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Refreshments and a buffet lunch are included in the cost.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

The organisers of the seminar are Christopher Short and Jill Harper of the Countryside and Community Research Institute based at the University of Gloucestershire, The Park, Cheltenham. If you have any queries please telephone 01242 714122 or email ccri@glos.ac.uk.

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, along with the proceedings from previous seminars.

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, which is signposted. Refreshments will be available from 9.15am.

BY RAIL

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

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8th National Seminar on Common Land and Town & Village Greens

THURSDAY 1 JULY 2010

at the University of Gloucestershire Park Campus, Cheltenham



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The 8th National Seminar on Common Land and Town and Village Greens will take place on Thursday 1 July 2010 at the University of Gloucestershire's Park Campus in Cheltenham. We are particularly delighted that the recently formed Foundation for Common Land is supporting the event and that Defra and Natural England are also providing sponsorship. As ever we are also grateful for the wide-ranging support that the seminar continues to generate from a range of organisations, notably from the Association of Commons Registration Authorities which will be contributing an afternoon workshop.

The seminar is aimed at commoners, landowners and agents, practitioners, recreational users and institutions and all those involved in the management of commons and village greens.

Summary of Key Speakers

Julia Aglionby is a land agent with H&H Bowe Ltd and undertook the shadow commons council work in the Lake District with the Federation of Cumbria Commoners.

Mark Alexander is from the Office of the Chief Veterinarian Officer and heads up the bovine TB programme.

Kate Ashbrook is General Secretary of the Open Spaces Society.

Graham Bathe is Common Land Projects Manager with Natural England and is lead contact for Natural England on their flagship Common Land Project.

John Bell leads the Cattle ID and livestock movements policy team within Defra and has been developing the new rules on livestock movements.

Steve Byrne is a freelance writer. His work on the 2006 Commons Act is available at www.commonregistrations.org.uk

Hugh Craddock is Head of the Commons Team within Defra.

Julie Dowton is a member of the Bodmin Moor Commoners Association, one of the first groups to consider becoming a pilot commons council.

Mervyn Edwards is an upland specialist within Natural England with particular responsibility for the recently introduced Upland Entry Level Scheme.

Jenny Griffiths is Commons Registration Officer with Powys County Council and a Chair of the Association of Common Registration Authorities.

Jeremy Holtom is Secretary to the Brendon Common Commoners Association in Exmoor.

The focus of the seminar will be on best practice to actively protect and manage common land and town and village greens in England and Wales, embedding the opportunities in the Commons Act 2006 into current and future management practices. Consequently, it will seek to showcase local examples of good practice, the new opportunities arising through commons councils, latest updates concerning the Commons Act 2006, financial support such as the Upland Entry Level Scheme and Glastir. The format will offer delegates an opportunity to raise their own particular issues in the wide range of afternoon workshops and discussions.

Commoners and others who are currently putting the Act into practice will share their experiences in the morning sessions. Particular attention will be paid to the range of responders and approaches as

Chris Hill is Manager of the GeoData Institute, a university-based research and consultancy group which specialises in environmental data management, analysis and processing.

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.

Andrew Humphries is a founder member of the Foundation for Common Land and was a key figure in the development of the Federation of Cumbria Commoners.

Gwyn Jones is a Director of the European Forum for Nature Conservation and Pastoralism and on the Shadow Board for the Foundation for Common Land.

Peter Lanfear is a commoner and Chair of the Gower Commons Association and member of the Welsh Commons Working Group formed by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Chris Rodgers is Professor of Law at the Newcastle Law School, Newcastle University, and was Principal Investigator on the 'Contested Common Land: Environmental Governance, Law and Sustainable Land Management, c. 1600-2006' project.

Chris Short is Senior Research Fellow in the CCRI and has been convenor for the National Seminar since 1999. He has undertaken a wide range of research into commons and town and village greens.

Martin Steer heads the specialist casework branch of the Planning Inspectorate, which covers commons, rights of way, transport and environmental appeals.

different groups implement the Act within the context of their own common, town and village green or local authority. There will also be an update from those agencies responsible for the implementation of the Commons Act 2006 and other related policies. The afternoon session will be more interactive with in-depth discussion around particular aspects concerning common land and town and village greens.

Plenary Question and Answer Session

In the final session of the conference is an invited panel that has been assembled to answer your questions, either in person or through the Chair. You will be able to submit your questions up until the tea break, or via email before the Seminar using the ccri@glos.ac.uk mailbox. This session will be chaired by Peter Lanfear or Chris Short. The panel will also briefly offer their reflections and thoughts on the day.

