## Winter Programme 2017-2018

We have arranged the following programme for our Winter Programme. All are welcome (members & non-members) and donations welcomed.

All meetings take place in the Gordon Memorial Hall, St Ninians Church, Castle Douglas, at 7:30 pm. St Ninians is in Whitepark Road, Castle Douglas. DG7 1EX.

| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>2017 | The Scottish Wildcat                        | A talk by Lindsay MacKinley on this iconic Scottish animal and the steps that are being taken to preserve it.  Lindsay is a past member of the Scottish Wildcat Steering Group and Scottish Wildcat Action Group.  |
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| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov<br>2017 | The Living Landscapes<br>Project            | A talk by Ian MacKenzie about the progress of this ambitious project in Coigach Assynt, Cumberauld and Edinburgh, and plans for the future.  Ian is Project Manager of the SWT Living Landscapes Project This talk will be preceded by a short AGM                                 |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>2017 | Native freshwater fish in SW Scotland       | A talk by Dr Andy Ferguson about the fish that live in our rivers and lochs, their social, economic and biodiversity importance to the region, and some of the problems that they face.  Andy is Professor Emeritus at Queen's University Belfast who has now retired to Galloway. |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan<br>2018 | Bryophytes: our oldest land plants.         | A talk by Rory Whytock on Mosses and Liverworts, which are amongst the oldest land plants on earth - plus some practical advice on how to identify these small but complex plants.   |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br>2018 | Marine Mammals in SW<br>Scotland            | A talk by David Nairn about the activities and findings of the Clyde Marine Mammal Project and an update on the status of marine mammals in the Solway Firth.  David is research biologist with specific interest in marine mammals.   |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar<br>2018 | The Solway and the Solway Firth Partnership | A talk about the Solway Firth Partnership (SFP) and the work that it undertakes to promote, protect & improve the Solway Firth and its iconic coastline, plus an overview of the current state of the Solway.  Clair is Partnership Manager for the SFP.                           |