

*Coppice Association North West,
with the Wood Education Programme Trust (Charity No. 1060553)*

21st Century Coppice '09 – The First Cut

*Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October 2009
(additional optional Post-Conference visits on 17 and 18 October)
based at the Westmorland Agricultural Society's Showground, Lane Farm
Crooklands, Kendal, Cumbria (M6, J36)*



This is the promised follow-up to the conference held in 2006 at Grange over Sands: A major national conference of interest to all who have practical involvement with coppice, greenwood and related matters, and their future.

To give greatest flexibility of costs for attendees the conference is non-residential. There is a very wide variety of accommodation in the immediate vicinity - hotels, bed and breakfast, Youth Hostels, caravan and campsites etc. Up to date information is available direct from Tourist Information Centres in Lancaster City
South Lakeland District
Yorkshire Dales National Park

Expected contributors include

*Robert Atkinson, Debbie Bartlett, Prof Ted Collins, Dave Jackson, Andy Mason, Edward Mills,
Rebecca Oaks, Alison Shaw, Alan Shepley, Richard Thomason, Judy Walker etc.*



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Programme

(NB: detail may be subject to change)

Thursday 15 October – Working Coppice and Greenwood

- 1.00 pm Assemble and Register (Welcome refreshment will be available)
- 1.30 pm Conference opens – *Welcome*: Walter Lloyd, President, Coppice Association North West
The practical experience – the local scene
- 1.45 pm Notices and Programme update
- 1.55pm *Establishing a new hazel coppice* - Alan Shepley Four years ago an acre of new coppice was planted at Tod's Lot, Crook (the 'New Spring') with a view to experimenting on a variety of establishment techniques and treatments.
- 2.20 pm *Managing neglected coppice* – Edward Mills Sales Bank Wood, near Colton has had a chequered management experience over the last few decades and is now being worked for a combination of conservation and product aims
- 2.45 pm Refreshment break
- 3.10 pm *Working woodlands for a living* - Rebecca Oaks Earning a living requires effort and flexible approaches, but it is possible.
The practical Experience - Across the Nation
- 3.35 pm *Making coppicing work for conservation* Robert Atkinson Northern Reserves Officer, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
- 4.00 pm *Woodin' in the Malverns* Dave Jackson, Coppice Worker (tbc)
- 4.25 pm Question time
- 4.50 pm *Demonstration/Exhibition opportunities*
- 7.00 pm Re-assemble for **Conference Dinner** (N.B. *separate booking required*)
- 9.00 pm (approx) After-dinner speaker will be Prof Ted Collins (University of Reading)
(editor and joint-author of the *Crafts in the English Countryside: Towards a Future* Report)

Friday 16 October – Forward from here

- 9.00am Assemble: Notices
- 9.05 am *Hampshire experience* (speaker tbc)
- 9.30 am *A further regional input* (detail tbc)
- 9.55 am *Coppicing chestnut – a special case* - Debbie Bartlett (University of Greenwich): Working chestnut coppices are in many ways different from others. Understanding more about the differences may help identify new insights.
- 10.25 am Refreshments
- 10.55 am *Bill Hogarth MBE Memorial Apprenticeships – another 3 years on* - Rebecca Oaks
- 11.20 am *New approaches to Forestry Apprenticeships* – Andy Mason (Forestry Commission) and Judy Walker (Small Woods Association)
- 11.45 am *Lessons from the Coppice Regeneration Project*, Richard Thomason (Small Woods Association)
- 12.10 pm Lunch
- The way forward for a national organisation**
- 1.10pm *How we left it three years ago – a reminder of 21CC 2006* – Alan Shepley (Secretary, CANW)
- 1.20 pm **Parallel experiences**
We hope for an input from one, or more, of
British Horse Loggers/Drystone Wallers Association/National Hedge Laying Society who all have parallel problems with establishing and running a national grouping
- 2.20 pm *A national Federation/Group/Membership Organisation? - Which? How?*
An open debate with opportunities to consider the practicalities in depth – chaired by Edward Mills (Cumbria Woodlands)
- 3.00pm Refreshments and Conference ends

DISPLAYS - POSTERS - DEMONSTRATIONS

If you have any displays or posters relating to your involvement these would be most welcome at the conference (Marler Haley display boards may be available – phone to enquire). Anyone willing to put on a demonstration of greenwood working is also welcome to discuss this.

Arrangements, in either case, should be discussed beforehand with Alan Shepley, CANW Secretary on 01539 723325 or via email on canw@coppicenorthwest.org.uk

Site Visits: participants who wish to stay on over the weekend will have the opportunity for the following visits (There will be no charge) BUT we shall need you to indicate if you wish to be involved so that we have an idea of numbers

Friday 16 October

late pm New Spring, Tod's Lot, Crook (Followed by a 'Jacob's Join' BBQ - a cunning Cumbrian way of asking everyone to contribute something towards the 'eats')

Saturday 17 October

am Rebecca Oaks work site at Gaitbarrows

pm A Charcoal Earthburn which will be taking place at Great Tower Wood Scout Camp on the shore of Windermere

Sunday 18 October

am Edward Mills wood at Sales Bank

- NB** 1. Use own (or shared) transport
2. Provide own refreshments

**Conference Booking Form
is overleaf**

please return this (or a copy) with your payment as soon as possible

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BOOKING FORM

(Please copy as required and complete a separate Booking Form for each individual)

Please enter your details clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS for Full or for Part-Bookings

Name: Organisation:

Address:

Tel.no: Fax no.: Email:

Costs: Daily attendance (<i>Refreshments and lunch (Fri) included</i>)	Thurs	Fri
1. Business/Academic/Local Authorities/Statutory Agencies/NGOs	£25.00	25.00
2. General	£20.00	25.00
3. CANW Members	£20.00	20.00
4. Students/Unwaged	£15.00	15.00
Conference Dinner , per head	£18.00	
Conference Report	£5.00	

Conference booking details: (please tick your requirements and enter the appropriate fee for each day)

Thursday 15 October () @ £

Conference Dinner () @ £

Friday 16 October () @ £

Conference Report () @

Dietary requirements: (e.g. vegetarian/other special diet – please note detail)

Fee enclosed - please enter **total** amount £ Receipt required - tick ()

Please invoice (specify) _____

OR official order enclosed - tick ()

If you have interest in the post-Conference visits please tick Friday () Saturday () Sunday ()

Cheques should be made payable to Coppice Association North West

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Cancellation Fees: Cancellation within 2 weeks of the event the FULL FEE is payable; cancellation within 3 weeks 50% of the fee is payable; cancellation within 4 weeks 25% of the fee is payable; cancellation more than 4 weeks before the event - the full fee will be refunded less a small administration charge.

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