

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

Fitz Village Hall 9.45am to 4pm, Friday November 17th

Programme

- 9.15am** Arrival: Tea/Coffee/breakfast croissants available from 9.15am
- 9.45am** **Dr Richard Keymer, Middle Marches Community Land Trust**
Welcome, introductions and outline of the day
- 9.50am** **Ian Nellins, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Environment and Transport:** Nature Recovery across Shropshire
- 10.00am** **Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, Vice chair National Association of Local Councils (NALC)**
The role of Town and Parish Councils in Nature Recovery
- 10.30am** **Andrew Maliphant, Environmental and Sustainability Advisor Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and advisor to NALC:** Place based initiative's
- 10.45am** **Allan Wilson, Vice chair Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) and climate change portfolio holder:** How Parish Councils can support local groups
- 11.15am** **Suzanne Wykes, Specialist Practitioner Ecology at Shropshire Council**
Local nature recovery strategy: how you can be involved
- 12.15pm** Lunch and networking
- 1.15pm** **Mandy Thorn, High Sheriff of Shropshire**
The Power of bringing together Town and Parish Councils and citizens for Nature Recovery
- 1.30pm** **Simon Cooter, Natural England Senior Reserve Manager, Stiperstones and Downton Gorge NNRs:** Species action plans for the Stepping Stones project
- 2.00pm** **Pete Carty, Bishop's Castle Parish Initiative:** Go Wild in Bishop's Castle
- 2.30pm** Tea & Coffee break
- 3.00pm** **Lauren Quinn, Senior River Ranger, Severn Trent**
Protecting rivers across the Severn Trent region and helping them to thrive.
- 3.30pm** **Richard Grindle, CEO Shropshire Wildlife Trust:** Nature Recovery across Shropshire
- 4.00pm** **Dr Richard Keymer:** Closing remarks