

## **Lowland deer management on the urban fringe**

A Scottish Land & Estates 'Walk & Talk' event with Buccleuch and Lowland Deer Network Scotland (LDNS) held at Dalkeith Country Park on Thursday 21 August 2014.

This sharing of information event was designed to highlight issues relating to deer management on the urban fringe, as well as other issues in relation to low ground deer management.

Under the Wildlife & Natural Environment (Scotland) Act anyone with deer on their land now has a duty to manage them sustainably – this includes private and public landowners, local authorities, agencies, NGOs, farmers, developers and private householders.

The event comprised a number of short indoor presentations on Buccleuch's approach to management of the roe deer population over their 1000 acre country park at Dalkeith, woodland regeneration, interaction with the public (both deer and stalkers), wildlife crime, and deer as a tourism asset. Andy Wiseman, Woodlands Manager for Buccleuch Woodlands, spoke about the Buccleuch's management of the Park and led the visit to a number of locations focus.

Richard Cooke, Chairman of LDNS, gave a short presentation on the purpose and work of the Lowland Deer Network, and Charlie Everett of the Police Scotland Wildlife Crime Unit spoke about wildlife crime on the urban fringe, and wildlife crime specifically in relation to deer.

More information: <http://bit.ly/1re2fxP>