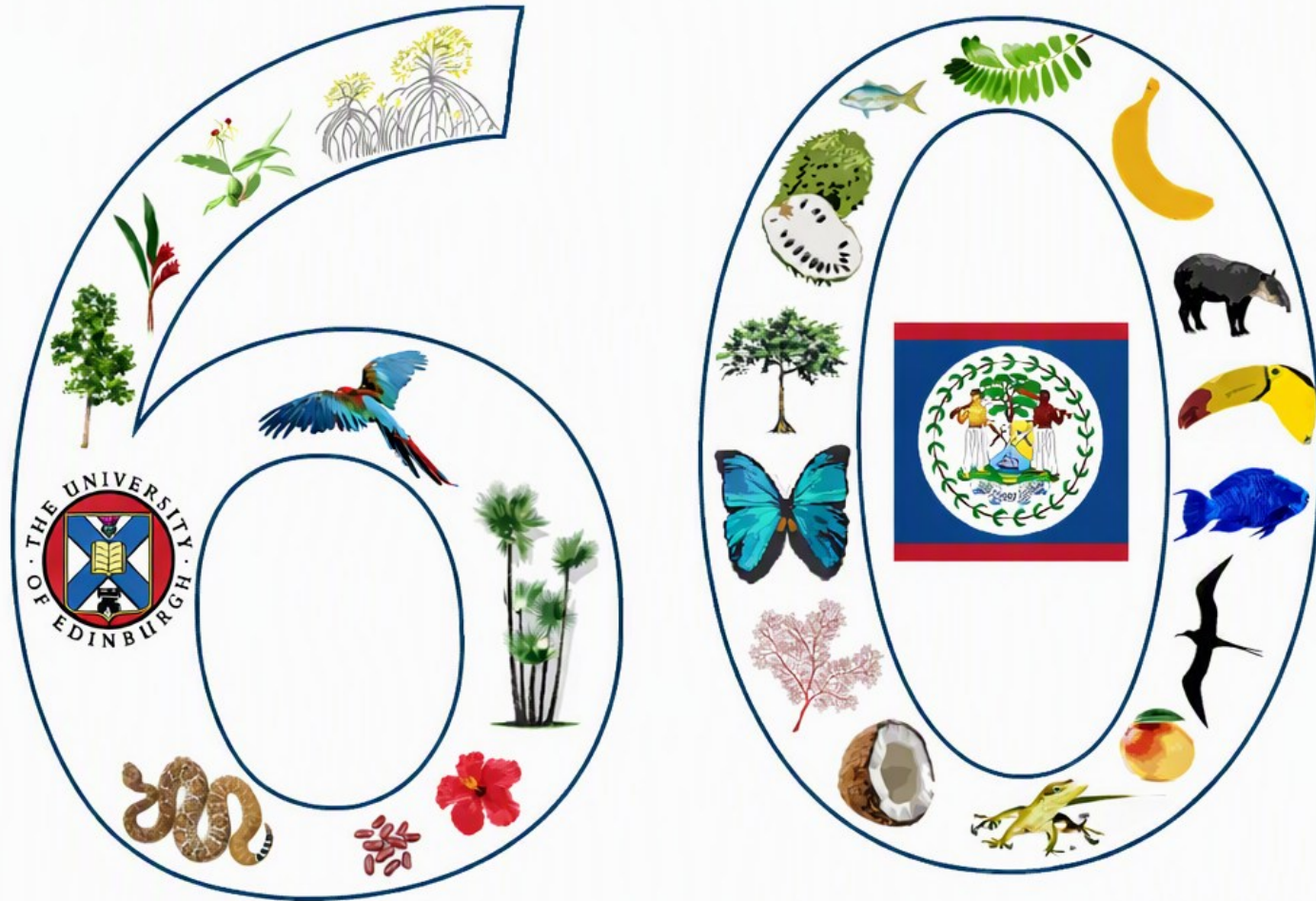


Meeting of the UK – Belize Association

Friday 23th October 2026

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YEARS OF RESEARCH IN BELIZE

Our Mission

- “Provide a focus for research and interaction between people from the UK working in Belize and for Belizeans at home and in Europe”

What we do

- create opportunities for Belizeans and Britons to work together
- act as a network for those working in Belize to share news of their projects with others - from any field of interest
- help Belizeans living in the UK and Britons working in Belize to keep up to date on news and current events from Belize
- organise an annual meeting and work with our members throughout the year to promote Belize as a location for research, education, eco-tourism, capacity-building and human resource development.
- ***What would you like us to do?***

who's in the UKBA?

