



SCOTTISH BADGERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 2011

OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE – WEST LOTHIAN

September 17th 2011

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

- 9.30 a.m. Registration. Coffee
- 10.00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction.
- 10.15 a.m. **Staff projects**
- Operation meles** – the last year, and recent crime cases – Ian Hutchison
- Working with Planning Authorities** – Ian Hutchison and Elaine Rainey
- Working with young people to tackle badger crime** – Elaine Rainey
- 11.10 a.m. Questions and discussion
- 11.30 a.m. Coffee
- 11.50 a.m. **My life with badgers and farming** – George Pearce – farmer and badger consultant
- Questions
- 12.45 p.m. LUNCH (AGM 12.45 to 1.15)
- 2.00 p.m. Workshops
- A. **Badgers and Licensing** – Ben Ross, Head of Licensing, Scottish Natural Heritage
- B. **Bait marking: principles and case studies** – Steve Jackson-Matthews, Envirocentre
- C. **Snaring: update on legislation and case studies** – Andy Riches, SB Advisory Group Member
- D. **Political Lobbying** – Libby Anderson, One Kind
- E. **Badger surveying: field signs (indoor/outdoor)** – Tricia Alderson and John Ellis, Scottish Badgers
- 3.30 p.m. Tea
- 3.50 p.m. **The work of the Procurator Fiscal in Wildlife cases** – Tom Dysart
- 4.30 p.m. Finish