

APSE Refuse, Recycling, Streetscene, Grounds and Parks Seminar 2022

Reduce, Recycle, Reconnect

The role of local authorities in helping secure the UK's sustainable future



*Day one – Waste, Recycling and Streetscene
Day two – Parks and Green Spaces*

19-20 October 2022

Belton Woods Hotel, Belton NG32 2LN

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Programme

Day One: 19 October

10:00 Session One

Refuse and Recycling - State of the Market Results 2022

- Setting the local government scene
- Key findings of the survey
- Future focus

Speaker Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE

Starting over again

- External contractor problems and liquidation
- Ensuring service continuity through pre-emptive planning
- New services models and successes achieved

Speaker Steve Brunt, Joint Head of Streetscene, Bolsover District Council

Delivering high achieving and quality services year in year out

- Taking a chance, reaping the rewards - introducing 4 weekly residual collections
- Achieving 70 % recycling rates
- Piloting the Wales Deposit Return Scheme

Speaker: Jim Espley, Waste Manager, Conwy Council

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Break and exhibition viewing

11:45 Session Two

Underground Refuse – All systems go!

- The APSE Framework and the progress made
- Spades in the ground and BBC Cameras!
- Proposals for the future of underground bins

Speaker Andy Mudd Head of APSE Solutions

Achieving the impossible - Reducing domestic waste, increasing recycling rates and saving money!

- Identifying 5 key objectives
- Developing financially and environmentally sustainable services
- Organisational and resident benefits achieved

Speaker Andrew Edwards, Assistant Director Environmental & Commercial Services, Reading Borough Council

Audience question and answer session

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch and exhibition viewing

13:30 Session Three

Changing Behaviours to improve the local environment

- Keeping Wigan clean – developing community buy-in
- Creating a sustainable workforce – apprenticeships and staff development
- Outcomes and benefits achieved

Speaker Matthew Kelly, Service Manager – Parks and Streetscene, Wigan Council

Developing Nature Friendly Streets – ‘Wild Pride’ APSE Best Service Award Winner - Street Cleansing and Streetscene Service 2022

- What is a nature friendly street?
- Changing operational practices to improve opportunities for biodiversity
- Future projects and city-wide proposals

Speaker Jane Barton Commercial & Retail Marketing Manager & Charlie Roberts Biodiversity and Greenspace Policy Officer, Nottingham City Council

Making your service customer friendly for the Tik-Tok Generation

- Creating channels to engage the growing younger demographic
- Treating municipal services like a business
- Increasing education and ease of use

Speakers: Kate Raynor Commercial Relationships Manager & Tim Hobbs, Managing Director, Bartec Municipal Technologies Limited

Audience question and answer session

15:30 Close of day one

APSE Apprentice Awards and Innovation Awards 2022

National Environmental Apprentice Award 2022

Waste/ Recycling Innovation Award 2022

Best Streetscene Innovation Award 2022

Parks and Greenspaces Innovation Award 2022

7pm Arrival for 7:30pm Start

Day Two: 20 October

10:00 Session One

'Small changes making big ripples' – The impact of the Levelling Up Parks Fund

- The Levelling Up Parks Fund an explanation.
- Submissions received.
- Future plans and proposals

Speaker Aaron Gould, Head of Green Communities, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Harnessing urban green space to benefit people, planet and place

- Creating the UK's largest urban farm and eco-park on an historical brownfield site
- Green space a destination for learning, leisure and growing
- Benefits to the environment, and improve health, wellbeing and livelihoods

Speaker Anna da Silva, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Roots

The Multiple Benefits Of Developing a Tree Nursery

- The need to ensure a local source of trees
- 'Right trees - Right places, ensuring tree resilience and increasing opportunities for biodiversity
- Addressing the wider impacts of climate change

Speaker Paul Naylor, Executive Head of Neighbourhood Services, Eastleigh Borough Council

