

## DAY TWO PROGRAMME

<b>09:00-09:15</b>	Registration		
	<b>Morning Sessions</b>		
<b>09:15</b>	AGM for Commons and Greens Registration and Management Association	Martin Wright, Cornwall County Council and Chair of CGRMA	Lecture Hall
<b>10:30</b>	Tea/Coffee break		
<b>10:45</b>	Introduction to "Consultation on Updating the Commons Registers: Implementation of Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006"	Hugh Craddock, Defra	Lecture Hall
<b>10:50</b>	Workshop: Timetable and Content of Registers	Hugh Craddock, Defra	
<b>11:20</b>	Workshop: Applications to Amend the Register	Martin Wright, Cornwall County Council and Chair of CGRMA	Break Out Rooms
<b>12:00</b>	Workshop: Corrections and Rectifications of the Register	Jenny Griffiths	
<b>12:45</b>	Lunch		
	<b>Afternoon Sessions</b>		
<b>14:00</b>	Workshop: Electronic Registers	Grant McPhee	Break Out Rooms
<b>16:45</b>	Workshop: Transition Period and Panel of Inspectors	Hugh Craddock, Defra	
<b>15:30</b>	Open Discussion Forum	Chris Short, CCRI	Lecture Hall
<b>16:00</b>	Close with Tea		



## REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

### REGISTRATION

Please note, that you are able to book online this year by visiting the University of Gloucestershire Online Store at [www.glos.ac.uk](http://www.glos.ac.uk) (go to Online Store then click on CCRU then Events).

To book by post, please complete and return the enclosed registration form. Please indicate which days you want to attend and also if you require bed and breakfast. Please also indicate if you wish to attend the field trip.

Refreshments and a buffet lunch are included in the cost.

Please note that there will be no accommodation available at the University on the Wednesday night.

Return your completed booking form together with your payment or invoicing details as soon as possible to ensure a place.

Cheques should be made payable to 'University of Gloucestershire'.

### CONTACT DETAILS

The organisers of the seminar are Christopher Short, Gillian Parker and Jill Harper of the Countryside and Community Research Institute at the University of Gloucestershire, The Park, Cheltenham.

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### PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings from the seminar are included in the seminar fee and will be sent to all participants. They will also be available on the CCRI web site.

### LOCATION

The conference will be held at the Park Campus of the University of Gloucestershire in Cheltenham. On arrival, please make your way to the main reception area (Elwes Building), which is signposted. Refreshments will be available from 9.15am.

### BY RAIL

Cheltenham Spa and Gloucester are well served by the intercity and rail services from Paddington, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Plymouth, Manchester, Leeds, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

### BY ROAD

Directions by road can be found at [www.glos.ac.uk/directions/travelpa.cfm](http://www.glos.ac.uk/directions/travelpa.cfm) or by entering the postcode GL50 2RH into [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk)

# SEVENTH NATIONAL SEMINAR ON COMMON LAND AND TOWN AND VILLAGE GREENS

to be held at the University of Gloucestershire on  
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# Seventh National Seminar on Common Land and Town and Village Greens

The 7th National Seminar on Common Land and Town and Village Greens is now set to take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th September 2007 at the University of Gloucestershire at the Park Campus, Cheltenham.

For the third year running we are delighted that Defra is again providing sponsorship for the event.

This series of seminars continues to play a vital role in the sharing of our understanding of commons and greens as well as disseminating the most up-to-date information on the Commons Act 2006. This year there is a focus on best practice in the management of common land and town and village greens and the people involved in this crucial aspect. The 2007 Seminar promises to deliver in depth discussion on the implementation of the Commons Act 2006 as well as on other aspects of commons management and good practice. As in previous years there will be opportunities for delegates to discuss their own particular issues of interest through workshops, as well as networking

with others involved in the management and protection of common land and village greens. There is also the opportunity for an afternoon field trip this year to see the progress on some of the Cotswold commons. Please note there is an additional charge for this to cover the coach hire.

As with last year we have arranged this year's seminar to take place over two days.

**DAY ONE** will include an update on the current situation on implementation and the development of regulations associated with the Commons Act 2006 and other related policies. The afternoon session will include further opportunities for interactive discussion regarding case studies of good practice as well as small group surgeries, as suggested in the feedback from last year's event. Overall the focus will be principally on the protection and management of common land and town or village greens in England and Wales. However, issues of registration will also be discussed.

**Ross Crail** is a barrister, practising as a member of New Square Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London. She has a particular interest in rights of way (public and private), common land, and town and village greens and has been involved in a number of recent high profile cases. She regularly lectures on those topics, contributes articles about them to *Rights of Way Law Review*, and is a member of its editorial board.

**Hugh Craddock** is the principal Defra policy officer responsible for the implementation of the registration measures in the Act ie Part 1. He has previously worked on legislation to deliver greater access to open country.

**Andrew Dalgleish** has oversight of implementation for the Commons Act 2006 in Defra. He also Chairs the National Commons Stakeholder Forum.

**Edward Harris** is a solicitor with a national reputation on legal matters concerning common land and village greens.

**Nicola Hodgson** is the Case Officer for the Open Spaces Society. She was a solicitor in private practice and assisted Sunningwell Parish Council with their landmark victory in the House of Lords.

