

TVERC Training Programme 2019



Would you like to volunteer to help survey habitats or species in Oxfordshire and Berkshire but lack the skills?

TVERC is running three training courses this year to help train volunteers to improve their identification and recording skills. These courses are run by expert ecologists and are aimed at beginners. Tea and coffee are provided on all the courses but you will need to bring your own lunch.

Prices: £60 individual / £120 professional / £30 student*

***There are limited student places available on each course, given on a first come first served basis. Proof of student status will be required at time of booking.**

INTRODUCTION TO GIS TRAINER: DR DAN CARPENTER

Sat 8th June 10am-4pm
Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are systems for storing, managing and analysing spatial data. This course is designed to introduce you to GIS and spatial data and enable you to display, manipulate and interrogate spatial data. You will learn about different types of spatial data, how to create simple maps, how to create and edit spatial data and how to carry out some simple analytical tasks.

Participants will need to bring their own laptop with a copy of QGIS (which is freely available) already installed on it.

If you do not have a laptop, please contact us in advance as we have a very limited supply of laptops for this course.

This course is ideal for students and biological recorders looking for a basic introduction to GIS. This course will use the free open source QGIS system. A full set of course notes and course data will be provided.

HEDGEROW SURVEYING TRAINER: JULIE KERANS

Sat 14th September 10am-4pm
Chimney Meadows Nature Reserve

This is an introductory course about hedgerows and how to survey them. It will highlight the legal protection that some hedgerows have and describe how important hedgerows are identified. There will be a field session with the opportunity to survey a hedge and look for some of the typical wildflowers associated with Oxfordshire hedges.

Please bring suitable footwear and outdoor clothing. Indoor sessions are held in agricultural building so bring warm clothes.

Car parking is 10 min walk to the building.

Books and equipment will be supplied but if you have your own hand lens or botanical key please bring it along on the day.

OTTER ECOLOGY AND SURVEYING TRAINER: DR ELLEN LEE

Sat 12th October 10am-4pm
RSPB Office, Beckley
and Otmoor Nature Reserve

Introduction to the ecology of otters, covering their distribution, diet and behaviour. You will learn about key field signs to look out for and the methods used to survey for otters.

RSPB Office in Beckley for morning session. In afternoon short drive to Otmoor Nature Reserve.

The outdoor session will include a walk at Otmoor Nature Reserve looking for signs of otters.

Bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

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