

UKBMS 50th Anniversary Conference

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Conference Schedule

Arrival and refreshments	09:45 - 10:15	West Atrium
Welcome and film screening - Jasmine Salvati	10:15 - 10:30	Auditorium
Keynote talk - Fifty years of butterfly monitoring - Prof. David Roy	10:30 - 11:25	Auditorium
UKBMS data in research - how it is used and what it tells us about butterflies - Dr Richard Fox	11:25 - 12:10	Auditorium
Lunch break	12:10 - 13:40	
<i>Lunch is not included. Lunch within the venue cafe is available to those that have pre-booked only. Please see back page for details of other nearby food outlets. You are welcome to use the Auditorium and West Atrium spaces to relax and mingle. Optional lunchtime activities below:</i>		
Meet the scheme organisers and mingle with fellow butterfly enthusiasts	12:10 - 13:40	West Atrium
Getting the most from the UKBMS website - optional workshop	13:00 - 13:30	Auditorium
The role for butterfly surveys in housing development design - Joe Cooper	13:40 - 14:05	Auditorium
Using UKBMS data to deliver Nature Recovery - Russel Hobson	14:05 - 14:30	Auditorium
Refreshments	14:30 - 15:00	West Atrium
Going further afield - UKBMS data used at a continental scale - Cristina Gonzalez Sevilleja	15:00 - 15:25	Auditorium
Q and A panel discussion - The future of the scheme	15:25 - 16:00	Auditorium
Closing remarks, thanks and goodbye - Jasmine Salvati	16:00 - 16:15	Auditorium

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Speakers & Talk Outlines - Morning

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Jasmine Salvati

Monitoring Ecologist, Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Jasmine leads the UKBMS Partnership on behalf of JNCC. She works as a Monitoring Ecologist for JNCC and is a keen ecologist and botanist.

Jasmine will be opening the conference with a warm welcome. She will introduce the the first screening of the UKBMS volunteer film, celebrating the incredible contribution of the thousands of volunteers to the scheme over the last fifty years.



Prof. David Roy

Head of the Biological Records Centre, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
Professor of Ecology, University of Exeter

David works on the innovative use of citizen science and technologies to deliver robust information on the status of wildlife and to understand the causes of biodiversity change. He is focused on closing the knowledge gap for insects due to increasing global attention on their decline and the vital role they play all ecosystems — as pests, food for birds and mammals, recycling nutrients, pollinating crops — and as indicators of climate change impacts.

David will be giving the keynote talk - looking back at the last fifty years of the UKBMS. David has been involved in the scheme for many years, as the lead for UKCEH, developing new methods, analysing the data and publishing scientific papers. He also regularly walks a butterfly transect in Oxfordshire.



Dr Richard Fox

Head of Science, Butterfly Conservation

Richard is an ecologist working in biodiversity conservation and a long-time butterfly and moth enthusiast. He has worked at Butterfly Conservation since 1997, leading their work on butterfly and moth recording schemes and citizen science. Richard has been involved in a large number of research collaborations using the data gathered through these schemes

Richard will present an overview of how the data gathered by the UKBMS has played a vital role in scientific research that has greatly improved our understanding of butterflies. His talk will highlight key findings that have emerged from analyses of UKBMS data, including insights into the impacts of climate change

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Speakers & Talk Outlines - Afternoon



Joe Cooper

Research Ecologist, British Trust for Ornithology

As part of the Terrestrial Ecology team, Joe is responsible for converting BTO citizen data into informative scientific outputs. This includes large collaborative projects and exploring the relationship between urban design and ecology.

Joe will be talking about how data from the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey has contributed to the design of housing developments.

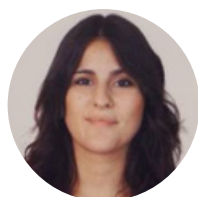


Russel Hobson

Director of Business and Research, Butterfly Conservation

Russel has a life-long interest in land management and ecology and has an MSc in Rural Resource Management. After a diverse variety of conservation roles, he joined Butterfly Conservation (BC) in 1999 as a Marsh Fritillary Project Officer. In 2003 he became BC's first Wales Conservation Officer and became Head of Conservation Wales, leading on Lepidoptera conservation, and was also a Trustee and Chair of Wales Environment Link. Russel has been a Director since 2018 and leads BC's Business and Research teams.

Russel's talk will use case studies from Butterfly Conservation's work to demonstrate how the UKBMS data is used to deliver nature recovery on the ground.



Cristina Gonzalez Sevilleja

Project Officer, Butterfly Conservation Europe

Cristina is a passionate conservationist with a particular focus on insect conservation. She supports the volunteers and transect coordinators across Europe working on the European Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (eBMS).

Cristina will be talking about the importance of UKBMS data at the European scale, highlighting how it contributes to our understanding of butterfly populations across the continent. She will explain how the data feed into international assessments of species status, help track wider biodiversity trends, and play a crucial role in shaping conservation priorities and policy across Europe.



Q and A Panel Discussion - The next fifty years.....

The four partner organisations behind the UKBMS will come together on stage for an open discussion and to answer your questions about the future of the scheme.

As we look ahead to the next 50 years, we invite you to join the conversation and reflect with us:

- Where might the scheme be by its 100th anniversary?
- What changes are underway, and how must we evolve?
- What are your hopes - or concerns - for the future of the Scheme?

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Lunchtime activities

We are unable to provide lunch, but we have included an extended lunchbreak to give ample time for people to eat and to meet and mingle with fellow attendees and partner staff.

Lunch options:

- SPOKES CAFE: For those that have pre-booked lunch only. If you have not pre-booked lunch, then please choose from another option below. The cafe is located within the venue.
- BYO: You are welcome to bring your own lunch and there's space to sit and relax within the venue, or outdoors around the lake and campus (if weather permits!)
- COSTA COFFEE: 6 minute walk, located on the Jubilee campus. Selling coffee, cake and sandwiches. NG7 2TU
- THE DAIRY BOX: 12 minute walk. Local convenience store selling snacks and drinks. NG8 1DU
- CO-OP FOOD: 15 minute walk. Selling snacks, drinks and take-out sandwiches. NG8 1FW

Meet the Scheme organisers

12:10 - 13:40 West Atrium

Staff from the UKBMS partner organisations and Defra will be in the West Atrium during the lunch break. Come along to say hi, find out how each partner organisation supports the UKBMS and ask us your questions.

- Butterfly Conservation - Jo Milborrow, Butterfly Monitoring Officer. Help with the UKBMS method or website
- Richard Austin, Recording Schemes Officer. Help with iRecord, data flow and verification
- UKCEH - Dr Marc Botham and Prof. David Roy. Questions about UKBMS data analysis and trends
- BTO - James Heywood and David White, Breeding Birds Survey team. Queries about the BBS surveys in the Wider Countryside Butterfly Scheme
- JNCC - Jasmine Salvati and Ness Amaral-Rogers. Find out about JNCC's role in supporting the national recording schemes
- Defra - Karen Thomas, Data Analyst. Information about the UK Butterfly Indicators



Getting the most from the UKBMS website - Ian Middlebrook

13:00 - 13:30 Auditorium - Optional workshop

Join Ian Middlebrook the UKBMS Programme Lead from Butterfly Conservation for an optional workshop about the UKBMS website. This will take place from 1-1.30 in the Auditorium.

In this workshop, Ian will demonstrate some of the extra tools that are built into the UKBMS website. Find out how to access all of the data for your transect. Discover the charts and data analysis tools that are built into the site and see how you can use them to uncover what's happening on your transect.

