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APHA is an executive agency of Defra. We work to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy. Our stand highlights the importance of plant biosecurity and informs about potential plant pests and diseases.

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/>

Meet the team

Duncan Allen



Dr Lauren Cook – Artist in residence

Lauren is an award-winning artist and science communicator. She is our Conference artist, sketching taxa featured in talks and hosting a “Draw Your Study Organism / Favourite Species”. This will be a relaxed drawing tutorial where delegates can have a go at sketching UK species themselves with Lauren giving general drawing tips.

The displayed artworks will showcase the biodiversity studied by participants and highlight the connections between science and art as interdisciplinary tools for communication, encouraging observation, interpretation, and deeper engagement with the natural world.

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Outdoor Learning Experiences

Field Studies Council

Field Studies Council is an environmental education charity, inspiring and teaching people about the natural world through biodiversity courses, identification resources, and school trips.

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/>

Meet the team

Ellen Monaghan



Futures Wild

Futures Wild creates digital tools that connect people, data and nature. We partner with conservation organisations worldwide to make biodiversity data accessible and actionable, turning complex information into platforms that inspire understanding, protect ecosystems and drive better environmental decisions.

www.futureswild.com

Meet the team

Ben Moore, Stefan Ferguson and Matt Rogers



**Marine
Biological
Association**

Marine Biological Association and the Big Rock Pool Challenge

The Marine Biological Association and The Rock Pool Project launched the Big Rock Pool Challenge in October 2024, engaging communities in citizen science through competitive rock pooling, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and ScottishPower Foundation.

<https://mymba.mba.ac.uk/member-homepage/courses-and-events/events-calendar/bioblitz-events.html>

Meet the team

Elizabeth Sheppard



Natural Apptitude

Natural Apptitude, a leading UK software company, specialises in ecological data solutions. Coreo, their data collection platform, streamlines the full range of surveys - from protected species surveys to UKHab and BNG assessments, and they offer bespoke app development for unique requirements.

<https://www.natural-apptitude.co.uk/>

Meet the team

Ali Harvey and Nick Slatton



NBN Atlas Strategy 2025-2030 launched

Our new strategy will help continue the work of the NBN Atlas and our data partners to ensure that its rich wildlife data is used to inform how we understand, protect and enhance the natural world. Please come and talk to us about recent improvements to the NBN Atlas, how we support data partners and users, and priorities for the future.

<https://nbnatlas.org/>

Meet the team

Christine Tansey, Rhiann Stock – data team

Helen Manders-Jones, Keith Raven – development team

NBN Scotland

Better Biodiversity Data

Dàta Bith-iomadachd nas Fheàrr



Better Biodiversity Data

Come and meet the project team (NBN Scotland), based at the NBN Trust, that is managing this partnership project funded by Scottish Government and NatureScot to develop a strategic approach to the collection, collation and sharing of biological data in Scotland. We will be sharing a video demo of NBN Record Manager, the new data management system, which is being developed.

<https://nbn.org.uk/about-us/where-we-are/scotland-and-the-better-biodiversity-data-project/>

Meet the team

Mike Tetley, Bethany Fairbairn, Josh Keenan



Opticron

Opticron is a UK-based company specialising in high-quality binoculars, spotting scopes, and optical equipment. Known for blending performance, affordability, and reliability, it serves birdwatchers, nature enthusiasts, and professionals with innovative, durable products supported by excellent after sales customer service.

www.opticron.co.uk

Meet the team

Rob Laughton



Seasearch

Seasearch is a volunteer survey project collecting observations of marine habitats and the life they support around Britain and Ireland. The information gathered is used to increase our knowledge of the marine environment and contribute towards its conservation. Seasearch data have helped to define the boundaries of areas for conservation, recorded the presence of rare and unusual species and provided information to underpin campaigns for protection of marine life and habitats. The data are held both by local environmental record centres and are publicly available centrally under a Creative Commons licence on the NBN Atlas.

Lin and Charlotte coordinate Seasearch activities in Dorset and Hampshire/Isle of Wight. They are both NBN award winners and the Seasearch project was honoured with the John Sawyer NBN Open Data award in 2018. Historically aimed at divers, the project has expanded in recent years to encompass the recording endeavours of snorkellers, rockpoolers and shorewalkers too.

The project has produced a series of field identification guides (published by Wild Nature Press, part of Princeton University Press) to help volunteers identify the marine life seen on their surveys. Some of these titles will be available for purchase at the conference (and as an author, Lin will certainly be happy to sign copies!)

www.seasearch.org.uk/

Meet the team

Charlotte Bolton and Lin Baldock



Tailpipe

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Tailpipe is a software platform that accurately measures an organisation's carbon emissions from cloud computing, suggesting cost-effective reduction methods without impacting performance. Accurate, granular, comprehensive, timely and transparent, Tailpipe helps save costs and decrease your carbon footprint.

www.tailpipe.ai

Meet the team

Gareth Williams



Monitoring Marine Biodiversity and Pollution with GB Row Challenge

Environmental DNA (eDNA) offers a powerful means to monitor marine vertebrate biodiversity, yet it remains absent from UK programmes. Using data from five GB Row Challenge surveys (2022–2024), we demonstrate eDNA's potential to complement traditional monitoring and enhance national biodiversity assessments.

<http://port.ac.uk/research/research-projects/gb-row>

Meet the team

Laura Fantuzzi