



SLAPTON ANNUAL RESEARCH SEMINAR 2008



SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Venue: Slapton Village Hall Chair: Professor Ian Mercer (FSC)

The Slapton Annual Research Seminar offers a fascinating insight into a range of current research projects and associated management issues and is open to all. Attendees are requested to register (01548 580685 or reserve.sl@field-studies-council.org).

09.30 *Arrival and Coffee*

10.00 *Welcome and Introduction – Andy Pratt (Head of Centre SLFC)*

Session 1

10.10 **Shedding light on bat behaviour – the impact of street lighting on commuting Lesser Horseshoe bats**

Emma Stone (University of Bristol)

10.40 **The OPAL Project at Slapton Ley**

Neil Rose (University College London)

11.10 **Slapton Line – preparing for the future**

Alan Denbigh (Slapton Line Partnership Project Officer)

11.30 *Coffee*

Session 2

11.45 **Coastal evolution and sea level change during the last Holocene at Start Bay**

Simon Dooley (University of Plymouth)

12.05 **Biology, habitat requirements and re-introduction of *Corrigiola litoralis***

Andrea Stacey (Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust)

12.25 **Evaluating the “Slapton Experience” – what do A-level students think about residential fieldwork?**

Alison Stokes and Katrina Gibson (University of Plymouth)

12.55 *Lunch*

Session 3

13.45 **Bird Ringing at Slapton Ley – the recent years**

Nik Ward (DBWPS and Natural England)

14.15 **Aspects of Slapton’s recent Natural History**

Barrie Whitehall (SLFC)

14.45 **Video monitoring storm impacts and shoreline evolution at Slapton Sands**

Amaia Alegria (University of Plymouth)

15.15 *Discussion*

15.45 *Dispersal*

