

**20th National Biodiversity Network Conference
Wednesday 18 November 2020**

“NBN at 20 – Changing Times”

09:30 – 09:55 Registration

Morning - Session 1

Chair of morning session: Professor Sir John Lawton, NBN Trust Patron

09:55 Welcome and introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, Neil Hodges.

10:00 Welcome on behalf of The Open University

10.05 Keynote address - Dr Cecilia Medupin – The University of Manchester, Lecturer at the School of Natural Sciences, Convener Women in Environmental Sciences - *“Biodiversity of Macroinvertebrates, Public Engagement, Inclusion & Sustainable Development Goals”*

(20 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)

10.35 Richard Ostler – Rothamsted Research: *“Adopting FAIR principles for Rothamsted’s long-term agricultural experiments”*

(10 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A)

10.50 Tom Thomson – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust (Buglife): *“Important Invertebrate Areas – Harnessing Data and Building the Network”*

(10 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A)

Additional Q&A

11.05 Tea / coffee break (20 minutes)

Morning - Session 2

11.30 Keiron Derek Brown – Field Studies Council: *“FSC Eco Skills Framework”*

(10 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A)

11:45 Aletta Bonn – Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ | Friedrich Schiller University Jena | German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv): *“Biodiversity Networks are People Networks”*

(10 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A)

12:00 Mark Elliott – Devon Wildlife Trust: *“The reintroduction of Eurasian beavers into England”*

(10 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A)

Additional Q&A

12:15 – Closing remarks – Professor Sir John Lawton

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12.20 - 13:20 LUNCH (60 minutes) There will be an area for networking and an NBN Atlas Information Desk

12:45 – 13:00 NBN Trust AGM

Afternoon – Session 1

Chair of afternoon session: Neil Hodges, NBN Trust Chairman

13:25 Welcome back by Neil Hodges

13.30 The Sir John Burnett Memorial Lecture – Sir Charles Burrell –
Knepp Castle Estate – *“New Habitats for a connected naturescape”*

(25 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)

14.05 Clare Blencowe – Association of Local Environmental Record Centres CIC /
Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre - *“Local Environmental Record Centres in*
Changing Times”

(10 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A)

14:20 - 14:35 Students - 5 minute speed talks

- **George Garnett** – University of Edinburgh/Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
– *“Island botany”*
- **Gina Burlinson** – University of Portsmouth/University Centre
Sparsholt – *“Jack in the Box: use of existing data and the NBN Atlas in a
student jack snipe project”*
- **James Cranston** – University of Exeter - *“Wildlife recorders show positive
attitudes towards range-shifting species”*

5 minutes Q&A

14:40 Tea / coffee break (20 minutes)

Afternoon - Session 2

15.05 - 15:20 Janice Ansine and Dr Michael Dodd, iSpot, The Open University, will share the results of the mini BioBlitz carried out by Conference delegates.

15:20 Dr Jo Judge, NBN Trust Chief Executive – *“NBN Trust Strategy 2021-2025”*

(10 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A)

15:35 Closing remarks – Neil Hodges

15:40 End of conference

NBN Awards

The winners and runners up in this year’s NBN Awards will be announced at a ceremony from 16:00 – 16:40. Details for this will be available separately.