



HEREFORDSHIRE PARKLAND CONFERENCE, 1-3 JULY 2026

Venue: New Model Institute of Technology and Engineering, Skylon Campus, Canary Lane, Skylon Park, Hereford HR2 6RB, with visits to major parklands across Herefordshire.

This conference has been organised as part of the 175th anniversary celebrations of the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club, with their theme of 'Heritage and Future'. A full programme follows, with details of speakers and those taking the chair at the conference.

CONFERENCE PURPOSE

The conference will unite landowners, land managers, the public, the scientific community, and those with expert knowledge of Herefordshire's parklands. A very strong range of speakers, from local and nationally leading organisations, as well as landowners, will address cultural and historical topics; challenges facing treescapes, such as climate change, tree diseases and overgrazing; and explore strategies for restoring parkland habitats, enhancing resilience, and adapting to future threats.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS FOR EACH DAY

Day 1: Parkland origins; cultural history; archaeology; geology; landscape art; mapping of trees, hedges, and woodland. Afternoon visit to Brampton Bryan or Gatley Park.

Day 2: Plant communities; biodiversity restoration; grassland restoration; long-term monitoring of species dependant on oak pasture - e.g., acute and chronic oak decline; the BACSTOP project; and the impact of environmental stressors on biodiversity and ecosystem services. Afternoon visit to Eastnor and Bromesberrow, or Moccas.

Day 3: Management solutions for treescapes, including microbial and naturalistic management strategies; soil rhizosphere considerations; oak landscape management; Forest Research mapping projects; and a high-level discussion panel. Afternoon visit to Kentchurch or Holme Lacy.

BOOKING AND WHAT'S INCLUDED

The conference will run for 3 days at a daily rate of £40 per person. You can book for a single day or multiple days, and your booking includes.

- A full programme of talks and discussion each morning
- Site visits each afternoon (by return coach) to one of two Herefordshire parklands, depending on your choice - the options change each day
- Exhibitions of estate maps, geological features and different aspects of biodiversity
- Refreshments

PLEASE BOOK EARLY since the conference is limited to 100 delegates per day and since the numbers that can visit each parkland are also limited. To secure your place, please download, complete and return the booking form [LINK] to Prof. Rachel Jenkins at rachel@olan.org and make payment as indicated

OUR THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Woolhope Club is most grateful to the organisations - highlighted in the programme and the biographies - whose grants and sponsorship have made this conference possible.

[Conference programme available here](#)

[List of speakers and chairs available here](#)

[Complete conference booklet available here](#)

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[Booking form link](#)