

NEWS FROM THE ECT

JUNE 2020

ECT Publishes Two New Podcasts & New Webpages

New podcast interviews with Simon Caporn and Chris Field at the Ruabon Moor and Little Budworth Common LTEs respectively are now available on our <u>podcasts</u> webpage. See also new webpages for the following two LTEs on our active register:

Hillsborough LTS

Little Budworth Common

Please get in contact if you have new information for the website or newsletter!











Going the Extra Mile at the BIFOR-FACE LTE

Research technician, Gael Denny, working at BIFoR-FACE decided to stav on after her shift at the woodland facility to set out the overnight lepidoptera trap. Gael set up the trap on 7 May, the so-called flower moon (a full moon), which was probably not ideal but in the morning there were 21 specimens! As you can see in the photo, the woodland was lit up by both the traps bulb and the full moon to create this unique, but unplanned, image. The lepidoptera data will be used as part of a long-term data set being collected by students at the University of Birmingham for the last three years and was expected to cease over summer 2020 owing to the lockdown. This is just one example of the dedicated technicians and researchers across the country keeping vital LTE research ticking over. Read more on BIFoR here.



Calliteara pudibunda
[Pale Tussock Moth]

Next ECT Webinar!





ECT holds two-monthly online webinars open to all. We are particularly excited about our *eighth* webinar on 26 June 2020 featuring our first speakers from overseas – Markus Fischer and Eric Allan from the University of Bern who will be talking about the large-scale, long-term *Biodiversity Exploratories* in Germany. More info/register here.

New Trustees Appointed

We welcome Ken Thompson [Sheffield] and Dave Stone (Natural England) to our Board. Read more.

ECT LAUNCHES 10-YEAR

CORPORATE PLAN

Securing Long-term

Experiments for the Future

2020 - 2030



ECT's first ever *Corporate Plan* was published in late March, setting out our vision and a strategic framework for our objectives and activities over the next ten years. It is underpinned by our five-year Business Plans. You can download the Corporate Plan here.

** NEW PUBLICATIONS **

A <u>Defra report</u> on the Phase 1 results from the Peatland-ES-UK experiment in North Yorkshire and East Lancashire is now available. Two new publications have emerged very recently from the Glen Finglas LTE located northwest of Stirling in Scotland and are available online here and here.



Ecological
Evidence for
Action

New ECT Homepage

Understanding and communicating the benefits of LTEs for both the environment and society are important pillars of ECT's new Corporate Plan. We have now launched a brand new homepage which highlights the outputs from five important LTEs and links into a subsequent page Ecology with Impact which provides further detail. Periodically, ECT will be rotating the case studies featured on these pages.



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