



Field survey at Hamatethy near Camelford

Saturday 7th May at 10:30

Hamatethy is a large landholding on the North West side of Bodmin Moor which is currently undergoing major improvements in management to enhance biodiversity. The farm includes areas of pasture, open moorland, woodland and river and already is home to one of Cornwall's enclosed beaver groups and has hosted water vole releases. Earlier in the year CMG were able to survey here for harvest mice and otters. This visit is primarily aimed at looking for evidence of dormice through searching for the distinctively opened hazel nuts shells. As such we will be focussing on the steep slopes of the upper Camel valley which are cloaked with mature hazel coppice, oak and alder. There will also be opportunities to look for evidence of deer, otters and other mustelids and small mammals. For those of you with broader interests, the plant life, lichens and invertebrates may provide distraction.

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 rough site - 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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