



Field survey at Oldhay Farm near Altarnun

Saturday /Sunday 28th/29th May

Oldhay Farm is a small and traditionally managed farm on the slopes of the Penpont Water on the edge of Bodmin Moor. Once owned by a member of LAPWG (the Launceston Wildlife Group), we first visited with Brian Stringer probably 15 years ago. Now the new owners are keen to find out more about the wildlife on their property. Some of us have already been to site looking at beaver and otter evidence and searching for harvest mouse nests. This trip will be looking at wildlife in a broader sense: we hope to be joined by botanical and invertebrate experts and to be keeping our eyes peeled for interesting lichens, birds, and amphibians. The site includes some lovely wet woodland and wet meadow, low-intensity grazing and old hedgerows as well as the river. The plan is to set Longworth traps on the Saturday evening, possibly accompanied by bat surveys and moth trapping and then to return on Sunday morning to clear the traps and carry out the other surveys.

There is no cost for the event but it is only open to members of CMG or LAPWG because of insurance (but then it is only £5 to join). Please contact Dave for details of meeting arrangements.

This is a steep and wet site in some areas - there is also a good walk across pastures to access the site. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring waterproofs and your own refreshments.

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