- Authors
- Educators
- Expedition groups
- Media Producers and Broadcasters
- Government Officials and Diplomats
- Musicians
- NGOs working in Belize
- Researchers working in Belize in ANY discipline
- School children and students
- ***You .. and your network?***

Who we are – your committee

Her Excellency Cherie Nisbet
Belize High Commissioner to the UK



HC Alistair White
British High Commissioner to Belize



Dr Neil Stuart
University of Edinburgh





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Barbara Bulmer-Thomas
Author and naturalist



Dr David Howard
University of Oxford



Dr Elma Kay – Director,
Belize Maya Forest Trust



Your committee

Lou Anne (Annie) Burns
Ambassador - Ministry of
Foreign Affairs



Dr Jake Snaddon
University of Belize



Chris Minty MBE
Selvana Forestry



Duncan Moss OBE
Ordnance Survey



Your committee

Irene Bews
Adventura Scotland



Richard and
Emma Wotton



Dr Kate Quinn
University of London



Dr Malcolm Penn
Natural History Museum,
London



Some of our partners

Adventura Scotland
Belize Botanical Gardens
Belize High Commission London
Belize Maya Forest Trust
British High Commission in Belize
Conservation Corridors
Friends for Conservation and
Development, Belize
International Institute for
Environment & Development

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University of Belize (ERI)
University of Edinburgh
University of London
University of Nottingham
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World Land Trust

And..... You?

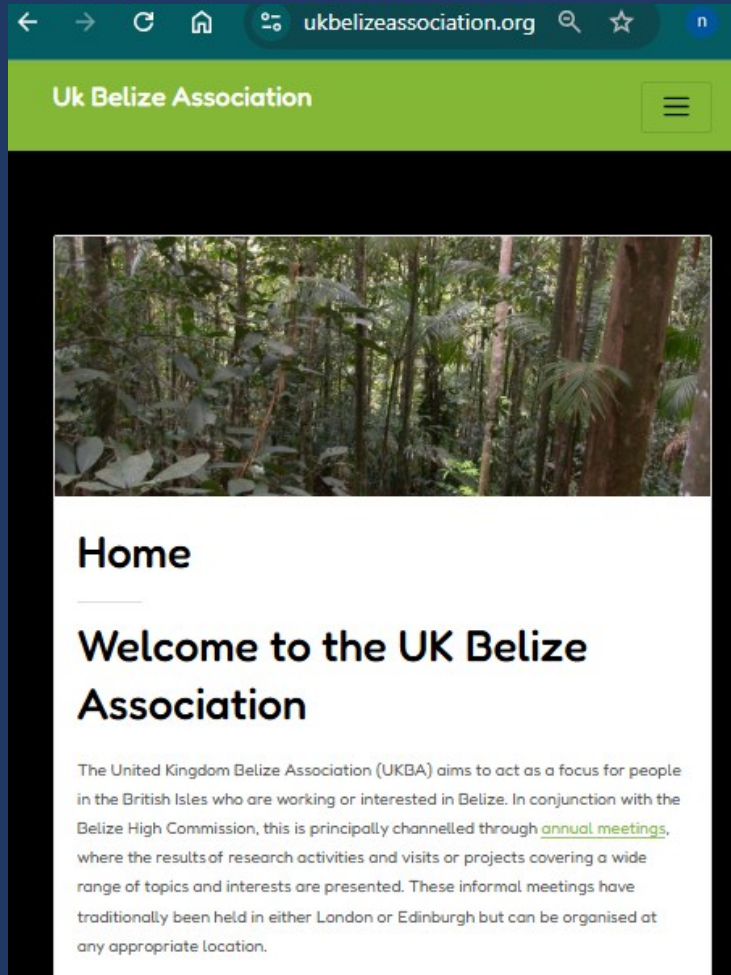
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- Would you like to talk or to help us arrange our next meeting?
 - How can we work together?
- Who in your network should know about us?

