

Doubling Nature in Action – Agenda

OUR ORGANISATION

Natural Cambridgeshire is the Local Nature Partnership for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We are committed to protecting, preserving, and enhancing our region's natural environment.

Natural Cambridgeshire aims to achieve the highest level of environmental outcomes to benefit people, wildlife, and the local landscapes.

Our ambition is to 'Double Nature' across the region. We want to offer the opportunity for everyone who lives, works, and visits Cambridgeshire to enjoy happier and healthier lifestyles, by establishing a significant long-term recovery of nature and a world-class environment.

'DOUBLING NATURE IN ACTION' EVENT

Wednesday 16th September, 10am-12.30pm, [via Zoom](#).

AIM OF THE EVENT

Nature-based solutions will play a crucial role in addressing the challenges of our climate emergency and in the post Covid-19 recovery. We aim to take decisive next steps in delivering our doubling nature ambition.

We aim to share Natural Cambridgeshire's ambitious plans to double the area of rich wildlife habitats and natural green space across the region. We will launch our strategic spatial vision, alongside a series of practical steps and guidance to enable everyone to contribute towards doubling nature. The event will look at how the ambition will support public health, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and help promote Cambridgeshire. The audience will be a mix of businesses, strategic partners, NGOs, Local Authorities, Parish Councils, and other key stakeholders.

KEY MESSAGES

Doubling nature will:

1. Deliver significant **protection, restoration, and enhancement of key wildlife habitats** for the landscape we know and love
2. Create **healthy communities in healthy environments**. Improved green space and access to nature will help people to enjoy and appreciate the nature around them, leading to healthier and happier lives
3. Create a more **resilient countryside and communities**, where nature is at the heart of our approach to tackling the climate emergency
4. Raise levels of **local pride, aspiration, and community cohesion** by helping communities to understand, appreciate and enjoy their natural environment
5. Support a **green transport infrastructure**, where priority is given to walkers, cyclists, and riders
6. Pilot and champion **best practice sustainable development** in all aspects of future development
7. Produce **new jobs and economic opportunities** allied to the delivery of these objectives
8. Influence **environmentally friendly farming practices**, sustainable tourism, and recreational activities

The achievement of these objectives will create a better quality of life for residents and visitors through a sustainable local environment with easy access to rich and inspiring nature. Doubling nature is something that everyone – from individuals, through to developers, farmers, and councillors – can adopt in their decision-making processes to play a part in the delivery of nature recovery.

AGENDA:

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
10.00am	Introduction and vision for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Richard Astle – Chair of Natural Cambridgeshire
10.15am	Dame Fiona Reynolds - Keynote speech	Dame Fiona Reynolds
10.30am	Doubling Nature opportunities within the OxCam Arc	Councillor Bridget Smith – South Cambs District Council
10.45am	Doubling Nature Investment Plan	Adrian Cannard – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
10.55am	Q & A session	
11.10am – 11.15am	Break	
11.15am	Lord Chris Smith - Keynote speech	Lord Chris Smith
11.30am	Local Community Action Plan	Bainton Parish Council
11.45am	Benefits of farming with nature	Stephen Briggs – Whitehall Farm
12.00am	Q & A session	
12.15pm	Call to action	Richard Astle – Chair of Natural Cambridgeshire
12.25pm	Closing remarks	Councillor Anna Bailey – Leader of the Council – East Cambs District Council

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