

RIVER RESTORATION CENTRE ANNUAL NETWORK CONFERENCE, BRITANNIA HOTEL, COVENTRY

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Monday 23rd April 2001

9:30 Coach departs from hotel car park for optional site visit to River Cole at Coleshill, Birmingham

12:00 Coach returns to hotel car park

LUNCH (Three Spires Suite) and REGISTRATION: 12.00-13:15

Connaught Suite

13:30 Richard Vivash (RRC Chairman) Welcome and introduction 5mins

FLOODING/FLOOD DEFENCE

CHAIR: Nigel Holmes, RRC

13:35 Mark Diamond (Environment Agency) 'Flood Management and River Restoration' 15 mins

13:50 David Collins (MAFF) 'Managing floodplains- Opportunites for Biodiveristy' 15mins

14:05 Sarah Fowler (RSPB) 'Managing floods- short term or sustainable solutions' 20mins

14:25 Discussion 20mins

14:45 R. Copas (Environment Agency) ' The Landscape Planning and Design of the Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton Flood Alleviation Scheme' 15 mins

15:00 R. McInnes/A. Graham (Penny Anderson Associates/Worcester Wildlife Trust) 'Integrated floodplain and river restoration: the Gwen Finch Wetlands Restoration Project' 15mins

15:15 Discussion 15mins

TEA/COFFEE (15:30-16:00) Three Spires Suite

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

CHAIR: Roger Thompson, Rivers Agency

16:00 K.Patrick (Hankinson Duckett Associates) 'Project Management for river restoration as illustrated by the Upper River Kennet Rehabilitation Project Wiltshire' 20mins

16:20 J.Biggs (The Ponds Conservation Trust) 'Does river restoration increase biodiversity? A Case Study of the River Cole, Coleshill, (Oxon/Wilts border)' 20mins

16:40 Discussion 15mins

16:55 L. Bruce-Burgess (Queen Mary College, University of London) 'Appraisal of UK River Restoration Projects- Results from a National Survey' 15mins

17:10 T. Langford/F.Bowles (University of Southampton/Wessex Water) 'Effects of channel modification for fishery enhancement on plant and invertebrate diversity on 3 Wessex streams' 15mins

17:25 R.Rosell (DARDNI) 'Reintroduction of salmon to the River Lagan, Belfast' 15mins

17:40 Open discussion 35mins

18:15 Close

**EVENING MEAL (19:30 FOR 20:00) Three Spires Suite
For residential & pre-booked delegates only**

DAY 2: Tuesday 24th April 2001

Connaught Suite

STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES

CHAIR: Kiri Walker, SEPA

9:00	J.Reed/R. Gibbs (WS Atkins) 'Kew to Chelsea Thames Strategy – From Strategy to Site Implementation'	15mins
9:15	T. Kazmi (London Borough of Brent) 'Wembley Project – regeneration opportunity beyond a national stadium, maximising community benefit'	15mins
9:30	Discussion	15mins
9:45	C.Bowers (Somerset County Council) 'The Parrett Catchment Project'	15mins
10:00	J. Stevens (Environment Agency) 'Newport Rivers: Isle of Wight'	15mins
10:15	Discussion	15mins

TEA/COFFEE (10:30 - 11:00) Three Spires Suite

WIDER MANAGEMENT

CHAIR: Martin Janes, RRC

11:00	R.Drayton (Independent Consultant) 'The River Nent at Nenthead-Restoration of an upland stream'	15mins
11:15	J.King (Central Fisheries Board, Republic of Ireland) 'Experimental maintenance of uniform glides: implications for fisheries and channel management'	15mins
11:30	Discussion	20mins
11:50	D. Corbelli (SEPA) 'The Water Framework Directive – Opportunities for river restoration'	25mins
12:15	Open discussion	30mins

SITE VISIT INTRODUCTION (12:45 - 12:55)

A. CRAWFORD (ENVIRONMENT AGENCY) 'YARDLEY BROOK'

12:55	Close and concluding remarks – Martin Janes (RRC)	5mins
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LUNCH: (13:00 -14:15) Three Spires Suite

14:30	Coach departs from hotel car park for optional visit to Yardley Brook
16:30	Coach returns to hotel car park (tea and coffee available in Three Spires Suite prior to departure)

NB Please plan your travel arrangements for departure from the hotel at 5pm to allow for any hold-ups.