



Durham Woodland Networking Day - Tuesday 19th July 2022

Overview

Woodland landowners, contractors and community groups are invited to meet like-minded individuals and exchange ideas in a relaxed environment. The programme for the day will include presentations from our guest speaker Max Adams, a woodland owner and planter and a historian of trees and woods – author of *The Wisdom of Trees*, *Trees of Life* and *The Little Book of Planting Trees*. He is a member of the Small Woods Association and of Confor.

Mark Shipperlee, Operations Director with Living Woods North East will also be in attendance and presenting on partnership working with Durham Woodland Revival to deliver future support for community groups, once the Lottery funding comes to an end.

The Woodland Trust will also be in attendance to discuss woodland issues such as ancient woodland management.

A full programme is shown on the next page.

Venue

This event will be held at Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels & Gardens, Ushaw Moor, Durham, DH7 9RH.

Booking

Please contact us by email to book your place: durhamwoodlandrevival@durham.gov.uk. Bookings close at midday on Monday 4th July.



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Provisional Programme

9.30am Arrival, refreshments

10.00am Welcome and introductions – Charles Forman, Durham Woodland Revival

10.20am New trees in old landscapes: how woodland history in the Northeast offers lessons for woodland owners in the 21st century – Max Adams

- Trees and woodlands affect more than just the land they grow on – they are part of a much wider set of ecologies – natural, social and historical. In this session Max will explore that history and how it informs thinking on new and existing woodland in the county.

11.05am Refreshment break

11.20am Trees, soil, water, people: productive woodland management in an uncertain world – Max Adams

- There are many competing pressures on woodland owners and tree planters – to plant for wildlife; to prevent flooding; to store carbon and provide public recreation. Max cuts through the confusion to offer some plain, simple principles for a healthy and productive woodland future that benefits (almost) everyone.

12.05pm The future of Durham Woodland Revival – Mark Shipperlee, Living Woods North East

12.30pm Lunch

1.15pm Interest group discussions:

- Landowners & contractors – ancient woodland management, funding, other topics as requested.
- Community groups & volunteers – our regular community group meeting.

2.45pm Closing remarks.

3.00pm Optional guided walk around Ushaw woodlands.

4.00pm Event closes.

Introduction to Durham Woodland Revival

Durham Woodland Revival (DWR) is a four-year partnership programme of 10 projects focused on revitalising the woodlands in County Durham. DWR includes tree & hedge planting, ancient woodland restoration, providing advice to woodland landowners, training for landowners and contractors, supporting existing and assisting to create new woodland community groups, running traineeships and improving access to at least five woodlands in the DWR area. The programme area is centred around Durham city and extends approximately, 16km in all directions. It is funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Durham County Council and The Woodland Trust with the remainder of the funding being made up with grants.



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