Contact us today!

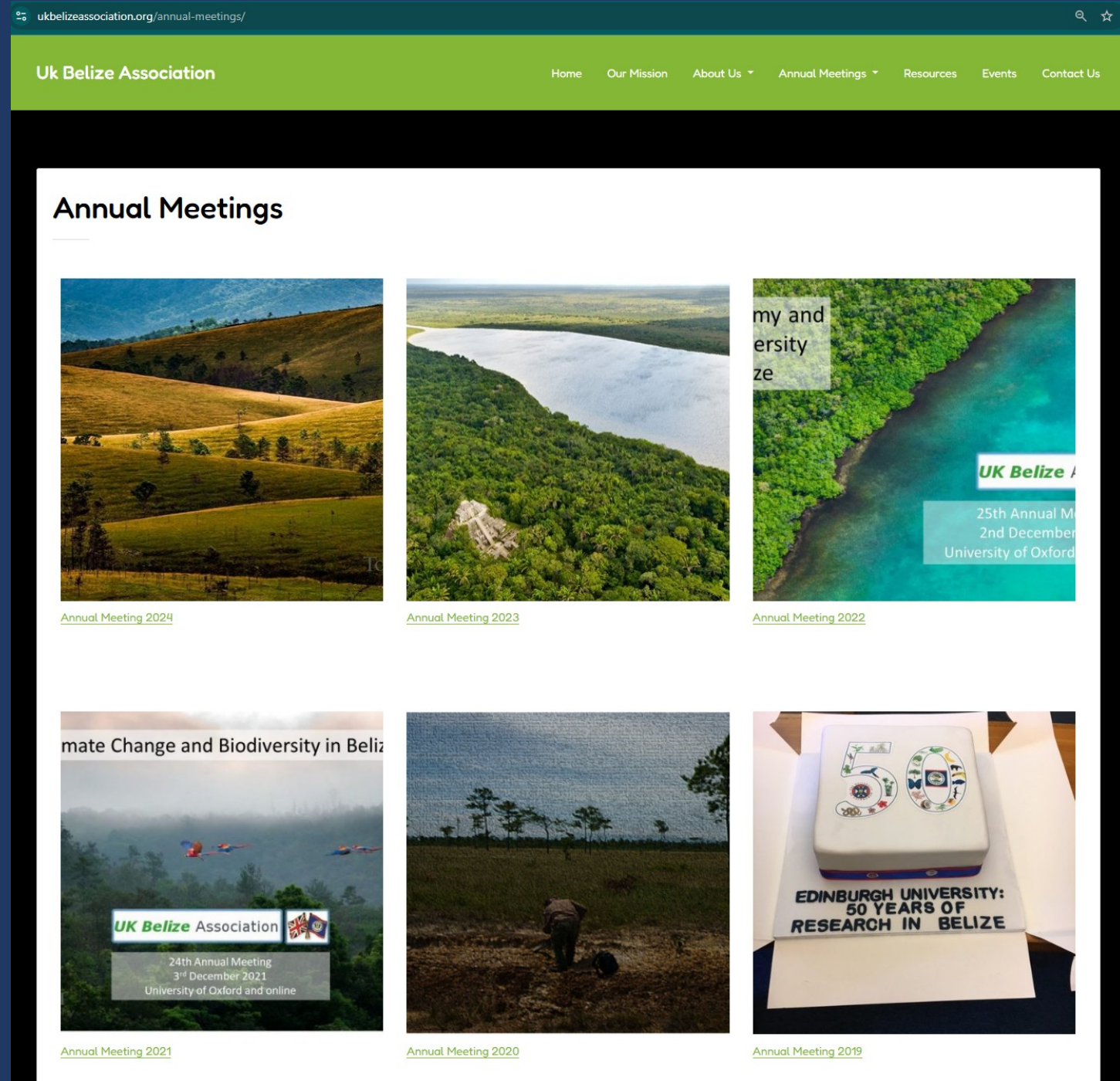
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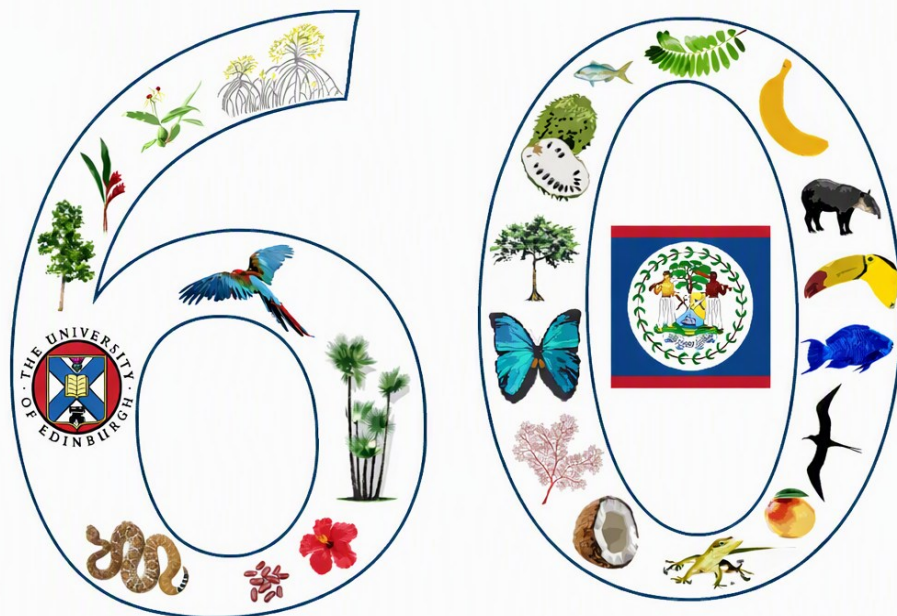


