

Middle Marches Community Land Trust – POST CONFERENCE REPORT

12th May 2023 CREATING STEPPING STONES for Nature Recovery

across the Shropshire Hills AONB & wider



Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT) brought together Town and Parish council representatives and individuals owning smaller plots of land and wishing to improve for biodiversity with Nature Recovery work.

Speakers represented a wide range of topics including woodland, ponds and wildflower gardening plus Shropshire Hills AONB partnership, Shropshire Council and Middle Marches Community Land Trust representations.

We were delighted that MMCLT third conference attracted 120 delegates once again indicating the high level of interest and expertise available across Shropshire.

Delegate feedback was very positive see [here](#).

2023 events programme

Middle Marches Community Land Trust are planning further events in 2023 so if you haven't already done so and wish to be first in line to receive information from us, please consider joining our mailing list (FREE) or better still become a shareholder (£50 for lifelong membership – a bargain!)

Join our mailing list [here](#).

Become an MMCLT Shareholder [here](#)

Link to 2023 programme of events [here](#)

Speaker presentations/information

Click on the blue links to read the presentations or to contact the speakers/go to their websites



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Further information

Catering provided by [Saxtons Deli](#), Church Stretton

Organisations who attended on the day with stalls (with links to their websites):

- [Marches Meadow Group](#)
- [CPRE Shropshire Hedgerow Heroes](#)
- [National Trust Stepping Stones project](#)
- [Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project](#)
- [Shropshire Hills AONB](#)
- [Buglife](#)