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### 2021 BOU ANNUAL CONFERENCE



## RESTORING BIRD POPULATIONS

31 Mar – 1 Apr 2021 | Now on Zoom

With ongoing COVID-19 restrictions here in the UK, we've reached an agreement with the University of Nottingham to cancel our in-person meeting next year and are now in the process of moving the conference to a virtual event held over the two days, Weds, 31 March and Thurs, 1 April 2021.

This decision has only just been reached, as we go to press, so please check our website (BOU.ORG.UK) and our social channels for further updates.

The conference aims to bring together the latest science underpinning the restoration of bird species and their ecosystems, focusing on successes, challenges and future directions. It comes on the eve of the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration that will run from 2021 through to 2030. It will be of interest to conservation-, population- and community-ecologists, practitioners and policy makers.

#### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME ORGANISERS:

Dr David Douglas (RSPB Centre for Conservation Science, UK)

Dr Nancy Ockendon (Endangered Landscapes Programme, UK)

Dr Geoff Hilton (Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, UK)

Dr Amanda Trask (Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London, UK)

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# BOU 2021 Annual General Meeting

31 March 2021 | 1800h BST | via Zoom

With the cancellation of our in-person 2021 annual conference (see left), we are moving the 2021 AGM on to Zoom (as we ended up doing for the 2020 AGM). It will be held on Wednesday, 31 March 2021 as part of the 2021 Annual Conference at the University of Nottingham.

## Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes<sup>‡</sup> of the previous Annual General Meeting on 29 June 2020 held virtually on Zoom.  
<sup>‡</sup>Minutes are available online via [bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/](http://bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/) or from the BOU Office on request.
3. Adoption of the Annual Report of Council and Approval of Accounts for 2020.
4. Elections to Council:  
Council proposes that **Graham Appleton** be re-elected as Honorary Treasurer; that **Richard Bradbury** be elected as Vice President to replace Neil Bucknell; that **Mark Eaton** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to replace Will Cresswell; that **Tom Finch** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the Engagement Committee to replace Hugh Wright; that **Rosemarie Kentie** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the IBIS Management Committee to replace Jen Smart; that **Lucy Wright** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the Awards Nominations Committee (new position).

Any other nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary (c/o the BOU Office) by 15 February 2021 – Rule 17.2 applies\*

5. Reappointment of Auditors
6. Any other business.  
Any items should be received by the Honorary Secretary (c/o the BOU Office) by 15 February 2021 – Rule 10.3 applies\*

\*BOU rules are available online via [BOU.ORG.UK/ABOUT-THE-BOU/RULES-ANNUAL-REPORTS-AGM-ITEMS/](http://BOU.ORG.UK/ABOUT-THE-BOU/RULES-ANNUAL-REPORTS-AGM-ITEMS/) or from the BOU Office on request.

Notes to the agenda of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union

**Item 3** – copies of the Annual Report of Council and Accounts for 2020 will be available on the BOU website ([bou.org.uk](http://bou.org.uk)) and from the BOU Office from 19 March 2021.

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**Item 4** - Council nominees for election to Council (see agenda item 4, page 15):

### **Graham Appleton**

Nominated for re-election as Honorary Treasurer

Graham is a freelance writer and blogger ([wadertales.wordpress.com](http://wadertales.wordpress.com)). He has been the Union's Treasurer since 2017, having been co-opted onto Council the previous year. Before retirement, Graham worked for the BTO (1997–2013), initially as a fundraiser and latterly as the Director of Communications. Graham had a previous career as a mathematics teacher and deputy head, during which time he was a member of BTO Council and its Finance & Operations and Ringing Committees. He has been the Honorary Treasurer of the Scottish Ornithologists' Club and the Wash Wader Ringing Group and still serves as a Trustee of the BTO's Pension Fund.



### **Richard Bradbury**

Nominated as Vice President

Richard is Head of People Conservation Science at the RSPB's Centre for Conservation Science. He also holds an Honorary Research Fellowship at Cambridge University and is a member of Natural England's Science Advisory Committee. His career has taken him from a PhD on avian sex ratios at the Edward Grey Institute in Oxford, to farmland bird research at Oxford and on to leading an RSPB research team working on topics as diverse as renewable energy impacts on birds, climate change risks to birds and ecosystem services. He now leads a team building RSPB's social science and nature-based solutions capacity. He has previously served the BOU (2003–11) including as Chair of the Meetings Committee and member of BOU Council. Richard is a keen birder, especially on his local Cambridgeshire patch.



### **Mark Eaton**

Nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council

Mark has a dual employment as Secretary of the Rare Breeding Birds Panel and as a Principal Conservation Scientist in the Monitoring Science section of the RSPB Centre for Conservation Science, and is also Chair of the European Bird Census Council. As this would suggest, his work focuses on monitoring, through surveys and analysis of biological records, and reporting on the state of biodiversity through the likes of red lists, indicators and 'state of' reports both in the UK and overseas. When not working, he's most likely to be found birdwatching along the Northumberland coast.



### **Tom Finch**

Nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the Engagement Committee

Tom is a Senior Conservation Scientist at the RSPB. His main research interest is conservation in agricultural landscapes, in terms of both improving the environmental credentials of farmland itself, but also minimising the footprint of farmland in order to spare wilder habitats and ecosystems. He is also interested in bird migration, and the causes and consequences of differences in migratory connectivity. He served on the BOU Council for the last 4 years as the Early Career Researcher representative.



### **Rosemarie Kentie**

Nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the IBIS Management Committee

Rosemarie is an ecologist working on gulls at the University of Amsterdam and NIOZ Netherlands Institute for Sea Research. She focusses on understanding how individuals differ from each other and how this in turn affect population dynamics in changing environments. For that she combines different approaches, such as movement ecology from GPS tracks and diet choice from stable isotopes, combined with demographic modelling using long-term empirical data. Rose knows IBIS as reviewer, author, associate editor (since 2019) and has served on the IBIS management committee since 2018.



### **Lucy Wright**

Nominated as an Ordinary Member of Council to Chair the Awards Nominations Committee

Lucy is a Principal Conservation Scientist in the RSPB Centre for Conservation Science. She leads a team who provide scientific evidence to challenge proposed developments that may detrimentally affect bird populations and researches the impacts of offshore wind farms on seabirds. She previously worked for the British Trust for Ornithology for nine years, after a PhD on woodlark demography and various short research contracts in ornithology. Lucy is a keen bird ringer, sits on the BTO's Ringing Committee, and is an Associate Editor for the journal *Bird Study*. She is interested in improving equality and diversity in ornithology.

