

# Research week at The Life Science Centre, Scotland

Dates August 2 – 7, 2019 (See times overleaf)  
Venue: “Pishwanton Wood” (see map overleaf)



**Aim:** To follow up the development of the land at The Wood of Morah (Fairhill/Pishwanton), from an ecological perspective; to perceive and reconnect to the essential character of the place in order to obtain a presentation of ecological and aesthetic landscape qualities for everyone now working at the wood.

As Petrarca has contributed to the Pishwanton project in the past, we feel a Petrarca insight would help all initiatives and co-workers to find the ‘Golden Thread’ (Genius Loci in her becoming) linking past initiatives and intention with the present and with new initiatives (Ruskin Mill Land Trust (RMLT); Life Science Research Centre (LST) and Seòl Trust Gateway) and ideas for the future.

The focus this time will be on the whole site. Silent walks interspersed with presentations on history and research results will allow participants to acquaint themselves with the place. Together we will explore the different layers of landscape through sense perception focusing on ecology and geology as well as inner experiences of atmospheres, scents, colours, plants, animals, stones, historical tracks and pre-historic features etc.

We aim to build a common picture of the essential character of place reached through the individual contributions. This ‘Goethean’ practice inevitably gives a strong and

joyful social experience to participants and we hope members from the Ruskin Mill Trust, RMLT and the LST will participate thus setting a sound social foundation for the new partnership. An important aim of the Petrarca research week is to assist in connecting the partners in a healthy, supportive and collaborative way.

The workshop will be facilitated by Sonja Schuerger and Katherine Buchanan (both 'Goethean' ecologists practiced in Landscape observation and both members of Petrarca). We are also very happy and grateful to be welcoming geographer and environmental consultant Laurens Bockemühl of Petrarca back to Pishwanton for this research week. Having two members of Petrarca who have previously been connected to the project will also help us to ascertain changes in the land both from a physical perspective and in terms of atmosphere and aesthetic quality.

We trust that this Goethean landscape study will deepen all the participant's connection to the land (and Genius Loci) and will result in further insights and ideas for new activities and for collaboration between the two initiatives.

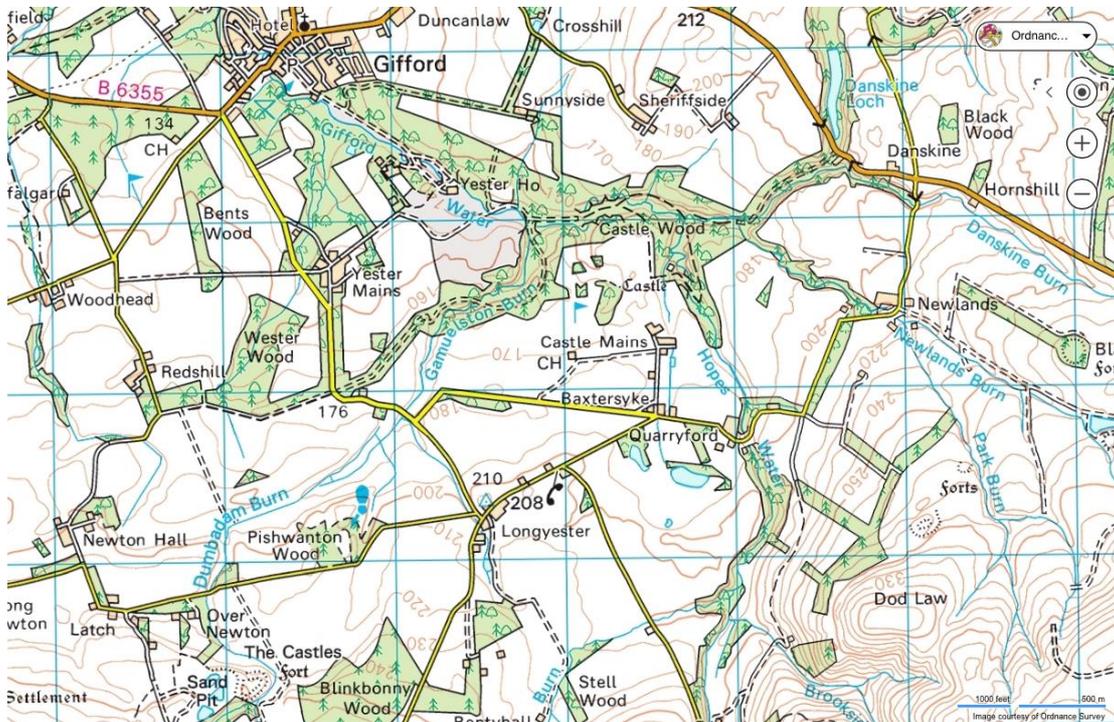
A report will be submitted to the Life Science Trust at the end of the research week.



Dates and times: Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> : 2.30pm till August 7<sup>th</sup> :1.30pm 2019

Bookings: If you are based in the UK Please Katherine Buchanan on [ksbuchanan@btinternet.com](mailto:ksbuchanan@btinternet.com) or 00 44 1875833369; If you are based elsewhere in the EU: contact Sonja Schuerger on [tritemis@web.de](mailto:tritemis@web.de)

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## How to get to Pishwanton:

There is no public transport available directly to the wood, however I am happy to collect anyone from Haddington who is travelling by bus - please let me know if this is required.

If you're coming from Edinburgh by bus, please could you take the X7 bus which departs from Melville Street in Edinburgh. You can see the full timetable here: [https://eastcoastbuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Full\\_ECB\\_Timetable.pdf](https://eastcoastbuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Full_ECB_Timetable.pdf)

Please could anyone who is traveling by car and is happy to offer lifts in either direction, let me know and I can try to coordinate lift sharing where possible. Equally if you would like a lift then also let me know.

## Accommodation options:

**Longyester:** [https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/23139397?location=Longyester%2C%20Haddington%2C%20UK&adults=2&guests=1&s=swP9O1-\\_](https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/23139397?location=Longyester%2C%20Haddington%2C%20UK&adults=2&guests=1&s=swP9O1-_)

**Gifford:**  
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Redshill B&B and self catering : 01620 810 406 (Gifford)

Tweeddale Arms Hotel: 01620 810 240

Goblin Ha' Hotel: 01620 810 244