

Recorders' Conference 2026

Saturday 28 February 2026, 10am-3pm

Rosehill Theatre*, Whitehaven

Programme [subject to change]

Doors open at 09:45am		
10am	Welcome and introduction	Conference Chair –Tracey Griffiths, CBDC Advisory Group Chair
10:05	Overview of Nature Recovery in Cumbria	Jody Ferguson, Cumbria Local Nature Partnership
10:15	Overview of Recording in Cumbria in 2025	Martin Harris, CBDC Recording Officer
10:35	The Dynamics and Future of Montane Scrub in Cumbria and the UK	Carrie Hedges, University of Cumbria
10:55	A Neuroaffirming Volunteer Programme for Woodland Creation	James Cobbold, Raise: Cumbria Community Forest
11:15	REFRESHMENT BREAK – stands and networking	
11:40	Cumbria Harvest Mice Project	Aimee Campbell, Jude Hartley and John Martin, Cumbria Harvest Mice Project
12:10	The White-faced Darter Introduction Update	David Clarke, British Dragonfly Society
12:25	Cumbrian Rocks from Space and Other Developments	Sylvia Woodhead, Cumbria GeoConservation
12:40	CBDC Documentary Film Screening and Q&A with the filmmakers	University of Cumbria Wildlife Media students in conversation with CBDC
13:00	LUNCH –exhibition stands	
13:30	Using eDNA to Identify Key Species in the Upper Eden Catchment	Rachel Hutchinson and Stephen Henderson, Eden Rivers Trust
13:50	A Duddon Valley Catchment Project: Bat sound monitoring (and its bycatch)	Matt Taylor, ecologist and bat surveyor for Duddon Valley Catchment Project
14:10	Bio-acoustic Monitoring for Breeding Bird Survey	Mike Douglas, South Lakes Ecology
14:30	A Wilder Walkmill	Jenny Garbe, West Cumbria Rivers Trust
14:50	Final questions and closing remarks	CBDC
15:00	CLOSE of conference	
15:30-16:30	Walk at Walkmill with West Cumbria Rivers Trust	