

WINTER PROGRAMME SPEAKERS 2016

Thursday 3rd March 2016

“Big Effort for the Small Blue”

by Gill Smart (Scottish Wildlife Trust)

Gill will tell the story of a small blue butterfly re-introduction project. Extinct in Ayrshire since 1982, the UK's smallest resident butterfly was flying there again in 2015 thanks to some dedicated individuals and enthusiastic partner organisations. What does the future hold?



The diminutive Small Blue Butterfly

Thursday 7th April 2016

A.G.M. followed by

“Hunters, Munchers and Management”

by Richard Clarkson

Richard is a ranger with the National Trust for Scotland and he will describe the natural history of the Grey Mare's Tail reserve near Moffat. Richard will give an overview of the area but with a focus on Peregrine Falcons, grazing animals and the implications that has for managing an upland reserve. The magnificent Grey Mare's Tail waterfall is the fifth highest in the UK and cascades from Loch Skeen into the Moffat Valley. Richard will also give a brief account of the Geology of the area.