**2019 Herts Bird Club/BTO Conference**

**Saturday 2ndth March 2019 2pm-5:30pm – Affinity Water Office, Tamblin Way, Hatfield, AL10 9EZ**

2:00 Welcome – Peter Delaloye, Chairman, Herts Bird Club

 Affinity Water Update on the water situation in Hertfordshire – Alister Leggatt

2:05 Swifts – Vicky Duxbury

2:25 Whinchats – Martin Ketcher

 Martin Ketcher is a life-long birder and currently the BTO representative for Hertfordshire. Since 2011 he has combined working part-time for HMWT as Water Vole Conservation (and Invasive Non-native Species) Officer with residential volunteering for the RSPB in Northern England with a special focus on a RAS on Whinchats

3:05 BTO update – Murray Orchard/Martin Ketcher

3:15 Break

4:00 Review of the Year, including the finding of the pallid harrier at Therfield Haeth – Graham Knight and Stuart Cossey

4:30 Owls – Secrets of the Night – Hugh Hanmer, BTO

 Hugh Hanmer is a BTO Research Ecologist and the coordinator for Project Owl. In addition to owls, Hugh works primarily on urban, demography and agri-environment scheme research projects. A bird ringer from a young age, he did a PhD at the University of Reading on urban birds prior to joining BTO.

5:05 Competition results and raffle draw

5:30 Finish