



Cambridge Natural History Society
**The 105th Conversazione
and Nat Hist Fest**



an exhibition on the wonders of the natural world

Friday 19th April and Saturday 20th April 2024

Department of Zoology, Downing St, Cambridge CB2 3EJ

Cambridge Natural History Society's Annual Exhibition provides opportunities

- to meet local, national and international naturalists;
- to meet like-minded enthusiasts and share ideas;
- for the Society's members to show what they have been doing;
- for researchers to present their work;
- for local organisations to publicise their activities; and
- for everyone to learn about natural history and find out what is going on.

We invite you to book space (free of charge) for an exhibit or exhibits on any aspects of natural history. Please complete the booking form and return by email by 5th April (or sooner), to exhibition@cnhs.org.uk or post to CNHS Conversazione Organiser, c/o Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, Downing St, Cambridge CB2 3EJ.

The Conversazione is open to the public on Friday 19^h April from 1:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturday 20^h April from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

It is held in the Elementary Teaching Laboratory, on the ground floor of the Department of Zoology on the Downing site (off Pembroke/Downing Street) in central Cambridge.

Exhibits can be on any aspect of the natural world, and we encourage **hands-on displays**, such as specimens that visitors can examine, and opportunities to interact. They do not need to be on display boards. There is no objection to exhibitors selling items, including arts and crafts, but exhibitors are responsible for the security of their wares.

Living things, especially animals, always attract attention. The laboratory is air-conditioned and can provide an equable environment for specimens. *Please consult us if you would like to bring live animals.* Exhibitors are responsible for the welfare and safety of their displays.

Displays are exhibited on the laboratory benches (90 cm high and 65 cm deep).

There are electrical sockets on the benches for microscopes, laptops, lighting or other equipment. If you need basic equipment such as microscopes, lamps, clamps, an internet connection or a specific type of location, please let us know on the booking form.

It is desirable for someone to stay with the exhibit for at least part of the day to answer questions and meet visitors – it is the interaction between exhibitors and visitors that makes it a Conversazione.

CNHS Student Prize: In order to encourage participation from students we will be offering a prize or prizes for the best exhibit(s) from exhibitor who was a school pupil, college or university student at the time of the Conversazione.

Details are at <http://www.cnhs.org.uk/cnhs-student-prize/>

Please contact us if you need more information.

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