

Dear Colleagues,

### **Coming to a centre new you**

The Regional Senior Tutors met at Rhyd-y-Creiau for a couple of days of personal and team development. They play a vital role in filling any gaps in teaching rotas so that our courses run smoothly. They also work with our Education Manager Jo on course development during the quieter months.

They are from left to right: Sean, Jayde, Amy, Emma and Rosie.



### **National Outdoor Expo**

Biodiversity and Publications will have a stand at the [National Outdoor Expo](#) at the Birmingham NEC on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March. If anyone is planning to come along the team would be really glad to see you at stand J30. As it's close to the Easter holidays and you might be looking for things to do, it's worth noting that any adult can bring a child under 16 without charge.

### **New "Super Nature Reserve" for Shropshire?**

Shropshire only tends to make the news for flooding or by-elections where we often cause an upset. But now the government is consulting on whether the nature reserve around the Stiperstones should be extended by another 5,000 hectares and become a "Super Nature Reserve". The Stiperstones is a popular place for fieldwork, and it features quite often in our images. You can find out [more information here](#), including details on a drop in event for local people.

### **Staff discount on publications**

If you are managing to get out and about between named storms, why not update your collection of [fold out guides](#)? The two new guides to fungi are selling really well. Staff are eligible for a 20% discount on all publications, including fold-out guides and AIDGAP books. All you need to do is e-mail an order to [publications@field-studies-council.org](mailto:publications@field-studies-council.org) or phone the friendly team on 01952 208910. Deliveries to home addresses are fine, but please mark orders 'FSC Staff Discount', so that we give you the correct discount.

### **Email security**

Thank you to those who responded to Gary Foster's recent email regarding keeping the charity safe from cyber-attacks. As a result of your feedback, we will be creating an infographic of the dos and don'ts to make life a bit easier.

**Education Strategy Group and other committees**

The papers for the Education Committee will be out shortly. Feedback from staff reps is that there are a lot of papers to get through at committee meetings. That's very true. We are currently looking at where and how we can make improvements. In the meantime, the cover sheet (which is also being reviewed) should help you navigate your way through the stack of papers by providing a short summary. You can then decide whether to delve further or skip to the next paper.

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