

Welcome to Land and Wildlife

We are looking forward to you joining us in the autumn. You may have studied this subject already or this might be completely new to you. Whatever your starting point, we are ready to support you with your learning.

You will find a range of resources below to help you prepare for your course. Keep notes about what you have found out or learnt to support your learning later on.

Read

Books | Magazines | Newspapers | Magazines

Chapman, J. & Reiss, M. (1999) *Ecology Principles and Applications*. Cambridge

BTCV Handbooks - <https://www.conservationhandbooks.com/> - All books can be purchased from Amazon second hand for much cheaper.

Johnson, A & Smith, H.A (1972) *Plant Names Simplified* This is a really useful guide to help you to understand how plant names are derived and really has helped our students to learn latin names much more easily.

National Geographic

BBC Wildlife Magazine

Countryside Jobs Service - <https://www.countryside-jobs.com/> this is the main website for any countryside job to be advertised. This will allow you to see what job options are available to you and the skills you need.

The Field Studies Council creates the best identification guides which you will use on the course and in your future careers. <https://www.field-studies-council.org/product-category/publications/>

NPTC is the awarding body for the licences you can study for industry. These include Chainsaw, Brushcutter, Felling, Tractor etc. You can look at the specifications and see what the course includes <https://www.nptc.org.uk/qualificationschemedetail.aspx?id=333>

Watch

TV | Movies | You Tube

Countryfile - BBC

Springwatch/Autumnwatch/Winterwatch – BBC

Animal Planet TV channel

Nat Geo Wild TV channel

Eden TV Channel

YouTube videos are very helpful regarding techniques for certain management tools we use e.g. felling techniques, fire lighting, greenwood working, creating strainer assemblies for fencing, fencing knots, surveying techniques and much much more.

Listen

Podcast | Radio | Audible

Get Involved

Competitions | Social Media | Webinar | MOOCs

Follow on Facebook/Instagram – anything British Wildlife – RSPB, National Trust, English Nature, Defra, Dartmoor National Park, Environment Agency, Local Wildlife Trusts.

Also can follow projects such as the Greater Horseshoe Bat Project whatever species you are interested in. This allows you to keep up to date with what is happening, but also gives you a way of contacting people for more information.

Follow <https://en-gb.facebook.com/BictonCountryside> to see what we get up to.

BASC and the Countryside Alliance do provide some of their conferences and lectures live on line, so it is worth following them to keep up to date with their opportunities.