

# CMA Annual Conference 2019

## Landscapes – ‘The Bigger Picture’



Ambleside YHA – Lake District National Park



Building on the ‘Bigger, Better and More Joined Up’ approach outlined in the ‘Making Space for Nature’ review carried by Sir John Lawton this conference is a chance for CMA members to develop their awareness and understanding of the impacts of countryside management at a landscape level.

Through a series of presentations, workshops and fieldtrips the conference will look at topical talking points such as Rewilding, Bio-diversity Connectivity & Pollinators, discuss landscape projects which feature current and future issues around conservation, farming, water catchment and heritage protection and hear about the experiences, ideas and best practice from fellow countryside professionals looking to encourage a wider vision for countryside management beyond a park or site boundaries. Whether you work in a rural environment or an urban greenspace this conference definitely has something for everyone.

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – ‘Understanding the bigger picture’

12.00pm – 2.00pm	<b>Registration and networking opportunities</b> – Including participants map, poster displays, workshop and field trip sign up and gathering of raffle prizes (selling tickets) refreshments.
<b>Conference Introduction</b>	
2.00pm – 2.10pm	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Linda Nunn, Chairman of CMA, Paul Farrington and Joe Williams, Local Conference Organisers Rachel Limb and Steve Peach CMA Board
2.10 pm to 2.40pm	<b>Introduction to the Lake District</b> Liam McAlesse, Head of Service - Lake District National Park
2.40pm – 3.10pm	<b>Landscape Level Projects</b> Lee Schofield, RSPB, - Haweswater Farming for Wildlife
<b>Landscape Level Countryside Management Projects - Workshops</b>	
<b>Session 1.</b> 3.10pm to 4.00pm  Refreshment Break 4.00pm to 4.10pm  <b>Session 2.</b> 4.10 pm to 5.00pm	<b>Workshop Sessions</b> – 2 x 45minute workshops ( <i>Delegates to choose 2 subjects</i> ) <b>1. Farmer Clusters – The role of farmers in conservation</b> (Martin Wain, local farmer) <b>2. Culture and Nature – Finding the sweet spot, is there a win-win way forward?</b> (Jamie Lund NT archaeologist) <b>3. Pollinators – Pollinators as champions of environmental action</b> (Christa Nelson Catherine Mercer (Cumbria Wildlife Trust / Buglife) <b>4. Urban Fringe – How to take landscape approach to urban wildlife</b> (Richard Vink, Future Parks Accelerator ) <b>5. Ecosystem Services – Impact on countryside management</b> (TBA)

5.00pm to 5.10pm	<b>Break</b>
5.10pm to 5.50pm	<b>CMA AGM</b>
5.50pm to 6.30pm	<b>Gordon Miller Award – Project Presentations</b>
6.30pm to 7.45pm	<b>Dinner</b>
8.00pm to 8.45pm	<b>Evening Speaker –Dr Lois Mansfield. 'Landscape Scale Management: the pros and cons for Upland Farmers'</b>

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Field Trip Day;**

7.30am to 8.30am	<b>Breakfast</b>
8.50am to 9.00pm	<b>Field trip rendezvous – briefing and embarking on transport, collect Lunches</b>
9.00am to 5.00am	<b>Field trips</b>

#### **1. Wild Ennerdale Partnership Project (Rachel Oakley, Wild Ennerdale Project Officer)**

Rising abruptly out of the coastal plain of West Cumbria, Ennerdale is one of the most remote and dramatic of Cumbria valleys and has a distinctive character of its own. Wild Ennerdale is one of the UK's largest wildland partnerships. It is widely recognised for its partnership working, future natural approach and for pioneering innovative ways of upland management which blur boundaries between forestry and farming.

A full day visit with Rachel Oakley the Wild Ennerdale Partnership Officer and Tom Burditt NT Countryside Manager. This is a well-established partnership project involving local communities, NT, Forestry Commission, United Utilities and Natural England, with the aim of using natural processes to re-wild part of Ennerdale.

