

**Workshop 3**

**Poster presentation**

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**Rare plants on heaths – the value of heathlands for plant conservation in  
Dorset, United Kingdom**

Heathlands in Dorset contain a fine range of rare, scarce and localised plant species, but in recent decades many of these species had declined due to a reduction in the traditional management practices which had benefited the plants. Recent conservation initiatives, in particular the reintroduction of extensive grazing on heathlands by livestock, have reversed this negative trend and begun to create conditions more suitable for the survival of these valued species.

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