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Annual Meeting of the U.K. - Belize Association
Edinburgh Climate Change Institute, University of Edinburgh
Friday 23rd October, 2026
13:00 - 19:00 in person (07:00 - 10:00 online in Belize)

- 13:15 Guests gather at ECCI Conference Room for buffet lunch
- 14:00 Welcome by the Centre for Sustainable Forests & Landscapes.
- 14:10 A short introduction to the UK-Belize Association and today's programme
Dr Neil Stuart, President of the Association.
- 14:25 **Session 1: Annual updates from the High Commissioners**
Brief words of welcome from the Belize High Commissioner
HE Cherie Nisbet, Belize High Commission, London.
- Recent Activities of the British High Commission in Belize*
HC Alistair White, British High Commission in Belize.
- 15:00 **Session 2: Environment, Culture and Conservation in Belize**
Fire Effects Monitoring in Belize: Community-Based Approaches to Conservation and Wildfire Risk Reduction
Rick Anderson, Fire Ecologist, Dos ~~Fuegos~~ Fire Management, Venus Florida.
- From Wildfire to Looting: Safeguarding Maya Cave Heritage amid Growing Pressures in Belize*
Jessica Ratcliffe and Jaime Awe (University of Oxford and N. Arizona State University)
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent – an important principle when working with the Maya of Southern Belize.*
Tom Palmer, Sarstoon-Temash ~~Institute~~ Institute for Indigenous Management (SATIIM)
- Las Cuevas Research Station – Ten years of FCD Management and Future Outlook.*
Rafael Manzanero, Director, Friends for Conservation & Development, Belize.
- 17:15 **Session 3: Celebrating 60 years of Edinburgh's connections to Belize (wine and cake served)**
Wick High School's 2013 expedition to Belize
Expedition Members, with Irene ~~Bews~~ and Ally Sangster, Adventura Scotland
- RBGE and Edinburgh University: partners in Belize down the years*
Dr Zoe Goodwin (RBGE)
- The Booth River Wetland-Savanna Survey 1996*
Christopher Minty MBE, Neil Stuart and other expedition survivors
- Research by Edinburgh alumni over the decades*
Dr David Howard (University of Oxford) and Malcolm Penn (Natural History Museum, London)



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