



# SLAPTON LEY

FIELD CENTRE & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

## ANNUAL RESEARCH SEMINAR SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

Venue: Slapton Village Hall  
Chair: Claire Fowler, FSC

To register please call 01548-580685 or email [reserve.sl@field-studies-council.org](mailto:reserve.sl@field-studies-council.org)

- 09.00 *Arrival and coffee*  
09.30 *Welcome and introduction - Andrew Pratt, Head of Centre*

### *Session 1: Birds and Invertebrates*

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- 09:45 *Barn owls in South Devon*  
*David Ramsden MBE, Head of Conservation, Barn Owl Trust*  
10.10 *The birds of Slapton Ley: 40 years on*  
*Graham Burton, Field Studies Council*  
10:35 *The invertebrates of Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve*  
*Rachel Clark, Natural History Museum*

- 11.00 *Tea and Coffee*

### *Session 2: Invasive Species and Citizen Science*

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- 11:30 *Slowing the spread of Invasive Non-Native Species: Best practice and stakeholder engagement*  
*Cat Shannon, Leeds University*  
11.55 *Westcountry CSI – Citizen Science Investigations: river survey and water quality monitoring*  
*Rosie Lear, Westcountry Rivers Trust*

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- 12:20 *Wider FSC Provision and Higher Education Research Update*  
*Mark Ward, Field Studies Council*

- 12:30 *Lunch*

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### ***Session 3: Behaviour Change and Ecological Restoration***

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13:35 *Ocean Literacy – What's it all about?*

***Fiona Crouch, Marine Biological Association, Plymouth***

14:00 *Encounters at the zoo: The role of emotions in contributing to the wildlife conservation mission*

***Susan Warren, University of Exeter / Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust***

14:25 *Restoration of Lost Species*

***Derek Gow, independent consultant***

14:50 *Tea and Coffee*

### ***Session 4: Marine Environments and Conservation***

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15:10 *Embayment dynamics using multi-method surveys - an assessment of seasonal to decadal barrier response to a variable bi-modal wave climate*

***Tim Scott, Plymouth University***

15:35 *Marine Litter, microplastics and conservation*

***Sarah Nelms, University of Exeter***

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16:00 *Close*

Many thanks for attending – Please stay in touch

