



Restoring Ratty Conference: A critical look at water vole conservation in the UK

Day 1: Thursday 11th October 2018

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Registration and refreshments**
- 09:35 – 09:45 **Welcome**
Mike Pratt, Northumberland Wildlife Trust
- 09:45 – 10:10 **Restoring Ratty- Bringing water voles back to Kielder**
Graham Holyoak, Restoring Ratty
- 10:10 – 10:35 **Future for water voles in Britain**
Derek Gow, Derek Gow Consultancy
- 10:35 – 10:55 **Mapping Ratty**
Catherine McGuire, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
- 10:55 – 11:15 **Questions**
- 11:15 – 11:50 **Break – including Ecology Dog demonstration**
- 11:50 – 12:10 **Water voles bringing people together in the Meon Valley**
Elania Whittaker-Slark, South Downs National Park Authority
- 12:10 – 12:30 **Disease risk analysis for water vole reintroductions**
Helen Donald, Zoological Society of London
- 12:30 – 12:45 **Questions**
- 12:45 – 13:50 **Lunch - including Ecology Dog demonstration**
- 13:50 – 14:10 **Spatial spread of a reintroduced vole population**
William Morgan, Aberdeen University
- 14:10 – 14:30 **Trossachs water vole project – the real story**
Katy Anderson, Forestry Commission Scotland
- 14:30 – 14:50 **Strategic mink control using coordinated volunteers and the impact of this process on water vole recolonisation in SE England**
Darren Tansley, Essex Wildlife Trust
- 14:50 – 15:10 **Questions**
- 15:10 – 15:30 **Break**
- 15:30 – 16:50 **Panel discussion session**
Chaired by Jonathan Spencer
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Plans for tomorrow**
Graham Holyoak, Restoring Ratty

