



**Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes  
Environmental Records Centre  
Online webinar**

## **Make your wildlife observations count...**

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**A two part training course:**

- 🌀 **Thursday 20th October 12:30-1:30pm**
- 🌀 **Sunday 29th October 6-7pm**



## Make Your Wildlife Observations Count 1: How To Record

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Thursday 20th October

Biological recording is the scientific study of the distribution of living organisms. Biological records describe the presence, abundance, associations and changes, both in time and space, of wildlife.

However, you don't need to be a scientist to contribute to biological recording – indeed the vast majority of biological records come from volunteer recorders, naturalists and citizen scientists.

Our Make Your Wildlife Observations Count webinar series will cover the do's and don'ts of wildlife recording to help naturalists and recorders generate accurate and high quality biodiversity data.

In the first webinar **How To Record** we'll cover the basics, including what information should be included in every biological record and how you can ensure that the data that you provide is both useful and accurate. By the end of the webinar you will feel confident submitting species observations.

This webinar will involve:

Introduction from Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Environmental Record Centre (5 mins)

How To Record presentation by Keiron including interactive polls (40 mins)

Live Q&A with Keiron and BMERC (15 mins)

## Make Your Wildlife Observations Count 2: How Not To Record

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Sunday 29th October

In the second webinar **How Not To Record** we'll delve deeper into biological recording and cover some of the common mistakes made by biological recorders and provide guidance on how to avoid these pitfalls. By the end of the webinar you will feel confident that your biological records are high quality and include accurate data.

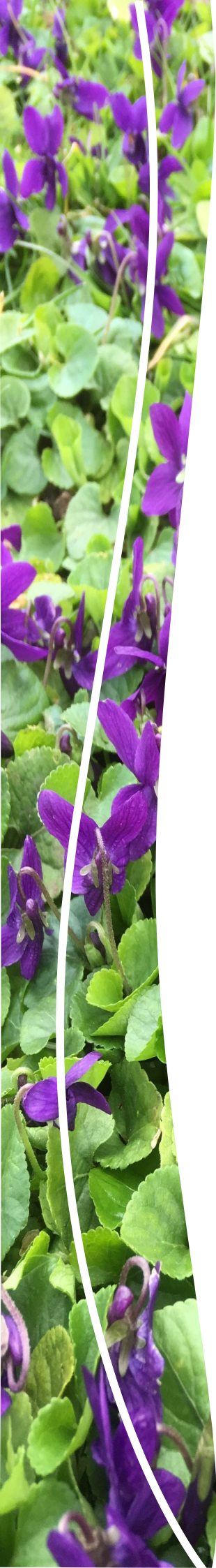
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## About BMERC

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Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre (BMERC) collects, collates and manages environmental information and provides it to others to inform responsible decision-making in planning, development and wildlife conservation.

BMERC gathers data from a network of volunteer recorders and professional surveyors and consultants in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

BMERC is a not-for-profit organisation, hosted by Buckinghamshire Council. Our funding partners include Buckinghamshire Council, Milton Keynes Council and the Environment Agency.

BMERC is a member of the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres (ALERC).

## About the Tutor

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Keiron Derek Brown is passionate about biological recording and making data accessible. He developed, and now manages, the FSC BioLinks project and in his spare time is the Chair of the Ecology & Entomology committee of London Natural History Society and national recorder for earthworms (running the National Earthworm Recording Scheme on behalf of the Earthworm Society of Britain).

Keiron is an advocate of the iRecord platform and uses it both personally for collating his own records and professionally for managing data gathered through his various work and volunteer activities. This has included working with iRecord to create the Earthworm iRecord Form and setting up several local groups with iRecord activities to help them manage their data.