



Red Squirrels United Knowledge Fair, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2019

Waterfront Hotel, Southport, PR9 0DZ

AGENDA

Saturday 23 March: DAYTIME SESSIONS

Time	Session	Speaker	Chair
9.30-10.00am	Registration and Coffee		
10.00am	Welcome and introduction. Red Squirrels United: where are we at?	Nikki Robinson , The Wildlife Trusts	Dr Mariella Marzano
10.15am	UK Squirrel Accord: achievements and priorities	Kay Haw , UK Squirrel Accord	
10.30am	Where next? Red squirrel strategy and beyond	Stephen Trotter , Red Squirrels United Project Advisory Group	
10.45am	Question and answer panel		
10.55am	Red squirrel strategy interactive discussion	Stephen Trotter	
11.15-11.45am	Coffee and refreshments		
11.45am	Developing methods for delivering an oral contraceptive to grey squirrels	Sarah Beatham , Animal and Plant Health Agency	Dr Craig Shuttleworth
12.05pm	Laserfence – can a laser beam deter a grey squirrel?	Dr Martin Sharp , Liverpool John Moore University	
12.25pm	Shooting grey squirrels for red squirrel conservation	Julie Bailey , Chair, Northern Red Squirrels Cumbria Mike Green , Northumberland Wildlife Trust	
12.45pm	It's not a question of colour: why we do what we do	David Everest , Animal and Plant Health Agency	
1.05-2.05pm	Lunch		
2.05pm	Controversy, conflict and killing: social challenges of grey squirrel management	Dr Sarah Crowley , Exeter University	
2.25pm	Get off/on my land! Towards a landscape level approach to squirrel management	Dr Mike Dunn , Forest Research	



2.45pm	Live dogs and dead lions: the challenges of resurrecting mammal populations through release	Dr Craig Shuttleworth , Bangor University	Conor McKinney
3.05pm	Experiences from a pine marten stronghold	Michael Stinson , Ulster Wildlife	
3.20-3.50pm	Coffee and refreshments		
3.50pm	Challenge Becky! Recruiting red squirrel conservation volunteers in a rural setting	Becky Clews-Roberts , Red Squirrels Trust Wales	Dr Mariella Marzano
4.00pm	Urban RED velopment	Peter Muldoon , Red Alert Merseyside	
4.10pm	Northern Ireland Squirrel Forum: developing local squirrel heroes	Dr Jon Lees , Northern Ireland Environment Agency	
4.20pm	How to win friends and influence people: the Westmorland experience	Bob Cartwright , Westmorland Red Squirrels	
4.30pm	Don't shoot the messenger: A volunteer organisations experience of working with Red Squirrels United	Dr Craig Shuttleworth , Red Squirrels Trust Wales volunteer	
4.40pm	Question and answer panel		
4.55pm	What does success look like for volunteer groups? Interactive discussion	Dr Mariella Marzano , Forest Research	
5.30pm	Close day one and evening plans	Nikki Robinson , The Wildlife Trusts	

Saturday 23 March: EVENING SESSION

Time	Session
6.30pm	Pre-dinner drinks (Lounge area, Waterfront Hotel)
7.30pm	Knowledge Fair Dinner (Marine Suite)
9.00pm	Quiz (Marine Suite)

Sunday 24 March: DAYTIME SESSIONS

Time	Session	Speaker	Chair
9.00-9.30am	Coffee and refreshments		
9.30am	Welcome	Rachel Cripps , The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside	



9.35am	Grey and red squirrel least cost pathway in Kielder Forest: A machine learning and GIS based approach	Simone Caruso , Newcastle University	Rachel Cripps
9.55am	Introducing Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Community Hub	Gillian Hatcher , Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels	
10.15am	Squirreling away data: the use of citizen science to record UK mammal distributions	Dr Frazer Coomber , The Mammal Society	
10.35-11.00am	Coffee and refreshments		
11.00am	Using Ground Cameras to detect the elusive red squirrel in mid-Wales	Paul Harry , Mid Wales Red Squirrel Partnership	
11.20am	The scent of squirrels: using conservation dogs to detect disease outbreaks	Rachel Cripps , The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside	Simon O'Hare
11.40am	Use of Kania Trap to encourage community dispatch of grey squirrels	Conor McKinney , Ulster Wildlife	
12.00pm	All about Formby	Rachel Cripps , The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside	
12.05-1.05pm	Lunch		
1.05pm	Coach transfer to National Trust Formby		
1.30pm	Excursion to National Trust Formby. Four stations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation dog demonstration • Urban trapping/Trap Loan Scheme • Thermal imaging for grey squirrel control • Managing coastal change and red squirrel conservation 	Rachel Cripps and Sian Parry , Lancashire Wildlife Trust Phil Hunter and Ryan Greenwood , Red Alert Merseyside & The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside Mike Green , Northumberland Wildlife Trust Andrew Brockbank , National Trust	
3.00pm	Transfer back to Waterfront Hotel		
3.30pm	Thank you and close	Nikki Robinson , The Wildlife Trusts	