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UK & Ireland Lakes Network Conference - 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Lakes and their restoration – *opportunities for nature recovery and people*

Nunsmere Hall, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 2ES + two field visits

09:30	Welcome to the Conference - John Pinder, Chair of UK and Ireland Lakes Network
09:35	Keynote introduction - Tony Juniper, Chair of Natural England
10:00	Scene Setting: Lakes - opportunities for restoration and contribution to a Nature Recovery Network Ruth Hall/Glen Cooper, Natural England
10:30	The National Trust Lake Collection: balancing nature, landscape and heritage - Stewart Clarke, National Specialist – Freshwater, Catchments & Estuaries, National Trust.
11:00	Break
11:30	Opportunities for Angling and Lake Conservation to co-exist - Carl Sayer, University College London
12:00	Delivering Environmental Improvements to the North West Lakes Network through a Catchment Systems Thinking Approach (CasT) - Mark Sewell and Sion Platts-Kilburn, United Utilities
12:30	Challenges of restoring natural function – improving water quality & lake hydrology - an example from Elterwater, Cumbria - Jayne Wilkinson, South Cumbria Rivers Trust.
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Welcome Back - John Pinder, Chair UK& Ireland Lakes Network
14:05	RSPB - St. Aidan's - a wetland for wildlife and people - John Ingham, RSPB
14:35	Natural Course LIFE project, ecological networks and Rostherne Mere - Petula Neilson & Ben Dugdale, Natural England
15:05	Break
15:30	Reviving the edges: understanding historical wetland extent and lakeshore restoration opportunities for England's lakes - Phil Taylor & Ellie Mackay, UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology.
16:00	Freshwater Priority Habitat Citizen Science - Amy Jones, Freshwater Biological Association.
16:30	Restoring Hatchmere - Beavers, Fish, Hydrology and Pollution. (Including intro to site visit) Kevin Feeney, Cheshire Wildlife Trust
17:00	Close and arrangements for day 2 – Ruth Hall and John Pinder

**Evening of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** 3 course Conference Dinner at Nunsmere Hall from 19:30 **Wednesday**

**15<sup>th</sup> June:** Two field visits to internationally designated lakes in Cheshire, Tatton Lake SSSI & Ramsar and [Hatchmere SSSI](#) (in the Delamere forest) to see and hear about issues affecting them, and discuss solutions implemented for their restoration - including the introduction of beavers, restoring the hydrological regime, altering fish assemblages and improving water quality.

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