Audience question and answer session

11:15-11:45 Coffee and Exhibition Viewing

11:45 Session Two

The National Heritage Lottery Fund – the next 10 years

- From heritage parks to the urban green space estate
- Learning from Future Parks Accelerator
- Parks as a part of the place agenda

Speaker Drew Bennellick, Head of Land and Nature Policy UK National Lottery Heritage Fund

Providing apprenticeships – more than just about work knowledge

- A history of successful employment initiatives over the years
- Providing life changing experiences
- Future plans and proposals

Speaker Elspeth Watson, Training Instructor, Daldowie Training Centre, Glasgow City Council

Audience question and answer session

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

13:30 Session Three

The Use of App Technology to Monitor Greenspaces Quality and Playground Safety

- How app technology os saving time and resources
- Monitoring Greenspaces Quality and Playground Safety using APSE's digital apps
- Benefits and new ideas

Speaker Debbie Johns Head of APSE Performance Networks

Parks and Greenspaces – Future issues and considerations

- The need to address climate change
- People, Pollinators and Plant Protection Products
- Funding, career pathways and volunteers

Speaker Wayne Priestley, APSE Principal Advisor

Audience question and answer session

15:30 Close of day two

Booking Information

Who should attend:

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Waste Management and recycling professionals
- Street scene enforcement officers
- Climate change officer
- Best value officers
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Waste management and recycling consultants
- Academic researchers
- Contractors and suppliers Voluntary

About the Seminar

Its hard to believe that it is over two years since we last held a Refuse, Recycling, Street scene, Grounds and Parks Seminar.

Since this time, we have gone through an international pandemic, seen various new pieces of service specific legislation, endured several rounds of budget cuts, heard announcement of actual and promised levels of additional government funding, and more recently experienced some of the most extreme weather conditions ever seen in the UK.

The environment has never been more visible in the public eye, and as providers of services which have significant impacts on the environment, both locally, nationally and globally, it is important that we are kept informed about how our services are faring in this area of work.

Local authority frontline services are playing a major part in trying to improve the quality of the environment. Whether this be through trying to influence waste reduction or by treating the waste we do produce more sustainably as well as protecting and improving our parks and greenspaces to improve opportunities for biodiversity and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Government, local authorities and their partners are delivering strategies and practical projects which are beginning to make a difference. But as always, reducing budgets and new challenges are constantly adding to the work required to bring about positive change.

This seminar aims to highlight innovation and best practice across local authorities and their partners in addressing many of these challenges.

The event will therefore be an opportunity for elected members, officers and other key stakeholders from across a wide range of environmentally- based services to once again come together to share thoughts and views on how they are meeting the growing environmental agenda as well as the financial challenges in order to create a better, safer and more sustainable environment for both the present and future generations.

“We’re the first generation to know the full impact of what we’re doing to our planet, and the last that has the chance to do anything about it,”

Colin Butfield, Executive Director of WWF UK

The Seminar will also host the National Environmental Apprentice Award and Service Innovation Awards on the evening of the 19th of October.

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers seminar attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments and dinner on the evening of Thursday 19 October. (Packages 1 and 2 below only). Accommodation is not included.

1: Full seminar attendance including annual dinner

APSE members £265 + VAT
Non member LAs: £399
Commercial organisations: £465

2: One-day seminar attendance with annual dinner

APSE members: £225
Non member LAs: £349
Commercial organisations: £459

3: One-day seminar attendance without annual dinner

APSE members: £179
Non member LAs: £265
Commercial organisations: £379

Accommodation Bookings allocated on 'first come, first served' basis

Option A: 1 night accommodation - Dates 18 October 2022 Cost (B&B) £120*

Option B: 1 night accommodation - Dates 19 October 2022 Cost (B&B) £90* (Subsidised by APSE)

Option C: 2 nights accommodation - Dates 18 and 19 October 2022 - Cost (B&B) £210

(*) This rate is set by the venue. APSE will invoice delegates for the accommodation cost at the appropriate rate. All the above rates are exclusive of VAT. All extras must be paid direct to the hotel on departure.

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