

Peak District Moorlands – Past, Present, Future

Losehill Hall - Peak District National Park Study Centre, Castleton



Conference Programme

Tuesday, 20 September 2005

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| 10:00 –10:30 | reception |
| 10.30 | Welcome <i>Sean Prendergast, Peak District National Park Authority</i> |
| 10.35 | Moors for the Future Partnership <i>Chris Dean, MFF project manager</i> |
| 10.50 | Moors for the Future research <i>Catherine Flitcroft & Aletta Bonn, MFF research team</i> |
| 11.10 | tea & coffee |
| History of the Moorlands | |
| 11.40 | International view on moorlands <i>Prof Robin Pakeman, The Macaulay Institute & Northern Studies Centre</i> |
| 12.00 | Recreational value of the Moorland Landscape <i>Mark Vallance, British Mountaineering Council</i> |
| 12.20 | Human Exploitation of the Peak District Moors and Bogs – the challenges of a managed cultural landscape <i>Ian Rotherham, Sheffield Hallam University</i> |
| 12.40 | The environmental and prehistoric record of the Dark Peak <i>Darcey Gillie & Bill Bevan, Nottingham University and PDNPA</i> |
| 13.00 | lunch |
| Present State of the Moorlands | |
| 14.00 | Fire and climate change in the Peak District <i>Julia McMorrow, Gina Cavan, Jonathan Ayles & Kevin Albertson, Manchester University and Manchester Metropolitan University</i> |
| 14.20 | Moorland management and discolouration of water supplies: evidence on a catchment scale? <i>Jill Labadz, Nottingham Trent University</i> |
| 14.40 | Moorland Regeneration <i>Richard May, Heather Trust</i> |
| 15.00 | Past and present land use and vegetation - key to understanding the distribution of sphagnum species <i>David Shimwell, Manchester University</i> |
| 15.20 | Recovery of sphagnum mosses in relation to changes in air pollution <i>Simon Caporn, Jacky Carroll, Colin Studholme & John Lee, Manchester Metropolitan University and Sheffield University</i> |
| 15.40 | tea & coffee |
| 16.15 | Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Erosion & alteration of hydrology – processes & effects <i>chair: Kate Snow, catchment policy manager, United Utilities</i>▪ Clues from the past - archaeology & landscape character <i>chair: Bill Bevan, cultural heritage team, PDNPA</i>▪ Moorland restoration – potential and progress <i>chair: Penny Anderson, PAA consultants</i>▪ Open Access – benefits and challenges <i>chair: Mike Rhodes, Access officer, PDNPA</i> |
| 17.30 | Plenum - Reports from workshops |

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| 18.00 | dinner |
| 19.30 | Adapting to future change in the Peak District <i>Mark Reed & Lindsay Stringer, University of Leeds</i> |
| 20.00 poster session evening | Poster presentations & wine reception bar |
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| 8.00 | breakfast |
| The Future – Visions and Challenges | |
| 9.00 | Agriculture policy developments in the uplands <i>Jonathan Marsden, defra</i> |
| 9.20 | Review of the Heather and Grass Burning Code <i>Alex Page, head of uplands policy team, defra</i> |
| 9.40 | Grip Blocking and its effect on water quality <i>Martin McGrath, SCAMP project manager, United Utilities</i> |
| 10.00 | Visions for the English uplands <i>Alistair Crowle, Upland ecologist, English Nature Peterborough</i> |
| 10.20 | Economic modelling of upland farming <i>Prof Martin Seabrook, Nottingham University</i> |
| 10.40 | Discussions/ Questions |
| 11.00 | tea & coffee |
| 11.30 | Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ecological effects of land use practices <i>chair: Richard Pollitt, Dark Peak conservation officer, English Nature</i> ▪ Agriculture Policy Developments in the Uplands <i>chair: Jonathan Marsden, Alex Page, defra</i> ▪ Balancing land-use, recreation and conservation aims <i>chairs: Steven Trotter, High Peak Estate manager, National Trust</i> |
| 12.30 | Plenum - Reports from workshops |
| 13.30 | Lunch |
| Evidence based Conservation | |
| 14.30 | Changes in moorland birds in the Peak District <i>James Pearce-Higgins, Jared Wilson, Colin Beale, RSPB</i> |
| 14.50 | The implications of upland change for the twite, a red-listed upland passerine <i>Andre Raine, University of East Anglia</i> |
| 15.10 | Environmentally sustainable and economically viable grazing systems for the restoration and maintenance of heather moorlands <i>Nigel Critchley, ADAS</i> |
| 15.30 | Evidence based conservation <i>Gavin Stewart, University of Birmingham</i> |
| 15.50 | Future research opportunities with MFF (grants) |
| 16.00 | Farewell |



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