

**RIVER RESTORATION CENTRE ANNUAL WORKSHOP
BRITANNIA HOTEL, MANCHESTER**

P R O G R A M M E

DAY 1: 6 April 2000

10.00 Arrival and coffee

10.40 Welcome and introduction – David Sear, University of Southampton 5 mins

**Session 1 - The Tools for Effective River Restoration (10.45-12.30)
Chairman: David Sear, University of Southampton**

1. **Mark Diamond (Environment Agency)** 20 mins
Developing tools and strategies for river restoration
 2. **Malcolm Newson (University of Newcastle), David Sear (University of Southampton)** 15 mins
Geomorphological procedures and river restoration: science, survey and sustainability
 3. **Sylvia Tunstall, Sue Tapsell (Middlesex University), Sally Eden (University of Hull)** 15 mins
Involving the public in urban watercourse restoration and rehabilitation
 4. **David Telford (Environment Agency)** 15 mins
River restoration.....and now the bad news
 5. **Martin Janes (River Restoration Centre)** 15 mins
Sharing experiences, the role of the RRC and its database
- DISCUSSION** 25 mins

LUNCH: 12.30-13.30

**Session 2 - Urban River Rehabilitation (13.30-15.40)
Chairman: Roger Thompson, Rivers Agency
A – Partnership Initiatives**

1. **Ron Freethy (Mersey Basin Campaign)** 15 mins
Mersey Basin Campaign
 2. **David Neale (Alt 2000)** 15 mins
Alt 2000 – partnership in action
 3. **Amos Brandeis (Architecture, Urban & Regional Planning Ltd), Nachum Itzkovitz (Emek Hefer Regional Council)** 20 mins
The Alexander River Restoration Project
- DISCUSSION** 15 mins

B – Projects

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| 1. | Carol Holt (Environment Agency)
Tue Brook and other river restoration activities for water quality improvement | 10 mins |
| 2. | Richard Green (Environment Agency)
River Wye enhancement at High Wycombe | 10 mins |
| 3. | Paul Jolliffe (Nicholas Pearson Associates)
Whittle Brook & River Marden – two contrasting urban river restoration schemes | 15 mins |
| 4. | Terry Fuller (Babtie Group), Trevor Odell (Environment Agency)
Environmental enhancement of urban rivers | 15 mins |
| | DISCUSSION | 15 mins |

TEA (15.40-16.20)

Session 3 – River Restoration and Catchment Management (16.20-17.20) **Chairman: Martin Janes, River Restoration Centre**

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| 1. | Richard Knight (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group)
FWAG and its role in improving the quality of rivers | 20 mins |
| 2. | Steven Bell (WWF Wild Rivers Demonstration & Advisory Project)
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| 3. | Elaine Fisher (Environment Agency)
Sustainable Rivers Project | 10 mins |
| | DISCUSSION | 15 mins |

Open Debate (17.20 – 18.00)

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| | Invitation to participants to raise additional issues, etc. | 40 mins |
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EVENING MEAL (19.30 for 20.00) **For residential delegates only**

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DAY 2: 7 April 2000

09.00 Welcome and Introduction – Alastair Driver (Environment Agency) 5 mins

**Session 4A - Flood Defence and River Restoration (9.05-11.00)
Chairman: Alastair Driver, Environment Agency**

1. **Andrew Pepper (ATPEC)** 15 mins
Lower Colne Improvement Scheme at Lino Mill, Staines
2. **Richard Andrews (Environment Agency)** 15 mins
The Kent Area Flood Defence Environmental Enhancement Scheme
3. **Michael Oliver (Rivers Agency, Northern Ireland)** 10 mins
Ballysally Blagh Flood Alleviation and River Restoration Project
4. **Hugh Ellis (Maccaferri Ltd)** 10 mins
Integrating ecological and engineering criteria into river works

Session 4B – Development Planning and River Restoration

1. **Malcolm Dent & Sally Clifton (Binnie Black & Veatch)** 15 mins
Trevor Odell (Environment Agency)
The River Mole Diversion – Gatwick Airport
 2. **Matt Jones (Nicholas Pearson Associates)** 10 mins
Wandsworth Riverside Quarter: ecological design in commercial riverside development
 3. **Malcolm Hewitt (WS Atkins)** 10 mins
Re-meandering the River Bollin at Manchester Airport
 4. **Karen Williams & Pam Nolan (Environment Agency)** 10 mins
Rebuilding Sugar Brook
- DISCUSSION** 20 mins

COFFEE (11.00-11.30)

Session 5 - In-stream Habitat Restoration (11.30-12.55)
Chairman: Katherine Leys, Scottish Natural Heritage

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| 1. | Allan Frake (Environment Agency)
Habitat restoration of chalk streams for fisheries and environmental benefit | 15 mins |
| 2. | Mike Crafer (Thames Water)
Upper Kennet Rehabilitation Project | 10 mins |
| 3. | Simon Johnson (Environment Agency)
River Wensum Rehabilitation Project | 10 mins |
| 4. | Chris Firth (Environment Agency)
The River Don- from Domesday to the dawn of the new Millennium | 10 mins |
| 5. | Ron Holloway (Wild Trout Society)
The Wild Trout Society and its role in river rehabilitation | 10 mins |
| | DISCUSSION | 30 mins |
| 12.55 | Close and concluding remarks – Martin Janes (RRC) | 5 mins |

LUNCH (13.00-14.00)

Field visit (14.00-16.00)
Sugar Brook

A list will be posted on the RRC display board of those attending the field visit