / Sophia Ratcliffe – *“Measures of data quality to monitor the success of the NBN Atlas as a resource for high-quality wildlife records across the UK”*

12.15 Dr Erika Newton, British Ecological Society – *“Increasing the preservation and discoverability of management-relevant information: introducing Applied Ecology Resources (AER)”*

12.35 Q&A

**12.40 Lunch, posters, displays and demonstrations**

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**Afternoon session: Network Knowledge Exchange**

**Chair of afternoon session: Liz Proctor, NBN Trustee**

14.00 Six parallel sessions - delegates can attend two different sessions from sessions 2 – 6, or choose session 1 which will run for the full afternoon

1. *Whose data are they anyway?* – lead is Veerle Van Den Eynde (UK Data Service) and Tom Hunt (ALERC)
2. *FAIR Data Principles – improving the reusability of NBN data holdings* - Co-lead Sophia Ratcliffe
3. *Providing multi-regional and national commercial services in collaboration with data providers* – lead is Dr Jo Judge
4. *NBN Atlas Spatial Analysis Tool – demonstration of the new spatial portal* - Co-lead Christine Johnston
5. *iSpot at 10 years old* – lead is Janice Ansine

**15.15 – 15:45 Tea / coffee break**

15:45 – 17:00 Sessions continue

17:00 – 17:10 Move back to the Great Hall

17.10 – 17.15 Chairman’s summing up of day 1

**17.25 – 17.55 NBN Trust AGM**

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**18:05 – 19:15 NBN Awards for Wildlife Recording prize-giving**

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### Thursday 14 November

09:00 Registration and coffee

#### **Morning session**

**Chair of morning session: Jo Judge**

09:25 Welcome and introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, Neil Hodges

09:30 **Keynote address** – Dr Sandy Knapp, Natural History Museum & Botanist and President, Linnean Society of London – *“Building knowledge and narratives through open networks”*

10:00 Philip Stephens, Durham University – *“MammalWeb: public participation in monitoring the UK’s wild mammals”*

10.20 Dave Raffaelli, The Woodmeadow Trust – *“How useful are biodiversity data for assessing natural capital?”*

10.40 Thomas Doherty-Bone, independent conservationist – *“Using the NBN Atlas to plan conservation and research”*

10:45 Q&A

#### **10.50 Tea / coffee break**

11:15 Roddy Fairley, Scottish Natural Heritage - *“Turning data into urgent action”*

11:35 Rachel Tierney, Scottish Wildlife Trust / SBIF - *“Collaboration, integration and innovation: shaping Scotland’s data future”*

11.40 Tim Corner, Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre – *“How rubbish am I?”*

12:00 Ian Wallace, UK Caddis Recording Scheme Organiser - *“The best caddis maps possible”*

12.20 Q&A

12.25 Award of NBN Honorary Membership

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13.45 The Sir John Burnett Memorial Lecture 2019 - Tony Juniper CBE, Chair of Natural England - *“Conservation successes, challenges and future directions”*

14.30 Gilbert White's House

14.50 iSpot user

14:55 Q&A

**15:00 Tea / coffee break**

15.25 Loreena Jaouen, 2Excel geo - *“Quantification of Birch and Bracken Encroachment on Heathland using Airborne Hyperspectral Imagery and Sentinel-2 Satellite Imagery”*

15:30 Caring for God's Acre / The Beautiful Burial Ground

15:50 Q&A

15:55 Chairman's summing up.

**16.00 End of conference**

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