

# 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.**