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A major landmark international event

The End of Tradition?

Aspects of Commons and Cultural Severance in the Landscape



Call for Papers, Support and Sponsorship for a 3-day International Conference on

Aspects of Commons and Cultural Severance in the Landscape

To be held at Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK:

15th to 17th September 2010



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Dr Ian D. Rotherham and colleagues are organising a major event on the theme of '*Aspects of Commons and Cultural Severance in the Landscape*'. The event will address topics fundamental to the conservation of these wonderful and iconic landscapes. We will cover the lessons of history and landscape change, of cultural change and abandonment. The conference will be international in flavour and cover issues from ecology and archaeology to modern-day management, and relating to history and cultural resonances. In particular, we wish to raise critically important issues of cultural severance and abandonment of tradition in terms of sustainability, landscape quality and diversity.

There will be a specific day devoted to abandonment of traditional management of commons. This will be in collaboration with the *International Association for the Study of Commons*.

We welcome papers on archaeology, historical management and on nature conservation matters, as well as on community involvement and educational issues. We are open to suggestions for presentations and sub-themes and for offers of partnerships and sponsorship. This will be a significant event and we will pre-publish the proceedings to be 'out on the day'. This will have a major international dimension with leading researchers from around the world. There will be media interest too.

The event is organised by the *Tourism and Environmental Change Research Unit* at SHU, in partnership with the *Biodiversity and Landscape History Research Institute*. The following are among those who have already expressed their interest and support: Graham Bathe (Natural England), Sue Clifford (Common Ground), Professor Mauro Agnoletti (University of Florence), Professor Kenneth Olwig (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences), Susan Buck (IASC), Kate Ashbrook (Open Spaces Society) Owain Jones (University of Gloucester), Ted Green (Ancient Tree forum), and Jill Butler (Woodland Trust).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Stemming from 25 years of leading research on woods and wooded landscapes, BaLHRI together with Sheffield Hallam University, the Ancient Tree Forum and other partners will be organising major conferences in 2011 and 2012. This is the first call for offers of papers, sponsorship and registration of interest for these events.

September 2011

'Animals, Man and Treescapes: the interactions between grazing animals, people and trees'

September 2012

'Beyond the Wood: ancient trees in the landscape'

For more information, offers of papers or support, and to be added to the mailing list for any of these major events, please contact:

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