



Rewilding

Sat 25 September, 11am – 12.30pm

With Andrew Ramsey (University of Derby), Matt Buckler Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Dawn Ward (rewilding pioneer)

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The seventh in a series of Zoom events designed to celebrate and prepare for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow. These events will cover different climate themes, bringing together experts and examples of best practice to identify the actions needed to achieve a zero carbon society.

Rewilding is a process of restoring biological diversity to a state that is closer to a fully wild ecosystem. Whilst it is good for nature, it can also help to restore some of the ecosystem services that nature provides for us and provides solutions to some of our ecological problems. This session will explore rewilding from a local, national and international perspective. The speakers at this event will explain the theory behind rewilding and its relevance to a carbon zero future, what is being done by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust in partnership with local authorities and one individual's experience of rewilding land that was agricultural.



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About the speakers

Andrew Ramsey: Head of Discipline [Environmental Sciences](#), University of Derby,

Andrew is an ecologist and conservation biologist and teaches these at undergraduate and postgraduate level. He is Programme Leader for Zoology and one of the research leads for 'Eco-sustainability and evolution' in the University of Derby's ['Environmental Sustainability Research Centre'](#). Andrew is author of a blog on [Biodiversity Loss and why it Matters](#)

Matt Buckler: Head of Nature Recovery Networks for [Derbyshire Wildlife Trust](#) and Councillor for Derbyshire Dales District Council

Matt is passionate about developing creative, sustainable solutions to land management problems and engendering an awareness of the wonder and value of nature. DWT is the leading conservation charity in Derbyshire, with 49 Nature Reserves across the county and countless conservation and wellbeing projects. They have a number of [rewilding projects](#), including [Thornhill Carr Nature Reserve](#).

Dawn Ward, Local Rewilding Pioneer

Dawn has always loved growing, especially completing the full cycle with seed collection and as time went along the principles of vegan permaculture and its symbiotic relationship with nature and wildlife. She obtained just over 2 acres on the edge of the peak district in 2017, previously used for an annual cereal crop, which is slowly building biodiversity through rewilding, steered with a gentle hand.

People attending the talk will have a chance to visit Dawn's land the same afternoon to see for themselves the transformation in progress.

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