

Shropshire Hills AONB Trust report

Joint Conference between Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership and Middle Marches Community Land Trust and follow up site visits



Conference:

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1. The theme was small landowners wanting to enhance for nature
 2. Town and Parish Councils – interested in nature recovery plans

Theme: How to create: Ponds, Hedges, Wild flower meadows & help available

Every Parish Council was contacted in the AONB & Stragglings the AONB – over 180 personal invitations sent to town and parish councils.

Conference took place on Friday 12th May at Norbury Village Hall and attracted 120 delegates including representatives from:

1. Vice Chair: Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)
2. Broseley Parish Council
3. Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council
4. Mainstone Parish Council
5. Culmington Parish Council
6. Clee St Margaret Parish Council
7. Edgton Parish Meeting
8. Much Wenlock Parish Council
9. Bishop's Castle Parish Council
10. Hopesay Parish Council

Poster and Conference programme + Speaker biographies



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Conference feedback received – included 47 delegates willing to become Nature Recovery champions + Conference report including stalls representing partner organisations.



12th May Conference
Feedback.pdf



MMCLT conference
May 23 - report.pdf

**Follow up 4 site visits:
On- site follow up events**



MMCLT site visits.pdf

Follow up activity by Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project and Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Two further conferences now planned as a follow up to the May conference – these conferences have been constructed to engage town and parish councils across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin in Nature Recovery with the ambition to urge Town and Parish Councils to develop bespoke Nature Recovery Plans.

At the time of writing there is a healthy take up of places by Town and Parish Councils at the first event and the support of Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) and the leader at Shropshire Council Lezley Picton as the opening speaker has encouraged engagement.

The second event has the support of Baroness Bennet, Vice chair of the National Association of Parish Councils NALC)

Details below.

INVITATION to two Conference's

Especially arranged for Local town and Parish Councils

See links below – note different venues and places are being taken up fast for the October Conference and the November Conference is now live for bookings.

- October 13th RSVP conference – MONTFORD VILLAGE HALL

<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/verges-hedges-watercourses-conference-13-10-23/>

- November 17th MMCLT Conference – FITZ VILLAGE HALL

<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/town-parish-councils-conference-17-11-23/>

to book email:

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None of this would have happened without the support of Shropshire Hills AONB Trust