



# NATURE RECOVERY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

**Friday 6 December, 10am-4pm**

**Sylvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton SY6 6BY**

9.15 am Registration, tea/coffee/croissants  
and opportunity to visit Exhibitor Stands

SALC'S President, Katrina Baker MBE will open and chair the Conference

Conference programme overleaf

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

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# NATURE RECOVERY: TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS: CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**10.00 SALC'S President, Katrina Baker MBE will open and chair the Conference**

**10.05 Baroness Natalie Bennett, Vice Chair, National Association of Local Councils (NALC):**

Nature Recovery in Town & Parish Councils

**10.25 Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Mary Creagh MP (Minister for Nature) TBC:**

Implementation of Local Nature Recovery Plans

**10.45 Chris Borg, Policy Manager, NALC:**

The importance and potential of Town & Parish Councils to support the Shropshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

**11.05 Dr Jack Reed, University of Exeter:** Nature Recovery and Regional Development

**11.25 Speaker (TBC) Shropshire Community Foundation:**

Philanthropic giving and strategic grant funding

**11.40 Lynn Parker, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy, County**

**Co-ordinator:** Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy the role of Town & Parish Councils.

## 12 noon Lunch & networking

**13.00 Peter Carty, Retired countryside manager for South Shropshire and Kinver Edge:**

Going Wild in Bishop's Castle

**13.10 Janet Cobb Parish Clerk Edgton /Middle Marches CLT:**

Nature Recovery Town & Parish Councils across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin

**13.20 Allan Wilson Vice Chair SALC / climate change portfolio holder:**

How Parish Councils can support local groups

**13:30 Susan Crichton, chairman Wheathill Parish Council:** Pine Martin project

**13.40 Richard Lewis, Cambrian Heritage Railways CROP Orchard:** Oswestry CROP - Community Orchard

**13.50 David Morgan, Lyth Hill Residents:** Local verge restoration and Exford's Green Hay Meadow

**14.00 Charles Green, CPRE Shropshire:** CPRE Shropshire "Hedgerow Heroes"

**14.10 Dr Richard Keymer , Middle Marches Community Land Trust:** Community led land acquisition for Nature

## 14.20 Tea & Coffee break

**14.50 Charles Edwards, Shropshire Hills National Landscape Trust:**

How the Trust financially supports community Nature Recovery projects

**15.00 Harriet Carty, Caring for Gods Acre:** Churchyards and cemeteries, where nature recovery starts

**15.10 Cllr Karen Thompson Bland, Welshampton & Lyneal Parish Council:**

Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project

**15.20 Dr Charlie Bell, Stepping Stones Project:** Species Action Plans

**15.30 Chris Howse, Chairman & Julie Burroughs, Vice Chair/Secretary, Friends of Apley Woods:**

Apley Woods LNR, Telford & Wrekin

**15.40 Helen Ball, Shrewsbury Town Council:** Our Nature Recovery journey so far

**15.50 Katrina Baker MBE:** President's closing remarks

**16.00 Close main conference**

**16.00-16.30 Small working group, next steps facilitated by Lynn Parker – Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin LNRS lead**