



# APSE Southern Region Parks and Open Spaces Seminar 2022

Sustainability and Climate Change



**Thursday 24 November 2022**

The Kia Oval, London, SE11 5SS

# Programme

9:30 Registration, refreshments, and exhibition viewing

10:00 Session 1

## Green Space Provision & The Levelling Up Parks Fund

- A review of the impact of the Government's Levelling Up Parks Fund
- Is Government prepared to fund parks effectively?
- The challenge of balancing the expectations and needs of the community with the commitment of Government

**Speaker: Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE**

## Good Parks for London: Addressing the impact of climate change

- Supporting London's Parks and Green infrastructure.
- Helping councils meet the challenges posed by climate change on Parks and Open spaces.
- Encouraging park users to adopt behaviours which support green space habitats.

**Speaker: Tony Leach, Chief Executive Parks for London**

*Audience question and answer session*

11:30 Refreshments & exhibition viewing

12:00 Session 2

## Supporting mental and physical health through micro adventures and nature connectedness

- Reaping the mental health benefits through more equitable, urban nature connection.
- When active travel becomes a leisure walk and the scenic and least polluted route is best.
- Reducing stress, anxiety and social isolation by connecting with our community through the environment.

**Speaker: Hana Sutch, CEO & Co Founder, Go Jauntly**

## Lambeth's Award-Winning Parks: APSE Service Award Winner, Best Parks Grounds & Horticultural service 2022

- Significantly improving quality-of-service delivery and levels of customer satisfaction.
- Promoting environmental sustainability, and external accreditation.
- Improved capital investment, community involvement and income generation.

**Speaker: Kevin Crook, Assistant Director Neighborhoods, Lambeth Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

13:00 Lunch & Exhibition viewing

14:00 Session 3

## The benefits of "Cut and Collect" management for grassland habitats within parks and open spaces.

**Speaker: Giles Nicholson, Service Manager for Coast and Greenspace, Dorset Council**

## Public space grassland – future solutions

- Delivering more environmentally sustainable and ecologically functional spaces for biodiversity
- Adapting to climate change
- Investing in cost savings

**Speaker: Mark Schofield, Road Verges Advisor, Plantlife International**

*Audience question and answer session*

15:00 Refreshments & exhibition viewing

15:30 Session 4

## Helping Town and Parish councils identify opportunities for nature

- Helping T&PCs take positive action in tackling the ecological crisis.
- Inspiring and promoting positive action, as well as the use resources to make positive changes for nature assets.
- Guiding nature's recovery through local communications channels, supporting work and funding changes through town and parish precepts.

**Speaker: Matthew Lipton, Commons and Biodiversity Manager, South Gloucestershire Council's**

*Audience question and answer session*

16:00 Seminar Close



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# Seminar Objectives

## About the Seminar

APSE Southern Region is pleased to announce the programme for this year's Parks & Open Spaces Seminar, focusing on the provision of local parks and open spaces within the context of both sustainability and climate change.

Taking place at the renowned Oval Cricket Ground in London, the day will open with a review of Green Space Provision and the Levelling Up Fund, as well as learning how Parks for London are addressing the impact of climate change on London parks.

The CEO and CO-Founder of Go Jauntly will examine the vital role our green spaces play in supporting mental and physical health through micro adventures and nature connectedness. Hot off the back of this year's APSE Service Awards, award winners London Borough of Lambeth Council will deliver a presentation on the synergy created through promoting environmental sustainability, income generation, capital investment and customer satisfaction.

We will also discuss the benefits of "Cut and Collect" management for grassland habitats within parks and open spaces, and also hear how we can deliver more environmentally sustainable and ecologically functional spaces for biodiversity.

We will finish of the day hearing how South Gloucestershire Council is helping Town and Parish councils identify opportunities for nature in tackling the ecological crisis.

With the combined benefit of expert input and lessons learned from entrepreneurial sector trailblazers and local authority experts, we look forward to welcoming you to The Kia Oval Cricket Ground to explore with like-minded colleagues the sustained future provision of public parks and green spaces.

## Who should attend

Everyone with an interest in parks and green spaces management, sustainability and climate change.

## Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

### What's included?

*The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.*

Member: **£179+VAT**

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