



# Paisley Natural History Society

## Paisley Natural History Society Evening Talks 2025/26

### Thursday 4th September 2025

*Members evening and talks* - an entertaining evening with some reading recommendations, talks on the wildlife of Costa Rica and Ecuador, some bonkers badger action and a fun tree quiz..

### Thursday 2nd October 2025

*Encounters with Bats* by Pat Emslie and Catriona Scriven, Clyde Bat Group

This talk covers the background, ecology and important role of bats – the only true flying mammal, and the work of local bat groups in engaging with the public.

### Thursday 6th November 2025

*Cetaceans of the Clyde* by Sophie Shields and Michael Amos, Clyde Whale and Dolphin

An introduction to cetacean species found within the Firth of Clyde, how to identify them and the different behaviours often observed.

### Thursday 4th December 2025

*Boylestone Quarry: nature's haven* by Kirsty Menzies, Paisley Natural History Society

Looking at the geology and wildlife of former quarry which offers a wide range of habitats and some rarities and unusual species. Followed by festive cheer and book sale.

### Thursday 8th January 2026

*Restoring Renfrewshire's Rivers project* by Allan Russell, Biodiversity Officer, Restoring Renfrewshire's Rivers project

A talk about Restoring Renfrewshire's Rivers, a funded project to survey and tackle invasive non-native plant species with volunteer help along selected watercourses within Renfrewshire.

### Thursday 5th February 2026

*Flora of the Clyde area past, present and future* by Keith Watson, BSBI Renfrewshire VC Recorder

Keith gives an update on botanical happenings in Renfrewshire including recent botanical finds and refinds. He will also give an overview of John Lee and Lee's 'Flora of the Clyde area' and preparations for celebrating the centenary of its publication in 2033.

### Thursday 5th March 2026

*Environmental campaigning in Renfrewshire* by Liz Parsons, Starling Learning

Highlighting how local resident activists and professional environmentalists have been helping conserve precious areas and infrastructural development within the area.

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

*Shining a Light on the Moth Collection of Alice Blanche Balfour (1850–1936)* by Ashleigh Whiffin, Curator of Entomology, National Museum of Scotland

Ashleigh will discuss the role of collections in the study of insects with a particular focus on the moth collection of Alice Balfour.