

2020 NFF conference programme

Flooding – a climate of change: working together to better manage flooding

Our nation's ambition to tackle flood risk in the face of climate change needs to increase dramatically. This conference takes a community perspective.

Programme

09.50 Welcome and Introduction – Chair – Daniel Johns

10.00 **Keynote Speech** – Minister – Rebecca Pow MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Defra has been invited

10.15 Q&A

10.25 **The challenge** – Paul Cobbing

10.40 First Refreshment Break

11.25 Workshops

The role of communities and organisations in a changing world? What is the role of communities, risk management authorities and other organisations in flood risk management? What will be needed for climate change adaptation? How can Flood Risk Management work collaboratively with Flood Action Groups? How can communities and organisations work better together? The objective is to identify specific issues that we need to work on together.

Development – Planning not to flood. The objective is to generate an open letter to Government about where planning policy needs immediate changes.

Surface water management. The lack of investment and planning is creating problems for communities. What are the solutions? Drainage and Water Management Plans, funding, roles and responsibilities.

12.25 Second Refreshment Break with lunch

13.25 **Recent flooding – reflections**

14.00 Workshops

Riparian management and drainage – What changes are needed to make drainage fit for the 21st Century – Is a different approach needed?

Catchment area management. How it should work involving all stakeholders.

The future of property protection. Do the new Code of Practice, BS Standard and EA Procurement Framework deliver the answers?

15.00 **Working together – next steps**

15.20 Networking and refreshments

16.00 Close