

Raptors, Uplands & Peatlands – Conservation, Land Management & Issues

Friday September 9th & Saturday September 10th 2016

FRIDAY

09.15 to 10.00 Registration

10.00 Welcome and introduction: Ian Rotherham / Christine Handley

10.10 Angela Smith MP: *Opening Remarks*

10.20 Ian Rotherham: *Setting the Scene – Raptors, Uplands & Peatlands*

10.55 Break

11.25 Steve Redpath, University of Aberdeen: *Conservation & Conflicts – Raptors & Red Grouse*

12.00 Stephen Murphy, Natural England Hen Harrier Project Officer: *Hen Harrier Population Dynamics*

12.30 Adrian Jowitt, Principal Adviser, Natural England: *Defra's 2016 Hen Harrier Plan*

12.55 Discussion

13.15 Lunch & posters

14.00 Philip Merricks, Hawk & Owl Trust: *The Hawk and Owl Trust's involvement in the Hen Harrier Recovery Action Plan.*

14.25 Pat Thompson, RSPB: *The environmental impacts of high-output driven shooting of Red Grouse*

14.55 Adam Smith, GWCT Scotland: *Use of research to reduce conservation conflict*

15.25 Break

15.50 Alan Charles, former Derbyshire PCC: *Wildlife Crime - structures, volunteers, policing*

16.15 Mark Avery, author & broadcaster: *Conflict in the Uplands?*

16.40 Discussion

17:00 Close – Ian Rotherham

19.00 Pub pie & pea supper [optional – extra charge & separate booking]



SATURDAY

09.15 to 9.50 Registration

09.50 Welcome & introduction- Ian Rotherham / Christine Handley

10.00 Rhodri Thomas, Peak District National Park: *The Peak District Raptors Project – Conservation in Action*

10.30 Barry O'Donoghue, Eire National Parks & Wildlife Service: *Conservation in the Uplands of Ireland*

11.05 Break

11.25 Tim Baynes, Scottish Land & Estates: *Scottish Initiatives*

11.50 Sonja Ludwig, Langholm Project: *Monitoring Raptor Populations in S.W. Scotland*

12.15 Alan Fielding, author: *Understanding Hen Harrier ecology & constraints on population expansion*

12.45 Discussion

13.00 Lunch & posters

13.45 Discussion, summing up and future direction led by Rob Lambert, Ian Rotherham & other speakers (in Workstation – creative lounge)

14.15 (Optional) coach to Ringinglow to illustrate good & bad moorland management practice, condition, habitat, success or not – co-leader(s) Paul Ardron / Rebekah Newman

Coach departs at 14.30 from Sheffield and returns at 18:00 from Ringinglow

18.30 End or optional – informal visit to local pub.



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