



# NATURE RECOVERY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

**Friday 6 December, 10am-4pm**

**Sylvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton SY6 6BY**

9.15 am Registration, tea/coffee/croissants  
and opportunity to visit Exhibitor Stands

SALC'S President, Katrina Baker MBE will open and chair the Conference

Conference programme overleaf

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

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**10.00 SALC'S President, Katrina Baker MBE will open and chair the Conference**

**10.05 Baroness Natalie Bennett, Vice Chair, National Association of Local Councils (NALC):**

Nature Recovery in Town & Parish Councils

**10.30 Chris Borg, Policy Manager, NALC:** The importance and potential of Town & Parish Councils to support the Shropshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

**10.50 Dr Jack Reed, University of Exeter:** Nature Recovery and Regional Development

**11.10 Mandy Thorn, Shropshire Community Foundation:** Philanthropic giving and strategic grant funding

**11.25 Lynn Parker, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy, County Co-ordinator:**

Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy the role of Town & Parish Councils

**11.45 Peter Carty, Retired countryside manager for South Shropshire and Kinver Edge, and**

**Janet Cobb, Parish Clerk and Middle Marches CLT board member:** Going Wild in Bishop's Castle and Nature Recovery, Town and Parish Councils across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin

## 12 noon Lunch & networking

**13.00 Allan Wilson Vice Chair SALC / climate change portfolio holder:** How Parish Councils can support local groups

**13:15 Susan Crichton, Chairman Wheathill Parish Council:** Pine Martin project

**13.30 David Morgan, Lyth Hill Residents:** Local verge restoration and Exford's Green Hay Meadow

**13.45 Charles Green, CPRE Shropshire:** CPRE Shropshire "Hedgerow Heroes"

**14.00 Charles Edwards, Shropshire Hills National Landscape Trust:**

How the Trust financially supports community Nature Recovery projects

## 14.15 Tea & Coffee break

**14.45 Harriet Carty, Caring for Gods Acre:** Churchyards and cemeteries, where nature recovery starts

**15.00 Cllr Karen Thompson Bland, Welshampton & Lyneal Parish Council:** Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project

**15.15 Dr Charlie Bell, Stepping Stones Project:** Species Action Plans

**15.30 Chris Howse, Chairman & Julie Burroughs, Vice Chair/Secretary, Friends of Apley Woods:**

Apley Woods LNR, Telford & Wrekin

**15.45 Helen Ball, Shrewsbury Town Council:** Our Nature Recovery journey so far

**16.00 Katrina Baker MBE:** President's closing remarks

**16.00 Close main conference**

## 16.00-16.30 Small working group, next steps facilitated by Lynn Parker – Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin LNRS lead

