

Call of the Curlew, WWT Slimbridge Wetlands Centre, 2nd Feb 2017, World Wetlands Day

09.30 Arrival, tea & coffee

10.00 Welcome – Martin Spray (CEO WWT Slimbridge)

Chair for morning session – Phil Sheldrake (RSPB)

- The Curlew Walk, 500 miles across the UK & Ireland for curlews - Mary Colwell
- The National Picture - Sam Franks (BTO)
- RSPB Curlew Recovery Programme - Sarah Sanders (RSPB)

Curlews across southern England

- The Severn & Avon Vales - Mike Smart (GWT)

11.15 – 11.45 Refreshments

- Stiperstones and Corndon Hill - Tony Cross (Shropshire Hills & Welsh Marshes Project)
- The New Forest - Russell Wynn (Wild New Forest)
- Upper Thames Wader Project - Kirsty Brannan (RSPB)
- Somerset Levels – Harry Paget-Wilkes (RSPB)

International

- Predator exclusion research in Germany – Natalie Meyer (NABU)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

- Ireland - 'Curlews in Crisis' Workshop 2016 - Barry O'Donoghue (National Parks & Wildlife Service, Ireland)

Afternoon panel discussions. Chair– Alan Lauder (Consultant Ecologist)

Panel discussion 1 – Curlew conservation issues.

Panel – Simon Lester (Consultant Gamekeeper), Russell Wynn (New Forest), Mary Colwell, Richard Hanby (Farmer), Geoff Hilton (Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust)

14.50 – 15.05 Break

Panel discussion 2 – Next steps, responses & solutions

Panel: Peter Holmes (Natural England), Richard Archer (RSPB), Amanda Perkins (Shropshire Hills & Welsh Marshes), David Stroud (JNCC)

15.45 Summary & closing remarks – Geoff Hilton