



## Biodiversity News in Norfolk

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Photo: Speakers at the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership Forum (from left to right: Haidee Bishop; Iain Dunnett; Will Burchnall; Andy Wood; Tony

Juniper; Andrea Kelly; Susie Vernon) (Photo:NBP)

## Welcome to our March biodiversity e-bulletin

The Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership (NBP) welcomed over 100 delegates to its highly successful Biodiversity Forum this month. A great line up of speakers brought together the worlds of development, business and biodiversity to explore how we can deliver benefits for economic prosperity alongside caring for our ecology. Keynote speaker, Andy Wood who is Chair of New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (and CEO of Adnams) drew from his own experience to illustrate how business and biodiversity can go hand in hand. Environmentalist and author Tony Juniper eloquently explained that the idea that we must choose between economic development or protecting nature is a myth: the important thing is to find an integrated approach so that we can do both together. Other inspiring speakers included: Iain Dunnett (New Anglia LEP); Susie Vernon (Beyond Green); Haidee Bishop (NBP); Andrea Kelly (Broads Authority) and Will Burchnall (Broads Authority). See Local News for more.

Another headline for this issue is a plea for help. Nominations for the NBP's Community Biodiversity Awards are now open: do you know of a group, individual, project or local business that deserves an award for their efforts to make a difference for wildlife in their local communities? This year, in addition to the four 'usual' Award categories (Site; Individual; Group and Education) the Partnership is hoping to attract entrants from local businesses, to flag up the role they can play in supporting local conservation activities. Deadline 22nd April – read more under Getting Involved.

Martin Horlock who heads up NBIS, was invited to a special event at the Natural History Museum to celebrate the National Biodiversity Network's (NBN) "Quarter of a billion records" project. Martin took along posters showing how NBIS is working to engage with local communities to inspire recording and add to our knowledge base. More under National News.

Last week the Broads Authority ran a very successful Invasive alien afternoon in conjunction with NNNSI. The event attracted over 70 people keen to find out how to stop the damage caused by invasive non-native

plants and animals.

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Please do email us at [nbis@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:nbis@norfolk.gov.uk) if you have any news or events that you would like us to feature in the next or coming issues. And do feel free to forward to anyone you feel would also be interested.

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**Local NEWS**

**Norfolk Biodiversity Forum:**

Getting into bed with business: what's in it for biodiversity?

[http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/environment/norfolk\\_biodiversity\\_forum\\_explores\\_balance\\_between\\_business\\_and\\_nature\\_1\\_1983655](http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/environment/norfolk_biodiversity_forum_explores_balance_between_business_and_nature_1_1983655)

<http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/news/?id=39>

<https://twitter.com/NorfolkBIS/status/313643568889741312>

**Opportunity to promote volunteering events in North Norfolk through the Norfolk Coast Partnership**

Contact Kate Dougan for more information [kate.dougan@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:kate.dougan@norfolk.gov.uk)

**Gemma Clark (Gaywood Valley Project) has moved to new role**

Now the Gaywood Project has been completed, Gemma has a new role at the 9ChalkRivers where she is Community Involvement Officer.

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**National NEWS**

**Quarter of a billion records celebrated at London NBN event**

<http://www.nbn.org.uk/News/Latest-news/A-quarter-of-a-billion-records-project-special-eve.aspx>

**Ash management plan will slow the spread of dieback**

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb13936-chalara-management-plan-201303.pdf>

**Video master class exploring how economists value nature and seeing where biodiversity fits in**

<http://bio-diverse.org/resources/engaging-with-ecosystem-evaluation/>

**Research shows that exposure to neonicotinoid pesticides make bees forget the links between floral scent and food rewards**

<http://jeb.biologists.org/content/early/2013/02/04/jeb.083931>

### **Saltmarsh restoration could bring carbon benefits**

<http://planetearth.nerc.ac.uk/news/story.aspx?id=1407&cookieConsent=A>

### **Defra winter edition of “Biodiversity News” available**

[http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/UKBAP\\_BiodiversityNews60.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/UKBAP_BiodiversityNews60.pdf)

### **Five-step planning tool to protect and enhance urban greenspace published**

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/research/newsalert/pdf/319na2.pdf>

### **European Report finds that invasive alien species pose greater risk than previously thought**

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/invasive-alien-species-a-growing>

### **More National news here:**

<http://www.nbis.org.uk/news#March2013NationalNews>

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## **GETTING INVOLVED**

### **NBP Community Biodiversity Awards – open for nominations!**

Details on the NBP website [www.norfolkbiodiversity.org](http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org) (under News on the front page) and the application form can be downloaded here: <http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/pdf/news/Nomination%20Form.dot>

\*\*Applications must be received no later than April 22nd\*\*

### **Review of the future role of the Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership – your opinion sought**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R52NT8>

### **BTO and the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust woodcock survey launched**

<http://t.co/zANVe9JGRl>

### **Review of Joint Nature Conservation Committee to begin**

Take part here: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2013/03/21/review-jncc/>

### **The Royal Town Planning Institute are piloting a website containing a "single map for England".**

The aims of the website are to combine many layers of data for England (Government plans and policies) on a single map and allow them to be overlaid. The RTPI are asking for comments on the map by the end of March via the email address on the web page.

<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/knowledge/core-issues/map-for-england/>

### **Help collect data on oceans**

<http://t.co/kW57gTBmm7>

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## **SPECIES HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Common seal spotted swimming up Great Ouse at Downham Market**

(from Norfolk Wildlife Yahoo group)

### **Norwich Cathedral peregrines lay third egg**

See them live at <http://t.co/qR9umdu92P>

### **Norfolk Wildlife Trust builds artificial nest to attract ospreys to Ranworth Broad**

[http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/environment/artificial\\_nest\\_built\\_to\\_attract\\_ospreys\\_to\\_ranworth\\_broad\\_1\\_1981837](http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/environment/artificial_nest_built_to_attract_ospreys_to_ranworth_broad_1_1981837)

## **First 2013 small copper sighting in Norfolk**

<http://t.co/VHhlcxahmC>

## **New diving beetle 10km record at Cley Marshes**

<https://twitter.com/SupportNWT/status/311057762006208512>

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## **EVENTS**

### **NFBR annual conference – Biological Recording from the Local Perspective**

Pool, Dorset 18 – 19th April 2013, <http://t.co/Db9zwOFF1Y>

### **Deepdale Outdoor & Wildlife Festival**

20th & 21st April 2013, free entry

<http://www.deepdalefarm.co.uk/outdoorfestival/index.asp>

### **Field Techniques for Surveying Invertebrates**

University of Oxford online course across 5 weeks, commencing 29th April 2013

[www.conted.ox.ac.uk/invertebrates](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/invertebrates). Details from [est@conted.ox.ac.uk](mailto:est@conted.ox.ac.uk) or 01865 286952

### **Public Policy Exchange Symposium “Protecting our most precious resource: tackling water pollution from the urban environment”**

Central London, 14th May 2013 from 1015 – 1630. More information and registration :

<https://bookings.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/bookings/book.php?event=DE14-PPE>

### **Fish ID course for divers**

Great Yarmouth, April 28th. Seasearch East.

<http://t.co/xtx7csogsZ>

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## **AND FINALLY..**

### **Ealing canal water voles provided with ladders to help them venture further**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/21804627>

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