



Middle Marches Community Land Trust - POST CONFERENCE REPORT

The importance of Town and Parish Councils to help deliver Nature Recovery across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Friday 17th November 2023



Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT) sponsored by Severn Trent brought together representatives from Town and Parish Councils and interested members of the public from across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

MMCLT were delighted that the conference attracted 89 delegates indicating the high level of interest from local Councillors and residents working to improve the quality of life and the environment across the county.

We were especially pleased to receive support from Baroness Natalie Bennett, who promised to champion Nature Recovery initiatives across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin in the House of Lords.

Keeping in touch with MMCLT

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The next planned conference is on Friday 23rd March 2024 and will be focussed on species recovery. This event is part of the National Trust Stepping Stones project.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/shropshire-staffordshire/carding-mill-valley-and-the-long-mynd/stepping-stones-project-at-carding-mill-valley>

Links to speaker presentations

- Ian Nellins, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Environment and Transport:
- Nature Recovery across Shropshire (No Slides)
- Baroness Bennett, Vice Chair NALC – the role of Town & Parish Councils in Nature Recovery
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Baroness-Bennet-Town-and-parish-Councils-in-Nature-Recovery.pdf>
- Andrew Maliphant, Environmental & sustainability advisor (SLCC) & advisor to NALC – place based initiatives.
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Andrew-Maliphant-Place-Based-Initiatives-17.11.23.pdf>
- Allan Wilson, Vice Chair (SALC) & climate change portfolio holder – how Parish Councils can support local groups
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Allan-Wilson-17th-November-Presentation-Final-amended.pdf>
- Suzanne Wykes, Specialist Practitioner Ecology, Shropshire Council – local Nature Recovery strategy: how you can be involved
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Suzanne-Wykes-Presentation-MMCLT-17-Nov-2023.pdf>
- Mandy Thorn, High Sheriff of Shropshire
The power of bringing together Town & Parish Councils and citizens for Nature Recovery (No slides)
- Simon Cooter, NE senior reserve manager – Species Action plans for Stepping Stones project.
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Simon-Cooter-SAP-presentation2.pdf>
- Pete Carty – Bishop’s castle Parish initiative : Go Wild in BC
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Pete-Carty-Going-Wild-in-Bishops-Castle.pdf>
- Lauren Quinn, Senior River Ranger Severn Trent – Protecting Rivers across Severn Trent region & helping them to thrive.
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Lauren-Quinn-Middle-Marches-Shrops-Presentation.pdf>
- Richard Grindle, CEO Shropshire Wildlife Trust: Nature Recovery across Shropshire
<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Richard-Grindle-MMCLT-conference-17-Nov-nature-recovery-across-Shropshire-updated-15-Nov.pdf>

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