NEWS FROM THE ECT
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‘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!

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.

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.

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.

** 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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