Bob Stevenson is a veterinarian surgeon in a private practice covering Monmouthshire and Chair of the Cardiff Regional Eradication Delivery Board.

Chris Wade is Commons Registration Officer in Kent County Council who have been involved in the pilot project implementing Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006.

John Waldon is now an independent facilitator and involved with the South West Uplands Federation having previously worked for the RSPB.

Cameron Watt is Neighbourhoods Policy Leader in the National Housing Federation with responsibility for areas including planning, rural housing and community land trusts.

Jon Westlake is heading up the development and implementation of the Glastir agri-environment scheme within the Welsh Assembly Government.

Angus Winchester is Senior Lecturer in the Department of History at Lancaster University and was co-investigator on the Contested Commons project.

Jim White is a senior ecologist with Footprint Ecology and was a member of the team that put together Natural England's new factsheets offering guidance to individuals and local communities on management of commons and greens.

Martin Wright is Land Searches Manager with Cornwall Council, Commons and Greens contact within the Local Government Association, Local Land Charges Institute and a Director of ACRA.

09:15 - 9:45	REGISTRATION AT PARK CAMPUS, CHELTENHAM		Room
09:45	Welcome & Introduction	Chris Short, CCRI Peter Lanfear, Welsh Commons Working Group	Lecture Hall
10:00	Session 1: Promoting sustainable management of commons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by chair: lessons learnt and going forward Pilot council experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake District - Bodmin Moor - Exmoor Support for commons in the new Glastir scheme Introduction to the Foundation 	John Waldon, South West Uplands Federation Julia Aglionby, H&H Bowe Ltd, Cumbria Julie Dowton, Bodmin Moor Commoners Jeremy Holtom, Brendon Common, Exmoor Jon Westlake, Welsh Assembly Government Andrew Humphries, Foundation for Common Land	Lecture Hall
11:00	BREAK/COFFEE		
11:30	Session 2: Town and Village Greens in the Twenty-First Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by chair: recent research on Town and Village Greens Debate: Role of Town and Village Greens today 	Chris Short, CCRI Kate Ashbrook, Open Spaces Society and Cameron Watt, National Housing Federation	Lecture Hall
12:00	Session 3: Part 1 – use it or lose it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by chair CRA perspective on Part 1 pilot Part 3: successful applications – top tips 	Hugh Craddock, Defra Chris Wade, Kent County Council Martin Steer, Planning Inspectorate	Lecture Hall
12:30	Session 4: New challenges for commons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by chair: the need for research E-registers Upland Entry Level Scheme: up & running Commons Tool Kit – how to use it Taking account of community interest 	Graham Bathe, Natural England Chris Hill, Geodata Mervyn Edwards, Natural England Julia Aglionby, H&H Bowe and the Foundation for Common Land Kate Ashbrook, Open Spaces Society	Lecture Hall
13:00	LUNCH		
14:00	Break-out Sessions 1: What is going on and this is how it will work <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applying to be a Commons Council (England), what is involved? Bovine TB and Commons, good practice Community management of commons: stimulating management and outlining a way forward The role of CRAs since 2006 Act – are you up-to-date? 	Graham Bathe, Natural England and commoners Peter Lanfear, Bob Stevenson, Vet and Mark Alexander, Welsh Assembly Government Jim White, Footprint Ecology Jenny Griffiths and Martin Wright, Association of Commons Registration Authorities	Break out rooms
14:45	Break-out Sessions 2: things to watch out for now and in the future <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Upland ELS & Commons (England) Glastir and commons issues (Wales), what does the new scheme involve? Registration; a chance to reconsider unsuccessful land applications Contested commons project - linking the past, present and future 	Mervyn Edwards, Natural England Jon Westlake, Welsh Assembly Government and Peter Lanfear Steve Byrne Chris Rogers, University of Newcastle and Angus Winchester, Lancaster University	Break out rooms
15:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK		
15:45	Break-out Sessions 3: recent research and development update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing commons across Europe, where is the common ground? Changes to livestock movement rules: how do they affect commons? TVG surgery, update and Q&A Electronic Registers - their potential and current use 	Gwyn Jones, Foundation for Common Land and others. John Bell, Defra Nicola Hodgson, Open Spaces Society Chris Hill, GeoData	Break out rooms
16:30	Question Time Plenary session	Invited Panel	Lecture Hall
17:00	CLOSE		