



FMP Conference 2021

Scaling up restoration for delivery of nature-based solutions

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Programme

Day 1: 13th October 2021

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16.30 - 17.10: Session Chair [Emma Rothero](#)

- Keynote speakers
 - [Barry Gardiner MP](#)
 - [Trine Christiansen](#) (Project Manager, European Environment Agency)
 - [Tony Juniper](#) (Chair, Natural England)

17.10 - 17.40:

- A series of virtual site visits

Questions for speakers

Short break

17.45 - 18.30:

- **Floodplain Meadow Question Time Session 1** - submit your questions for our panel to answer live.

Panel members Session Chair [Emma Rothero](#)

- [David Gowing](#), Professor of Botany, The Open University
- [Matt Johnson](#). Conservation Operations Manager (Northants) The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire
- [Andy Rumming](#) Floodplain meadow farmer, Wiltshire
- [Clare Hill](#). Director of Regenerative Agriculture, FAI Farms, Oxfordshire

Day 2: 14th October 2021: Soils, carbon, water and restoration

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Soils, carbon, water and restoration Session Chair [Sue Dancey](#)

9.30 - 10.20:

- Soils of floodplains [Professor David Gowing](#) (Open University)
- Soil carbon storage in floodplain meadows and Ecover 'Fertilise the Future' [Dr Clare Lawson](#) (Lecturer in Ecology, Open University).

- Microbes in the underworld and their function within floodplains. [Dr Simon Jeffrey](#), (Reader in Soil Ecology, Harper Adams University).

Questions for speakers and discussion

Short break

10.30 - 11.20:

- Plant diversity positively affects short-term soil carbon storage in experimental grasslands. [Dr Markus Lange](#). (The Jena Experiment, University of Jena, Germany)
- Floodplain meadow restoration across National Trust owned land and National Trust policy on soil carbon. [Steve Beal](#) (Nature Conservation Adviser, South West), [Simon Barker](#) (Nature Conservation Adviser, Midlands), [Dr Stewart Clarke](#) (National Freshwater Specialist) and [Felicity Roos](#) (National Soils Specialist). All National Trust.

Questions for speakers and discussion

Short break

11.30 - 12.20:

- Soil carbon storage across UK habitats with a focus on grasslands. [Penny Anderson](#).
- Soil and farmland carbon code. [Jenny Phelps](#) (Senior Farm Environment Adviser & Glos Team Leader, FWAG)
- Evaluating effects of land use and management on soil properties for NFM in the Thames area. [Professor Jo Clark](#) (University of Reading).

Questions for speakers and discussion

Session end: 12.30

Floodplain meadow restoration – case studies and opportunities

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17.00 - 17.40: Session Chair [Gethin Davies](#)

- Delivering restoration at a landscape scale in the Thames Valley. [Catriona Bass and Kevan Martin](#), Thames Valley Wildflower Meadow Restoration Project and co-owners of Long Mead Local Wildlife Site
- Running a Farmer Facilitation Group in the Severn Vale with a focus on floodplain meadows. [Sarah Wells](#) (Senior Farm Environment Adviser, FWAG-SW)
- Floodplain meadow restoration and management at FAI Farms on the Thames in Oxfordshire. [Clare Hill](#) (Director of Regenerative Agriculture, FAI Farms)

Questions for speakers and discussion

Short break

17.50 - 18.30:

- Future Environmental Land Management Schemes. [Ellen Brown](#) (Head of Policy - Local Nature Recovery, Defra)
- Resilient Floodplains Gwent: Mapping floodplain creation and restoration opportunities in [South-East Wales](#). [Caroline O'Rourke](#), Senior Ecologist at [BSG Ecology](#) (and Floodplain Meadows Partnership Ambassador).
- Getting back the lost hay meadows - a three-year study into floodplain meadow restoration activity in the UK. [Dr Irina Tatarenko](#) (Research Manager Floodplain Meadows Partnership, Open University)

Questions for speakers and discussion

18.30 - 19.15:

Floodplain Meadow Question Time, Session 2 - submit your questions for our panel to answer live.

Panel members Session Chair [Stewart Clarke](#)

- [David Gowing](#), Professor of Botany, The Open University
- [Matt Johnson](#), Conservation Operations Manager (Northants) The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire
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Day 3: 15th October 2021: Floodplain meadow history, restoration strategy and meadow art

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An exploration of the history of floodplain meadows

9.30 - 11.00: Session Chair [Katey Stephen](#)

- An assessment of the extent of floodplain meadow historically using two areas to trial a method: [Dr Anthony Firth and Emma Firth \(Fjodr\)](#)
- An historic investigation into landuse in the River Rother floodplain. [Dr Alastair Pearson](#) (GIS Analyst, South East Rivers Trust)
- Historic floodplain meadow extent on the rivers Swale, Ure and Ouse. Martin Hammond (Ecologist, North Yorkshire County Council)

- Place-names, maps, letters and local knowledge in a South Yorkshire floodplain. [Professor John Rodwell](#)

Discussion of practitioner and community needs.

Half hour break

Mechanisms for facilitating restoration

11.30 - 12.10: Session Chair [Ann Skinner](#)

- The Environment Agency and Natural Flood Management. [Jon Hollis](#) (Integrated Outcomes – Manager, Environment Agency)
- Rivers Trusts Biodiversity Datahub. [Lucy Butler](#) (GIS Manager, The Rivers Trusts) and Glen Cooper (Natural England)
- Nature Recovery Network and floodplain meadows. [James Lock](#) (NRN Delivery Partnership Lead Adviser, Natural England)

Questions for speakers and discussion

Community art and FMP arts and craft competition - announcement of winners.

13.30 - 14.30: Session Chair [David Gowing](#)

- A community arts project at Avon Meadows, Worcestershire. [Clare Purcell](#) (Executive Director, Meadow Arts).

Questions for speakers

- FMP arts and crafts competition - finalists showcased, and winners announced. [Olivia Nelson](#) (Advocacy Officer, Open University)

14.30: Conference close [Emma Rothero](#) (FMP Project Manager)