

**20<sup>th</sup> National Biodiversity Network Conference  
Wednesday 18 November 2020**

**“NBN at 20 – Changing Times”**

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**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 - Mark Brandon, Professor of Polar Oceanography and Associate Dean (Enterprise and External Engagement), STEM Faculty

**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 Mike Dodd, iSpot, The Open University, will  
share the results of the mini BioBlitz carried out in the run up to the Conference.

**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**

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**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 are available separately.