

**ANNUAL RESEARCH SEMINAR
SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2014**

Venue: Slapton Village Hall
Chair: Dr Paul Chanin, WWCT

To register please call 01548-580685 or email reserve.sl@field-studies-council.org

09.30 *Arrival and coffee*

09.45 *Welcome and introduction - Andy Pratt (Head of Centre)*

Session 1

10.00 *Sources of hormone mimicking chemicals in aquatic ecosystems: a research update*
Prof Tom Hutchinson, University of Plymouth

10.30 *The hydrological role of sunken lanes*
Dr John Boardman, Oxford University

11.00 *Storm surveys on shingle beaches - some preliminary results*
Prof Gerd Masselink, University of Plymouth

11.30 *Coffee*

Session 2

12.00 *Using fisheries manipulation to improve the ecology and water quality at Slapton Ley*
Scott West, West Country Rivers Trust

12.30 *Wildfowl & Macrophytes and the Lower Ley (2012-2014) - The Swan's Story*
Dennis Elphick

13.00 *Lunch*

Session 3

14.00 *What can we learn from Slapton Dormice?*
Dr Paul Chanin, Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust

14.30 *The effect of different habitats, spatial and temporal variation on butterflies within the Loworthy Brake system*
Charlotte Brown, Plymouth University

15.00 *Badgers and the Moon - a rare case of black and white*
Dr David Dixon

15.30 *Close*