

Butterfly Conservation Spring Gathering

16th March 2024

AK Bell Library Perth

Draft Programme – please note that speakers and timings are subject to change.

Chaired by Apithanny Bourne, Chair of East Scotland Branch and Butterfly Conservation Trustee

0945: Registration, tea and coffee. Visit stalls from the branches and traders selling wildflower seeds, books and artwork.

1045 -11: Welcome and updates from the three Scottish branches; **Apithanny Bourne**

11 – 11.40: *Predators, perception, and polymorphism – the defensive functions of colouration in butterflies and moths.* **Dr Jamie C Weir, University of Edinburgh.**

1140 – 12:00: *Moths of Highland Clearfells – devastation or opportunity?* **David Bryant**

12:00: 12.20: *Investigating clear-fell sites for Chequered Skipper habitat suitability.* **Arin Irvine, PhD Student**

12.20 – 1.40 Lunch, stalls and live moths

1.40 – 2.00 A summer of single-site Scottish micro-moths. **Anna Aitken**

2.00 – 2.20 Species on the Edge – West Coast. **Liz Peel, Species on the Edge Project Officer**

2.20 – 2.40: Wild Spaces Perth and Stirling Project. **Alice Kenny, Wild Spaces Project Officer**

2.40 – 3.10: Rachael Conway: Garden Butterfly Survey results. **Rachael Conway, Butterfly Monitoring Officer**

3.10 – 3.25: Targeted recording for mapping species distribution. **Chris Stamp, East Scotland volunteer**

3.25 – 3.55: Afternoon tea-break

3.55 – 4.25: Recording priorities for the year ahead. **Dr Tom Prescott, Head of Conservation (Scotland)**

Summing up and close. Apithanny Bourne.