

# Countryside Management Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

## Twenty First Century Rangers - looking forward to the next 50 years.

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, Losehill Hall YHA, Castleton, Derbyshire.

### Aim & Objectives

To celebrate the work of the CMA and to look at the challenges & opportunities facing the profession over the next 50 years from a local, national & international perspective:

#### By the end of the conference delegates will have:

- Explored the important role that rangers & countryside staff have played in our parks, countryside and urban greenspace over time, reflected on present working situations & heard how the profession is adapting to future challenges.
- Had a chance to network with other professionals from across the country and learn from their experiences through themed discussions and presentations.
- Developed their knowledge & understanding of partnership working through a series of informative site visits within the Peak District National Park.
- Had a chance to think about their own service & personal development through their own workplace and the CMA network.

For directions to Losehill Hall please see the link below :

<http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/castleton-losehill-hall>

For a link to the Countryside Management Association Website see:

<http://www.countryside-management.org.uk/>



## Provisional Agenda - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2016 Losehill Hall.

min	Time	Session	Content
30	14:00	<b>Arrival &amp; registration</b>	Tea and coffee available. (NB: Rooms not available until 4.00pm) Check lists for field trips on Wednesday.
20	14:30	<b>Welcome to the Conference</b>	Linda Nunn – CMA acting Chair & Ted Talbot NT Housekeeping & run through programme.  A brief reminder of where we have come from as Rangers - "Galen Clarke to the IUCN."
20	14:50	<b>Welcome to the Peak District National Park</b>	Welcome from Andy Farmer & PDNPA Rangers. Round up of current countryside & ranger work, recent projects & initiatives.
20	15:10	<b>Welcome from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust</b>	Jo Smith, CEO Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – recent projects & initiatives. Current challenges in our countryside.
20	15:30	<b>Welcome from the National Trust in the Peak District</b>	Jon Stewart, National Trust General Manager - recent work & progress on the High Peak Moors Vision.
40	15:50	<b>Facilitated Panel Discussion:  Current challenges &amp; opportunities for the profession. Q &amp; A sessions.</b>	What can be learnt from present "Countryside Services" in the Peak District  What has changed and what is new? What opportunities are there?
60	16:30	<b>Tea/Coffee then collect keys / access rooms</b>	
	17:30	<b>Update from IRF Europe &amp; recent joint Czech/Slovak meeting + discussion</b>	Frank Grutz & Roger Cole
60	18:30' ish	<b>Break before dinner</b>	
60	19:00	<b>Dinner</b>	
75	20:00	<b>'Countryside management, past, present, future?'  Presentation - questions &amp; discussion</b>	Professor Ian Rotherham of Sheffield Hallam University – sharing his research into Countryside Management Projects over the last 30 years & asking 'what comes next?'
	21:15	<b>Bar open</b>	Continue discussion....

## Provisional Agenda - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2016 Losehill Hall.

min	Time	Session	Content
30	09.15	<b>Introduction to site visits</b>	Identify leaders & groups. Hand out information & collect packed lunches. Depart via shared lifts & minibus/other. 2 groups early drop off.
5 hours 30 mins	09:45	<b>Site Visits: 09.45 - 3.30pm</b>  <b>X 4</b> <b>(Lists will be provided)</b>	<b>Field trip 1.</b> Walk from Losehill, Mam Tor & Castleton Visitor Centre  <b>Field trip 2.</b> Minibus, cycle ride on the Monsal Trail  <b>Field trip 3.</b> Minibus, Dark Peak & Stannage Edge  <b>Field trip 4.</b> Edale Visitor Centre & Moors for the Future
60	15:30  (16:00)	<b>Return from field trips</b>  <b>Tea / Coffee</b>	
75	16:30	<b>Update - International Ranger Federation</b>  <b>Qs &amp; discussion</b>	Sean Wilmore - President IRF & CEO Thin Green Line Foundation
60	17:45 - 18.45	<b>Gordon Miller Award</b>	10-15 mins presentation from each project submitted
75	19:00	<b>Dinner</b>	Voting slips completed over dinner
	20:15	<b>Presentation of Gordon Miller Award &amp; '50 Years of CMA'</b>  <b>8th World Ranger Congress in Denver USA, May 2016</b>	Gordon Miller and reflections over 50 years  The world of rangers & inspiration from the IRF World Ranger Congress – Ted Talbot, Claire Payne & Chris Lockyer – NT Rangers



## Provisional Agenda - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 2016 Losehill Hall.

min	Time	Session	Content
10	09:20	Introduction to final day	Check all rooms vacated / lifts & taxis confirmed
45	09:30	The future for conservation around our towns & cities? Recent innovations in Sheffield	Jon Dallow – Sheffield's Outdoor City programme
75	10.15	Countryside Management Association AGM	Officer Report summaries & workshops to discuss CMA Action Plan 2017 onwards
60	11.30	Tea / Coffee	Pick up packed lunches
30	12:15	Final address	Sarah Fowler – CEO Peak District National Park Authority
30	12:45	Summary	TBC
	1:15	Depart	Participants leave

120	1.30	CMA networking	<b>Optional</b> - Short walk & discussion for those wishing to stay on & develop local & regional networks, exchange visits, skills shares & training.
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