

# Working Together for Water and Wildlife

## New Forest Wildlife Forum Event

28<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 11:00 – 15:15

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### Event Programme

11:00 – 11:30	Registration and tea & coffee
11:30 – 11:35	Opening remarks from the Chair (Jenny Thomas - <i>Natural England</i> )
11:35 – 11:50	Ian Barker ( <i>New Forest National Park Authority</i> ) <b>New Forest Catchment Partnership</b> An introduction to the aims and the activities of the New Forest Catchment Partnership, which brings together those working on the water environment in the New Forest.
11:50 – 12:05	Catherine Patel ( <i>Environment Agency</i> ) <b>Title TBC</b>
12:05 – 12:20	Dr Naomi Ewald ( <i>Freshwater Habitats Trust</i> ) <b>People, Ponds &amp; Water</b> This national citizen science project aims to make a difference to protecting freshwater wildlife, with a focus on the unique freshwater habitats of the New Forest. Find out about the Flagship Ponds and the PondNet monitoring network for rare plants and animals.
12:20 – 12:35	Catherine Chatters ( <i>Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust</i> ) <b>Non-native Plants Project</b> Find out how this partnership project is turning the tide against invasive non-native plants in the New Forest.
12:35 – 12:50	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12:50 – 13:50	Lunch (provided)
13:55 – 14:10	Hannah Worker ( <i>Freshwater Habitats Trust</i> ) <b>Clean Water for Wildlife</b> What have we learnt from the result of this water quality citizen science survey, and how do the New Forest results compare to those from other parts of the country.
14:10 – 14:25	Dr Pascale Nicolet ( <i>Freshwater Habitats Trust</i> ) <b>The Living Waters project - understanding and improving the freshwater wildlife of the R. Beaulieu catchment</b> A partnership project with a broad range of activities, including volunteer monitoring, practical pond creation and management, awareness raising and addressing diffuse nutrient pollution in the R. Beaulieu catchment.
14:25 – 14:40	Gemma Stride ( <i>Forestry Commission</i> ) <b>Monitoring Wetland Restoration</b> The trials, tribulations and successes of designing methodologies to monitor wetland restoration within the New Forest.
14:40 – 14:55	Ian Barker ( <i>New Forest National Park Authority</i> ) <b>Working Together for Water and Wildlife - Looking towards the future</b> What have been the successes and lessons learned, and what are the challenges facing the water environment in the New Forest? Overview of key issues which will need to be addressed to protect the outstanding waters of the New Forest.
14:55 – 15:10	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
15:10 – 15:15	Closing remarks