

### 'New' Experiment Added to ECT's Register – Colt Park

ECT is delighted to announce the addition to its register of the 31-year-long [Colt Park Meadows](#) long-term upland grassland restoration experiment in the Yorkshire Dales. Look out for a new webpage soon! This brings our UK network of currently active LTEs to **33** across **30** sites. Read more about our sites [here](#).

Please get in [contact](#) if you have new information for the website or newsletter!



### LONG-TERM MONITORING IN FOCUS AT ECT/UKECN THEMATIC SESSION

### BES2020 Online Festival of Ecology



Over 400 delegates participated in our Thematic Session on *Long-term monitoring – challenges and opportunities* hosted jointly with the UK Environmental Change Network ([UKECN](#)) at BES's online *Festival of Ecology* held 14-18 December. Opening keynote Jaana Bäck from Helsinki spoke about the [eLTER](#) European sites network, followed by four shorter talks covering LTM projects in the UK and advances in monitoring technology. A recording of the session is still available to *all* Festival of Ecology delegates via the conference [platform](#) until **18 January**, together with on-going access to ECT's virtual exhibition booth (pictured) which features exclusive access to *ten* rotatable 360-degree videos from the stunning [Whim Bog](#) peatland experiment in the Scottish Borders.



### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS! Joint CIEEM/ECT Spring Conference

ECT is delighted to be teaming up with CIEEM to host a 1-day conference on 16 March titled *LTEs: Using Evidence to Inform Practice*. We invite all applied ecologists to submit an abstract to be considered for the speaker programme by **13 January 2021**. Submission details are available on the CIEEM website [here](#).



### Ruabon Moor LTE - 31 Years & Counting!

A new webpage is now available [here](#) for the Ruabon Moor long-term nitrogen deposition and burning experiment on upland heath near Wrexham in north-east Wales. This LTE is the longest-running nitrogen addition experiment of its type in the world. You can also access a podcast interview with Simon Caporn [here](#).

### Building New Partnerships – National Biodiversity Network

ECT is linking up with the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) which has been championing the gathering, curation, sharing and use of data about the UK's wildlife for over 20 years. It is the UK's largest partnership for nature working with over 200 partners. The NBN Trust provides a collective voice for its partners, working collaboratively to design, adopt and implement national and international standards for wildlife data. It also provides the only national scale aggregation of data about all types of wildlife found in the UK, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man through the [NBN Atlas](#).



### New Podcast on Palace Leas LTE in Northumberland

In one of ECT's relatively few site visits in 2020 – due to lockdown restrictions – we were pleased to be hosted by Simon Peacock and Janet Simkin (Newcastle University) at the remarkable 124-year-long Palace Leas grazing/cutting experiment. Access the podcast with Simon Peacock [here](#).

### \*\* NEW BRIGNANT PLOTS PUBLICATION \*\*

Check out the latest paper to emerge from the Brignant Plots at Pwllpeiran in Wales, published by PI Mariecia Fraser and collaborators in *Science of the Total Environment*. The paper reveals novel data on the impacts of 19 years of restoration management treatments. Access the paper [here](#).



### ECT Small Grants Scheme

A reminder that PIs can access small grants from ECT for work on sites in our register. More [here](#).



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