#### **2. Upland Farming and Goldrill River Naturalisation (John Pring, NT Countryside Manager)**

A visit to the Goldrill River Naturalisation Project in Ullswater. This National Trust project will help to slow the flow of the river by reconnecting it with the floodplain - allowing the wider landscape to absorb the effects of the weather. Creating rivers and floodplains which are governed by natural processes will result in improved flood resilience, water quality and habitats.

The visit will be sandwiched between visits to two farms High Lickbarrow (Windermere) and Glencoyne (Ullswater) both very different in scale and setting but both delivering high nature status for the Trusts' Land, Outdoors and Nature ambition.

#### **3. Rusland Horizons Project (Colin Barr, Rusland Horizons Project Director)**

Rusland Horizons is one of the first community-led Landscape Partnership Schemes to be funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It encompasses the living, working landscape of the heavily wooded Rusland Valley and Fells in the south of the Lake District National Park. Since 2016, it has worked with volunteers, the local community and partners to manage the landscape and wildlife, revive traditional skills, and record the heritage of this quiet part of the National Park for the people who live, work and visit here.

During the visit we will look at examples of coppice work and woodland management, our Greenwood trails project, hay meadow restoration, habitat enhancement work for dormice, squirrels and butterflies.

#### **4. West Cumbria Rivers Trust - Natural Flood Management (Clair Payne WCRT Project Officer)**

Spend the day with Clair Payne, West Cumbria Rivers Trust Project Manager. Keswick suffered devastating floods in 2005, 2009 and most recently, in 2015 during Storm Desmond. WCRT, along with partners including the Environment Agency, are running a DEFRA funded project in the Glenderamackin catchment upstream delivering Natural Flood Management. Working with landowners and farmers across the catchment, we're looking to implement a series of measures such as leaky dams, pond creation, temporary water storage areas, kested hedgerows and other measures which slow the flow of water. A big part of the project, and the basis for the funding, is monitoring the interventions to see how effective they are at reducing downstream flooding. This field trip will visit some of the projects where these interventions have or are going to be installed and monitoring methods as well as wider discussions around the impacts of flooding.

5.00pm to 6.00pm	Free Time (networking / looking at poster displays)
6.00pm to 6.30pm	Gordon Miller Award Reports from the Scottish Countryside Ranger Association & the Ranger Association of Ireland
6.30pm to 7.45pm	Dinner
8.00pm to 8.45pm	Keynote Speaker - CMA Patron, Chris Baines <i>'Unholy Alliances' The unique theme of a 50-year career to date</i>
8.45pm	CMA Social Event & Raffle

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – 'The CMA Day'

7.30am to 8.30am	Breakfast
9.00am to 9.35am	Speaker – Chris Winnick. Chairman Butterfly Conservation (Cumbria)
9.35am to 10.05am	Speaker - Victoria Bradford -Keegan. Delivery Director Future Parks Accelerator (UK) Pioneering Urban Green space initiative.
10.05am to 10.30am	Questions – and feedback discussion from Wednesday's workshops
10.30am to 10.45am	Coffee and networking
10.45am to 12.00pm	CMA Market Place – 'Our members work in the spotlight'
12.00pm to 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm to 2.30pm	<b>CMA Workshops</b>
Choose One Workshop from	<b>The Accreditation Process</b> - 'Developing CMA's Professional Standards' led by CMA Chair, Linda Nunn
	<b>Future Conference and Study Days</b> – 'Getting the most out of your membership' Led by CMA Secretary, Mark Baker
	<b>Ranger Magazine and CMA Promotion</b> – 'Getting the CMA message to a wider audience' Led by CMA Board Member, Steve Peach and Ranger Edited, Liz Bourne
	<b>International Rangers</b> – 'The current and future role of the IRF' Led by CMA International Rep, Ian Brooker
2.30pm to 3.00pm	Workshop Feedback
3.00pm to 3.30pm	Conference Summary and Thanks
3.30pm	<b>Conference Ends</b>

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