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### This eNews will inform you about...

2018 Recorders Conference  
Young Recorders  
Botanical Diversity Mapping  
Tullie Stories

**Seasons Greetings**  
**Everyone at CBDC wishes**  
**you a wonderful festive**  
**season, a happy New Year**  
**and may 2019 be a great**  
**year for recording.**



## 2018 Recorders Conference

As many of you know, we recently had our annual recorders' conference. It was a fantastic day with many interesting talks and updates on different projects. We got updates from Suzanna Collinson on her Slow Worm Identification project and it was great to hear that Sylvia (the slow worm) is still going strong.

Kevin O'Hara, Vincent Wildlife Trust's Back from the Brink Officer talked about his work recording Pine Martens and showed us the camera trap footage of the first 100% correct sighting of a Pine Marten in Cumbria in Kershope Forest. We will hear more about this project over the coming year and hopefully CBDC will receive more Pine Marten records.

We would like to say a big thank you to all those that attended and all those who talked at the Conference. If you didn't manage to attend, then don't worry, there will be one next year, but between then and now why not join one of CBDC's recording or training days over the summer.

## Young Recorders



The first record of a pine marten in Cumbria, in Kershope Forest.



## A Focus On Nature

CBDC has been slowly developing its work with young people to get them actively recording. CBDC has recently joined forces with A Focus On Nature (AFON)'s NW representative April Windle (better known as the Plantlife LOST Officer). With the support of CBDC's recorders we plan to develop a programme of mentoring, training and recording activities for 2019.

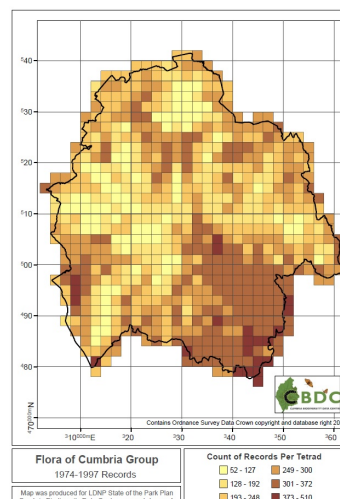
CBDC recently held a meeting with some of its recorders to work out what they can and want to offer the young people. We do not want to raise the expectations of young people nor over burden our recorders! Now we are working on a few details such as safe guarding and contacting all those that expressed an interest to come up with a list of what support and activities are available. So far we have a site for a young person's recording day and recorders willing to help with a range of species ID.

Alongside this CBDC is talking to the University of Cumbria to see how we can support their students more. Our hope is that by creating more opportunities and sharing skills with young people that they will be start flying the recorders' flag, join in recording activities and of course provide CBDC with great records!

## Mapping Botanical diversity for the Lake District national park

Recently CBDC's Data Officer used the Cumbria of Flora data to calculate and map the botanical diversity of the Lake District for inclusion in the next iteration of the Lake District's State of the Park Report. This map shows the number of Flora records in Cumbria between 1974-1997 per tetrad in the Lake district national park.

The plan is that CBDC will redo the map when we receive the 2020 Atlas data from Cumbria Botany in the future. The maps will be used as an indicator to see if recently the Park has been able to maintain its botanical diversity. It will be interesting to see what has happened.



## 125 Years of Tullie-Whats your story

**TULLIE  
HOUSE**

**125 YEARS  
CARLISLE**

Tullie house is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019 and is looking for your stories about the museum. Stories can be anything from a funny anecdote to an object or memory from the collection, anything is welcome!

There will also be several exiting events in Tullie house over the coming year and we would love everyone to come and help celebrate. So, keep an eye on the Tullie house website and Facebook to see what's going on.

If you do have a Tullie story, please follow this link: <http://www.tulliehouse.co.uk/share-your-tullie-house-story>.

## Get Involved

### Natterjack toad monitoring

Amphibian and Reptile Conservation have several areas throughout Cumbria that need a Natterjack toad monitor. They are looking for anyone who would be interested in becoming the monitor for any of the sites: Silloth, Allonby, Drigg, Eskmeals, A site near Bootle, Millom Iron Works, A site near Green Road Station-Millom, Foxfield/Angerton, Sandside/Soutergate and Subberthwaite.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these areas or have any questions, then please email: [ruth.popely@arc-trust.org](mailto:ruth.popely@arc-trust.org)

### Introduction to Moth Trapping.

If you are an experienced moth recorder or just starting you may want to build your own moth trap. Guy Broome will tell you how, as well as talking more about the technical side of moth trapping.

Booking essential: 01539 816300 or [events@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:events@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk)

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