

Hallowed Turf: Perspectives on the Conservation of Dartmoor's Blanket Peat



Charter Hall Okehampton, Friday 12th November
from 9.30am - 5pm

Chairman: Keith Bungay,

Former Chief Executive of Exmoor National Park

0930 Arrival: refreshments available

1000 Welcome by Alan Endacott, Vice Chair of the Dartmoor Society

1005 Chairman's introduction to the topic and speakers

1010 **Adrian Colston** Centre for Rural Policy Research, University of Exeter, former National Trust Manager for Dartmoor and Manager for Wicken Fen.

Dartmoor: the vegetable mould and the inveterate swamp.

The tale of 're-wetting' the mires and why different stakeholder groups make the project so complex and controversial.

1050 **Richard Brazier** Professor of Earth Surface Processes and Director of the Centre for Resilience in Environment, Water and Waste ([CREWW](#)).

Understanding the ecohydrological structure and function of Dartmoor's peatlands and how they respond to peatland restoration.

1130 Coffee/Tea break (20 Minutes)

1150 **Morag Angus** South West Water Manager for the South West Peatland Partnership.

Practical Peatland Restoration on Dartmoor and the South West.

1230 Questions and Discussion

1300 Buffet lunch (60 minutes)

1400 **Kevin Cox** Chairman of the RSPB Council in the UK, former chair of Devon Birds and former trustee of the World Land Trust.

How peat can save the planet - the positive impact of peatland restoration for climate and nature.

1440 **Martin Gillard** Historic Environment Officer, South West Peatland Partnership
(Exmoor National Park Authority)

Peatland restoration and the historic environment: protection, mitigation and enhancement.

1520 Afternoon tea/coffee and cakes (20 minutes)

1540 **Geoff Eyre** 'Heather Doctor', Upland Peak District Farmer, Engineer and Agricultural Merchant

Pioneering methods to regenerate bare peat and the challenges of long term renewal versus 'Flavour of the month' politics.

1620 Questions, discussion and summing up

1700 Close