**Harry Hutchingson** is former Chairman of the Cumbria Commoners Federation and an active commoner in the Lake District.

**Marian Jenner** managed the Commons Bill through Parliament, and is principal Defra policy officer responsible for the implementation of

**DAY TWO** is specifically for Commons Registration Officers and other associated staff within local government. The Commons and Greens Registration and Management Association (CGRMA) will be holding its AGM during the morning. The remainder of the day will be a series of workshops looking at the recent Defra consultation document on Part 1 of the Commons Act: updating the registers.

Due to the support from Defra we have managed to keep the cost of **DAY ONE** the same at **£75**, the cost for **DAY 2** is **£90**. For those attending both days there will be a combined cost of £150 for both days. Refreshments and a buffet lunch are included in the cost. There are a limited number of bed and breakfast places available on the nights of Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th September at an additional cost of £41.50 per person per night. However, no accommodation at the University will be available on the Wednesday night.

environmental and agricultural management measures of the Act ie Part 2. She is also responsible for policy on England's uplands.

**Buddug Jones** has worked for the Countryside Council for Wales as Agricultural Policy Officer since 1991 and has held the responsibility for common land for the past ten years.

**Elaine Kendall** is the principal Defra policy officer responsible for the implementation of the protection measures of the Act ie Part 3.

**Sue King** is a fourth generation grazier on Minchinhampton Common in Gloucestershire.

**Jenny Phelps** is a Grassland Project Officer for the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has facilitated local management on commons for the past five years through a Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

**Chris Short** is Senior Research Fellow in the CCRI and has organised the National Seminar since 1999. He was the principal author of 'A Common Purpose – a guide to agreeing management on common land' published in 2005.

**Martin Varley** heads up the Flora of the Fells Project, which aims to raise awareness of the value of upland landscapes and the need for appropriate management.

**Martin Wright** is Land Searches Manager with Cornwall County Council. He is currently Chair of the Commons and Greens Registration and Management Association (CGRMA) and Commons Contact within the Local Land Charges Institute.

## DAY ONE PROGRAMME

09:15-09:50 Registration and Coffee

### Morning Sessions

09:50	Welcome Introduction	Chris Short, CCRI Ross Crail QC, New Square Chambers	Lecture Hall
10:10	Commons Act 2006 implementation - Outline - Registration and TVGs - Management - Protection - Q&A Session for all	Andrew Dalgleish Hugh Craddock Marian Jenner/Steven Bell Elaine Kendall All Defra	Lecture Hall
11:20	Implementation of the Commons Act in Wales	Buddug Jones, Countryside Council for Wales	Lecture Hall
11:35	Break		
11:50	Common Land: Historical and Cultural Reflections	Graham Bathe, Natural England	Lecture Hall
12:10	Voices from the Commons: - The Challenges facing an Upland Commoner - Community Commons - Issues Facing a Lowland Commoner "The Challenges We Face and How We Respond"	Harry Hutchingson, Cumbria Tim Breakwell, Hereford Sue King, Gloucestershire	Lecture Hall
12:45	Lunch		
	<b>Afternoon Sessions</b>		
13:40	Workshops ( <i>based on what Defra is doing, this is how it will work, sharing draft regs etc</i> ): 1. Registration: Consultation on Part 1 of the Act: Emerging Issues 2. Good Management of Commons 3. Protection Issues 4. Commons Act Made Simple	Hugh Craddock, Defra Steven Bell/Marian Jenner, Defra Elaine Kendall, Defra Edward Harris, Solicitor	Break Out Rooms
13:30	All Afternoon Field Trip*	Jenny Phelps, Caring for the Cotswold Project	
14:40	Workshops/Case Studies 1. The Practicalities of Registration and Registers 2. Commons Council 3. Protection Issues (repeat session) 4. OSS and Case Study of Green Registration Under New Regs	Edward Harris, Solicitor Steven Bell, Defra Elaine Kendall, Defra Nicola Hodgson	Break Out Rooms
14:30	Tea/Coffee Break		
15:35	Case Studies: - English Heritage Research on Commons - Herefordshire Community Commons Project - Picturing Upland Futures - The Need for Joined Up Thinking - Rural Greens Project - Building Management Capacity on Local Spaces	Mark Bowen, English Heritage Tim Breakwell, Hereford Wildlife Trust Martin Varley, Flora of the Fells Project Jo Chaffer, Friends of the Lake District	Break Out Rooms
16:25	Q&A ( <i>Delegates can submit questions throughout the day into the box, and then the questioner is asked to speak to it. Any questions not answered in the session we could aim to respond to within four weeks in writing.</i> )  <i>Each question needs name and organisation. Two questions per delegate.</i>	Defra staff and all other speakers Ross Crail and Chris Short to Chair	Lecture Hall
17:15	Plenary Session and Concluding Comments	Ross Crail and Chris Short to Chair	
17:30	Close		

\* **Field Trip Alternative** - from 13:30 returning at 17:00

Afternoon tour of the 'Caring for the Cotswold Project' focusing on the various commons managed under this Heritage Lottery funded project. Led by the Project Officer, Jenny Phelps, and looking at the commons around Painswick and Minchinhampton and Rodborough. Issues covered will be the re-introduction of grazing, the sustaining of existing grazing and issues of communication.

Places limited to 25 (for small coach). **Additional cost: £15**