

Thursday 16th Nov

13:00 — Excursion (optional event - separate booking)

Visit to NWT Sweet Briar Marshes

Leaving by coach from The Halls at 13:00, returning to Halls by 17:00, led by **Nick Acheson**.

19:00 — Arrival and bar

19:20

Introduction

Michael Warren and **Nick Acheson** (event co-organisers).

19:30 — Music

The Shackleton Trio

Captivating songwriting and fiery tunes that combine mandolin, fiddle, guitar and banjo with powerful three-part harmonies. The unmistakable sound of The Shackleton Trio brings to life the stories of their native East Anglia, and beyond. Collectively the band combine British, American and Scandinavian folk influences with largely unsung material from East Anglia keeping the band firmly rooted in their local tradition. (www.shackletontrio.co.uk/)

21:30 — Close

Friday 17th Nov

08:15 — Registration

08:45 — Introductions and welcome

09:00 — Session 1

Norfolk historical landscape and place

David Waterhouse and **Tom Williamson** (chair: **Michael Warren**).

10:00 — Session 2

Species reintroduction in Norfolk

Pensthorpe, Norfolk Rivers Trust and **Amphibian and Reptile Conservation** (chair: **John Fanshawe**).

11:00 — Break: coffee, tea, etc.

11:30 — Prologue

Finding W. H. Hudson: The Man Who Came to Britain to Save the Birds

Author reading by **Conor Mark Jameson** (chair: **Jeremy Mynott**).

11:45 — Session 3

Swifts

Hannah Bourne-Taylor, George Candelin and **Jonathan Pomroy** (chair: **Mary Colwell**).

12:45 — Lunch break: The Feed - vegetarian and vegan lunches.

13:45 — Session 4

Poetry, water and climate danger

Ruth Padel, Sean Borodale and **Matt Howard** (chair: **Sara Hudston**).

15:15 — Break: tea, coffee, etc.

15:45 — Session 5

The Neutrinos

A local performance collective and band.

16:30 — Close

Saturday 18th Nov

08:30 — Registration

09:00 — Session 1

How do we connect with children about the climate crisis?

Jess French and **The Fairyland Trust** (chair: **Ben Hoare**).

10:00 — Break: coffee, tea, etc.

10:30 — Session 2

Fighting for the land we love

Helen Baczkowska and **Iokine Rodriguez Fernandez** (chair: **Amy-Jane Beer**).

11:30 — Session 3

Norfolk geese

Kane Brides and **Andy Bloomfield** (chair: **Nick Acheson**).

12:30 — Lunch break: The Feed - vegetarian and vegan lunches.

13:30 — Session 4

Norfolk traditional crafts

Nick Walker and **Tim Willey** (chair: **Philip Warren**).

14:30 — Afterwords

Retrospective

Michael Warren and **Nick Acheson**.

Prospective (2024)

Mary Colwell.

14:40 — Close

Welcome

Welcome to New Networks for Nature 2023: *Norfolk: Life, Legacy, Landscape*. This is the most local we've been yet (Livin' La Vida Local!), with an exciting group of Norfolk-based and Norfolk-born contributors and speakers lined up to show us all how rich and diverse the wildlife, conservation, landscape, heritage, crafts and traditions are in this wonderful part of the country. It's not all about Norfolk—we've got lots more besides—but at heart this year we're all about promoting, celebrating and connecting to Norfolk's local wonders.

Useful Information

The **registration desk** is in the foyer of The Halls. If you have any questions then organisers and NNN Steering Group members will be identifiable by their badges — do ask! All our sessions will take place in **Blackfriars Hall** (one of the event venues inside The Halls).

Lunches, tea/coffee and cake will be provided on Friday and Saturday by local community interest company, The Feed. All food is vegetarian or vegan. If you have ordered a gluten-free meal then please ask the serving staff.

Short biographies of all contributors can be found on the New Networks website: www.newnetworksfornature.org.uk/2023-event/

The **bookstall** is being run by Norfolk-based WildSounds and will be located in the Crypt. Many of the authors of books available on the bookstall will be at the meeting and happy to sign your purchases.

Photographs and video taken at the event may be used by New Networks for promotional purposes. If you have any concerns about this please speak to one of the organisers.

As a courtesy to speakers and other attendees please switch **phones and mobile devices** to silent in the sessions.

There are no planned fire alarm tests during the meeting. **In the event of an emergency**, please act as directed by The Halls staff who will guide you to safety.

Thanks

We are very grateful to all this year's contributors for giving their time and expertise, to The Halls for hosting the meeting, to WildSounds for generous support through the bookstall and to Norwich City Council and other benefactors for financial support. Finally, our thanks to everyone for coming and making the 'networks' in New Networks for Nature a reality.

Cover image: *Chain-necked water rail* / Harriet Mead



New Networks for Nature is a broad alliance of creators (including poets, authors, scientists, film-makers, visual artists, environmentalists, musicians and composers) whose work draws strongly on the natural environment.

Its formation grew out of dissatisfaction with the low political priority placed upon nature in the UK. Today our wildlife and landscapes are so often evaluated exclusively in economic or scientific terms when, in fact, they are a resource at the very heart of human creativity. The multiple impacts of place and the natural world are central to the nation's cultural life. New Networks for Nature wishes to reflect these truths and celebrate them.

New Networks for Nature is a wholly voluntary organisation. Founded by Tim Birkhead, Mark Cocker, John Fanshawe and Jeremy Mynott in 2009, it is run by a steering group currently consisting of Nick Acheson, Amy-Jane Beer, Emma Burt, Mary Colwell, John Fanshawe, Ben Hoare, Richard Kerridge, Jamie Normington, Michael Warren and Philip Warren. We welcome new recruits.

New Networks for Nature is a Registered Charity (No 1165027), with the status of a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

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NATURE MATTERS

Norfolk: Life, Legacy, Landscape



The 15th New Networks for Nature Event

Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th November 2023

The Halls, Saint Andrew's Plain, Norwich