

Agroforestry 2017:

improving productivity for farmers and foresters



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Speakers

Charlotte Smith (Chair)

Charlotte presents farming today on BBC Radio 4 and also reports for BBC 1's Countryfile. She has been covering rural affairs for 20 years. She is (from May 2017) President of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs and a former voluntary director of the Oxford Farming Conference.



Andrew Barbour

Andrew works on a family farming and forestry business in Highland Perthshire, running cattle and sheep on land that is over 1000ft altitude. Different generations of his family have developed shelter woods on the farm, and Andrew is interested in the management of pastoral woodlands and how they integrate with grassland management.



Paul Brannen

Paul was elected Member of the European Parliament in 2014. His main areas of interests include climate change mitigation and adaptation, forestry, food chain sustainability and rural development. He leads on issues related to agriculture, land use and rural affairs for the European Parliamentary Labour Party.



David Brass

David Brass and his wife Helen own The Lakes Free Range Egg Co., supplying 350 million eggs per year to retail and food service sectors. Twice Poultry Farmer of the Year, David is holder of numerous awards for innovation and environmental / sustainable agriculture. He is currently a Laying Hen Welfare Forum Member.



Stephen Briggs

Stephen is an organic arable, vegetable and fruit farmer based in Peterborough who has established the largest silvoarable scheme in the UK (52ha). He is the Director of Abacus Agriculture Consultants and Head of soil and water at Innovation for Agriculture which is part of the Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE).



Helen Browning

Helen farms organically in Wiltshire and is Chief Executive of the Soil Association. Prior to that she was Director of External Affairs at the National Trust. Helen is past Chair and still a member of the Food Ethics Council. She was awarded an OBE in 1998 for services to organic farming.



Paul Burgess

Paul is Reader in Crop Ecology and Management at Cranfield University, Secretary of the Farm Woodland Forum, and Co-ordinator of the 4 year AGFORWARD research project that is working with 26 organisations and 40 stakeholder groups across Europe to encourage innovative agroforestry practices that provide financial and environmental benefits.



Alain Canet

Alain co-founded the French Agroforestry Association in 2007 and has been chairing it since 2010. In 2014, he was also elected as the French delegate to the European Agroforestry Federation (EURAF). He edits the “Arbres en Campagne” book series, which helps him convey his passion for a fully sustainable agriculture to an ever-wider audience.



Shireen Chambers

Shireen studied forestry and soil science at Bangor University before embarking on a career overseas. She returned to the UK to work with the Central Scotland Forest and continued as a practitioner in community and urban forestry throughout the UK. She has been Executive Director of the Institute of Chartered Foresters since 2006.



Sophie Churchill

Sophie is President of the Royal Forestry Society and Chair of TREE AID, which works with farmers and communities in West Africa to address poverty and environmental degradation through trees. She was previously Chief Executive of The National Forest, which has achieved large-scale regeneration of part of the Midlands through afforestation.



Christophe Klotz

Christophe has been head of Agrivair (a subsidiary of Nestlé Waters France, in charge of mineral water protection in recharge areas) since 2012. He previously worked for a co-operative group in France where he was in charge of development, agronomy and public relations. In 2009 he obtained an MBA in Sustainable Development.



Christopher Price

A planning and environmental lawyer by background, Christopher joined the CLA as public law adviser in 2002. Now Director of Policy and Advice, he has overall responsibility for managing the CLA's national policy and advisory work, making sure that policy focuses on what matters most, and that members' queries are dealt with accurately and efficiently.



Rowan Reid

Rowan is Managing Director of the Australian Agroforestry Foundation, and has been a leader in the development of agroforestry education and extension programs in Australia, having developed the first University course and the Australian Master TreeGrower Program. He also owns Bambra Agroforestry Farm, a private agroforestry education centre.



Paul and Nicola Renison

Paul and Nicola farm 350 acres on the edge of the Pennines. They have 1000 Aberfield X ewes, contract reared dairy heifers, as well a small suckler herd, and have worked alongside the Woodland Trust helping to promote the benefits of planting hedges and trees in relation to sheep farming and water management.



Beccy Speight

Beccy has been CEO of the Woodland Trust since 2014, having previously worked for the National Trust where she was responsible for leading work on their sustainable food agenda. She has also chaired the Food for Life Catering Mark Standards Committee and contributed to national steering groups on contemporary art and engaging urban communities.



Mike Strachan

Mike is Policy and Development Officer for Forestry Commission Scotland. As Chairman of the UK Farm Woodland Forum and a member of the European Agroforestry Federation, Mike has helped to support changes at a European level to allow for Agroforestry to be an accepted measure in the Rural Development programme.



Patrick Worms

Patrick, a molecular geneticist, represents the World Agroforestry Centre, the world's premier research institution devoted to the study of the roles of trees in agricultural landscapes. Active since the 1970s, the World Agroforestry Centre has reported on the astonishing benefits of multi-crop agriculture involving trees in thousands of peer-reviewed publications.

