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Conference: A Wilder Future for the Uplands

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For those of you interested in the uplands, UKEconet and the South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group are co-hosting a three-day conference in Sheffield in October.

The conference includes two days of presentations and discussion and a field trip to the Peak District on day three.

Key themes include the management and protection of important temperate rainforests such as Borrowdale in Cumbria, natural regeneration, Curlews, peat cutting, grouse moors and rewilding.

Desolate uplands in the North Pennines. Photo by Ruth Tingay

A Wilder Future for the Uplands: Unleashing the Power of Nature to Recover and Restore the Countryside

1-3 October 2025

Speakers include Kate Hanley (RSPB Dove Stone), Sara King (Rewilding Britain), Ian Rotherham (Sheffield Hallam University), Andrew Weatherall (RSPB), Danny Udall (Eastern Moors Partnership), Jade Allen (National Trust), Mary Colwell (Curlew Action), Daniel Cameron (National Trust), Luke Steer (Treescapes Consultancy), Mark Avery, James Fenton and others.

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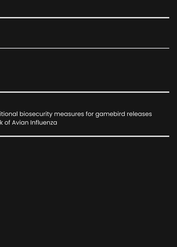

A Wilder Future for the Uplands
Unleashing the Power of Nature to Recover & Restore the Countryside
Wednesday 1st October, Thursday 2nd October & Friday 3rd October (2nd and 3rd)
Drawn Hall Hall Croft Farm, Hathersedge Road, Sheffield, S6 6LL

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 1st October:

1.00 - 5.30 on Registration with tea, coffee on arrival
2.00 - 5.00 pm – introduction to the day
2.15 - 5.00 pm Ian Rotherham (Sheffield Hallam University) – Shadows, Ghosts, & Lost Woodlands
15.30 - 16.30 pm Andrew Weatherall (RSPB) - Towards Ancient Woodland Protection Through Rewilding
16.30 - 17.30 pm Luke Steer – Natural regeneration in Cumbria - lessons after the Historic Woodland Project
17.30 - 18.30 pm Daniel Cameron (National Trust) – Wild Ennerdale – expanding temperate rainforest and rewilding natural processes through grazing
18.00 - 18.30 pm – Discussion/ Forum
19.00 - 19.30 pm Lunch
19.30 - 19.30 pm Jade Allen (National Trust) – Bormadale Woodland Nature Reserve
19.30 - 20.30 pm Kate Hanley – Discovering the Borrowdale Atlantic woodlands project in Cumbria
20.30 - 21.00 pm Break
21.00 - 22.00 pm Mark Avery - The Sadly extract uplands
22.00 - 23.00 pm - Discussion / Forum
(Open Bar)

Thursday 2nd October

7.00 - 7.30 on Registration & tea / coffee on arrival
7.30 - 10.00 am - Introduction to the day

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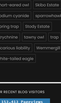
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