



Why should we make space for nature?

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09:00-09:30	Registration & coffee	
09:30-11:10	Introduction to the day & Chair's opening remarks	
	Keynote speech -Dr William Bird	
	Access to natural greenspace	
	Making space for nature	
	Q&A	
11:10- 11:40	Coffee break	
11:40- 13:15	Valuing our natural capital	
	Dorset environmental economy	
	Q&A	
	Achieving cross-sector success: The Kent Environment Strategy	
	Chair's closing remarks	
13:15- 14:30	Lunch & networking	
14:30-15:30	Focus Group	
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-16:45	Focus Group	

Housekeeping



- Fire alarm
- Emergency Exits
- Catering

- WiFi access:



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What is the Kent Nature Partnership?

- Designated by DEFRA as a Local Nature Partnership in 2012
- Only 5 left in the south east out of 12
- Integration is key aim – wide range of interest groups round the table
- Set strategic direction and ensure join up of agendas
- Working sub groups – Health, habitat, economy
- Statutory duty to consult for planners
- Includes Medway and overlaps with Thames estuary



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Health, wellbeing , economic growth, beauty, spirituality, inspiration, stable climate, clean air, clean water, nutritious food all come from a strong healthy natural environment – today is all about understanding this better and joining together to make it happen in Kent

Our assets and losses in Kent



- 462 wildlife sites
- 7% of land area covered
- 62% positively managed
- 28,460 hectares ancient woodland – 7%
- 1922ha chalk grassland
- Many keen organisations and volunteers
- 8 species of butterfly lost in past 100 years – three at severe risk
- One species reptile lost out of 5
- 1/6 amphibians lost
- All our reptiles and amphibians are under threat -priority species

Our achievements so far



- Kent Biodiversity Strategy – 10yr targets for priority habitats. Trainee recruited to help measure progress
- BOA consultation on 16 areas
- contributions to strategy development – eg Kent environment strategy, Health and Wellbeing strategy, healthy new town Ebbsfleet
- Integrated planning guidance and self assessment
- Natural Capital asset check – address issues such as air pollution, leisure opportunities from AONBs
- Developing online directory for health and wellbeing resources
- Access to greenspace report with public health

Challenges and opportunities ahead

- Brexit!!
- Funding!! Gap is estimated at £2bn (GI)
- More development
158,500 new homes by 2031
Population increase
Fewer funding streams
- More jobs in natural and green economy
- Change in perception from barrier to opportunity
- National 25 year environment plan in production –active role in this

Our vision

“The Kent LNP has a vision for the Garden of England to have a healthy natural environment that is rich in wildlife, is enjoyed and valued by all and underpins our long-term economic, social and personal wellbeing”



Key note speaker



Dr William Bird

CEO Intelligent Health

“The Natural Health Service”

Focus Groups after lunch



- **FG1:** ‘A healthy and resilient natural environment = healthy resilient communities.’

Chaired by Tony Harwood (Kent County Council/ Maidstone Borough Council)

- **FG2:** ‘How to reach ecological consultants and advisors who have the possibility to influence biodiversity enhancements as part of the planning process?’

Chaired by Katia Bresso (KB Ecology Ltd)

- **FG3:** ‘Natural Greenspace for health & wellbeing and social prescribing’

Chaired by Terry Hall (Kent Public Health)

- **FG4:** ‘Declining soil health- why it matters and what can we do about it’

Chaired by Caroline Jessel (Kent LNP, NHS England)