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Dear Colleagues,

### **Welcome to our Higher Education Placements and Apprentice Tutors**

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet our new Higher Education Placements (HEPS) and apprentice tutors at Juniper Hall this week as they attended their induction course. I know that you will make them all feel welcome and encourage them to make the most of all the opportunities that we have on offer. For those not familiar with the HEP's role, it is primarily to support our teaching staff and to help out with a range of other residential and domestic duties as required. Our role is to help them to gain the experience that will contribute to their Higher Education qualifications. We find that they very quickly become really valuable team members. Our [recruitment video](#) gives an idea of what our HEPs do.

### **New Identification Resources**

Publications have produced a brand new 12 page WildID fold out guide on for Waders of Britain and Ireland. This is currently being printed and will be available in the next few weeks. In addition, this WildID guide is supported by two on-line, digital resources called [Identikit](#) and [Quizlet](#). They are both available now. Identikit is an innovative, on-line, multi-access identification key and is a legacy of the Field Studies Council *Tomorrow's Biodiversity* project. Quizlet is an on-line, flash card learning system. The full range of WildID guides, identification books, gifts, cards and promotion can be seen here at the [Field Studies Council Shop](#).

### **Forestry Commission**

Our Publication and Biodiversity teams have won a special commission to help woodland managers across England. We're producing five WildID fold-out guides and four training courses to help thousands more people access 'Woodland Condition Assessments'. This is part of a Forestry Commission project producing a digital version of this important assessment tool. The Field Studies Council will launch a commercial suite of guides and training in spring 2024. This work is also part of over 50 contracts won this year by both teams to produce bespoke products to help professionals study and benefit biodiversity where they live and work. These contracts are a growing part of the Field Studies Council's income and impact.

### **IHASCO Courses**

Over 66% of courses have now been completed. Most courses are not much longer than half an hour so why not try to get through your required courses this summer. Those email reminders from IHASCO won't go away and please don't forget to read the required OCOPS. Our attention to health and safety is a really important part of our offer to customers and the reassurance that we can give parents, but also a good opportunity to upskill yourself in a number of areas. We have had some

good feedback about the new courses, but any comments are helpful. If you have any questions your main point of contact is Julie Bowen.

### **Welcome to Field Studies Council**

Joshua Spear returned to Blencathra as a Casual General Assistant on 12 August

And the following started on the 14th

Harry Price joins as a Casual Administrative Assistant at Head Office

New HEP starters:

Maddie Dorling at Nettlecombe Court

Joe Henley at Rhyd-y-creuau

Mia Gilmour at Castle Head

Izzy King at Epping Forest / London

Teagan Monks at Preston Montford

New Trainee Tutor starters:

Alice Crane and Will Higgins at Juniper Hall

Christopher Darby at Slapton Ley

Edward Moss and Kimberley Holmes at Blencathra

Emily Boswell at Amersham

Georgia Hunter at Castle Head

Joanna Williams at Preston Montford

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