

Part of the 'Wilder Visions' programme

# European Wood Pastures:

*past, present, & future*

5-7 September 2018, Sheffield



This conference, one of the **Wilder Visions** series, taking place over the next few years, addresses key issues relating to wood pastures and wood meadows in Britain & Europe. Taking a view that knowledge of landscape history can improve our understanding of the present countryside, we explore how this can help inform and influence decisions about '**futurescapes**'. With a nod to the Lawton idea of conservation needing to be bigger, bolder and more joined, we will explore ideas of wood pastures past, present and future and how these might inform **Wilder Visions**. The themes emerge as part of our long-term series of conferences and workshops going back to 1992 and bringing together multi-disciplinary approaches to consider trees, woods, treed landscapes, wilding & re-wilding, and most recently '**Wood Meadows & Pastures**'. We are especially interested in: 1) case studies of newly-created wood pastures & wood meadows, of restored wooded commons and treescapes, and of re-constructing ecologies, and of re-connecting communities to their treescapes; 2) in the history of wood meadows and pastures; 3) in wooded commons and their management; 4) in Shadow Woods (lost wood pastures and treescapes); and 5) in all associated aspects of ancient or veteran trees and their management.

**PLEASE PASS ON TO ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED!**

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**Invitation:** We invite offers of spoken and poster presentations from across Britain and beyond from a broad range of professionals, landowners, agencies and researchers to reflect the many interests, activities and projects now taking place in these remarkable habitats.

Offers of papers can be emailed to [info@hallamec.plus.com](mailto:info@hallamec.plus.com) by 31 March 2018; early submission recommended to avoid disappointment.

**Offers of support and sponsorship across the 3 days:** Please contact **Christine Handley via email or telephone (0114 2724227)** to discuss. If you wish to be put on our mailing list or to offer support or a poster presentation, please email or telephone.

**For Ideas & Discussion:** The event is chaired by Professor Ian Rotherham of Sheffield Hallam University. Please contact Ian on [i.d.rotherham@shu.ac.uk](mailto:i.d.rotherham@shu.ac.uk) if you want to discuss ideas or participation in this important event.

**More information, booking forms, and updates:**  
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