

Dear colleagues,

Spotlight on the Publications Unit

With a number of new staff possibly being unaware of it, it's a good opportunity to highlight the work of our Publications Unit who operate from a dedicated warehouse in Telford. The unit publishes identification charts, wildlife gifts and books. For many people, the fold-out charts are what FSC is known for. Wildlife presenter Chris Packham apparently has a full set in the boot of his car. Our publications are one way in which we can extend our reach and impact beyond our centres. This was amply demonstrated during the pandemic when sales rocketed even when centres were closed.

Publication Discounts for Centres

All FSC Centres can order substantially discounted publications to sell to guests and in centre shops. You can browse the 200+ titles available at [the shop](#), although please don't place centre orders online, as you won't be able to get the internal discount that way. Instead just e-mail publications@field-studies-council.org or phone 01952 208910, and let them know the titles and quantities you need.

Centres are eligible for 45% discount on the usual price for fold-out guides, 45% discount on wildlife gifts, 33% discount on AIDGAP books and 30% discount on Royal Entomological Society Handbooks. The unit cannot take orders by sale or return, but since there is no minimum order quantity you do not need to commit to large amounts of stock. Please allow a week for delivery.

This summer, publications are also trialling several point-of-sale options, including spinners and counter-top displays. A number of centre shops are already taking part in the trial, but the team are always interested in extending this to others. Please let publications know if you want to be involved.

Bishops Wood Open Day

Congratulations and thank you to Vicki, her staff and others from across the charity who delivered a much appreciated event. Despite some rain, 173 people came for the open day - "thanks for bringing some Saturday morning cheer" - and Vicki is still crunching the numbers for the Bioblitz on the following day.

The team have had some lovely feedback on every aspect from parking, the staff welcome and the calm atmosphere. "The variety of educational, absorbing and fun activities kept this family of four absorbed. Thank you" was one such comment and others enthused about pond dipping, dragon flies, stick insects, identification activities and that "Granpa has ordered a rod and striker following the successful fire lighting".

One couple came especially to thank the team for helping their son. Ten years ago his behaviour had put him on the wrong path but a trip to Bishops Wood helped to turn things around by introducing him to things that he enjoyed. He is now successfully employed building timber products and roofs. After the restrictions of Covid the event also allowed Bishop's Wood to connect and reconnect with local people, some of whom have now been signed up to the growing team of 30 volunteers. Visitors said they would be back and would recommend us without hesitation. Bishops Wood MP is visiting next week. One particularly touching comment was "may your organisation continue to flourish in these strange times where being outside has much to commend it."

Charity Awards Shortlist 2022

The Generation Green Project has been shortlisted for tomorrow's award ceremony. The 16 month project was delivered by Access Unlimited, a coalition of 15 environmental and youth organisations of which we are a member. You can find out more about the award and the project [here](#). Dylan Byrne will be attending on behalf of FSC and thank you to all who have been involved in delivering the project.

IIP Survey Reminder

Thank you to the 172 members of staff who have responded so far and not left it to the last minute. At the end of the first week, 42% of staff had responded but there is significant variation between the teams. Don't forget that we do want to hear from everyone. The closing date is 26th June.

Welcome to FSC:

Brendan Leach, who is joining Head Office as the new Digital Service Desk Agent

No Catch up Next Week

I've been told that unless there is a dire emergency, being seen to take a proper holiday and leave my emails alone sets a good example. Mrs Castle indeed takes a similar view. So there will be no catch up next week.

I have had covid this week so I sign off with a very earnest

Stay safe and keep well

Mark