

Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Regenerative Farming Conference
Friday 6th May 2022, Norbury Village Hall

Report



The intention was to bring together the farming and landholding communities with environmentalists from across the county to discuss the environmental challenges we face and the economic pressures confronting farmers at a very difficult time.

We were delighted that the conference attracted a broad range of delegates and indeed was oversubscribed indicating the interest there is in Regenerative Farming

- 100 delegates attended
- Delegate feedback was good
- Link to all speaker presentations is here
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/conference-presentations>

Speaker presentations: additional information

Rt Hon Philip Dunne, Ludlow MP spoke about Environmental concerns specifically highlighted by the Governments Environmental Audit Committee of which he is the Chair. More here on UK Biodiversity: Bloom or Bust
<https://houseofcommons.shorthandstories.com/uk-biodiversity-bloom-or-bust/index.html>

There are 16 ongoing enquiries some of which were mentioned
<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/62/environmental-audit-comm>



Viscount Alexander Newport and Oliver Scott spoke about Bradford Estates 100-year plan presentation here:

Bradford Estates starting from scratch: www.bradford-estates.co.uk/news/starting-from-scratch and listen to podcast: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00113zg

Dr Jon Foot

Spoke about key environmental challenges: <https://ahdb.org.uk>

Matt Sankey

Local farmer and member of the Upper Onny Farmers Group spoke about his own experience and real life on the farm: www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/area-initiatives/stepping-stones

Peter Carty

National Trust Countryside Parkland & Gardens Manager stepped in at short notice and spoke about meadow creation. See Jinlye Meadows – Stepping Stones Project: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uK8VFYY-H6Y

Joy Greenall

Organic farmer spoke about Growing with Nature, Share Farming and Land, Life & Livelihoods: <https://landlifeandlivelihoods.org.uk>

Further information:

Catering provided by The Gourmet Food Shop (Church Stretton)

www.thegourmetfoodshop.com

Organisations who attended on the day with stalls:

Stepping Stones: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/carding-mill-valley-and-the-long-mynd/features/stepping-stones-project

CPRE Shropshire: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk

Marches Meadow Group: www.marchesmeadowgroup.com

Farming in Protected Landscapes (Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership):

www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/help-to-look-after/farming-in-protected-landscapes

Shropshire Wildlife Trust: www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

NHS & farming - Help with depression:

www.fwi.co.uk/farm-life/dealing-with-depression-farmer-speaks-out

“ a system of farming principles that rehabilitates the entire ecosystem and enhances natural resources, rather than depleting them ”

Green Recovery Challenge Fund

