

### ECT Launches YouTube Channel and New Webinars!

ECT launched its new YouTube channel at the beginning of the year! Check out our first video featuring Jonathan Silvertown [here](#). We have also launched **two-monthly webinars!** Register [here](#) for our next one, **10 April, 12.30-1.30pm** with guest speaker Mariecia Fraser on: **Battling for Brignant: celebrating 25 years against the odds**

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### New Staff at RainDrop – Introduction to Sara Middleton

As the new growing season gets underway at our ‘flagship’ long-term experiment, RainDrop, at Wytham Woods, we are delighted to report that Sara Middleton (pictured) will be working with the experiment from this year. Sara is a first-year NERC Doctoral Training Partnership student at the University of Oxford. Her previous research has been in invasion science and trait-based ecology. For her PhD, she is interested in working at the intersection between functional traits and demography. The project aims to compare a suite of above and below-ground traits and demographic rates of individuals within the grassland community across the different drought treatments. You can read more about our RainDrop experiment [here](#).

### ECT NEEDS YOU!

You can help support ECT’s vital charitable work through one-off donations or legacy provision. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in supporting the Trust’s work.



### ECT 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations At BES2018 A Great Success!

A full video recording of ECT’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary thematic session **Long-term experiments forever! – unique challenges and opportunities**, which took place at the BES2018 conference in Birmingham, is now available free via the [videos page](#) of our website.



The British Ecological Society also published a cross-journal [virtual issue](#) on LTEs, edited by Emma Sayer and Jonathan Silvertown, which is still available to view. Jonathan Silvertown has also written a super blog **ECT Ten Years On** which reviews where ECT came from and what we have achieved so far. You can read this via our blog page [here](#).

### ECT-PSE JOINT SCIENCE MEETING, 21/22 MAY Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

### FINAL WEEK FOR DELEGATE REGISTRATION!

Delegate registration for ECT’s ‘big event’ in Buxton, Derbyshire on 21/22 May closes on **29 March, 5pm**.



### [REGISTER HERE](#)

Titled **Long-term ecological experiments in plant-soil ecosystems**, habitat-based sessions will highlight successful experiments across different types of ecosystems and will showcase the importance of securing and maintaining a national network of long-term ecological field experiments. In addition to keynote presentations and talks selected from abstracts, it will feature delegate visits to the Buxton Climate Change Impacts Laboratory (BCCIL), a citizen science workshop and a poster display session.



### New ECT Maintenance Grant Awarded **Peatland-ES-UK**

ECT recently awarded a maintenance grant to Andreas Heinemeyer at the University of York to assist with his work on the Peatland-ES-UK long-term experimental sites in North Yorkshire and Lancashire. The grant will be used to upgrade and replace ageing rhizon peat water samplers. This will enable continuation of seasonal water quality sampling and the support of two PhD projects. Read more about the Peatland-ES-UK LTE [here](#), and more about our small grants scheme [here](#).



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