

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September

	General ecology VH 1.07	Soil science, pollution and biotechnology VH 2.60
<b>0920-0930</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> Phil Buckley (CCCU Ecology Research Group Chair)	
<b>0930-1000</b>	<b>KEYNOTE TALK</b> Bhim Badahur Ghaley (Copenhagen University) Agro-ecological practices for sustainable food and feed production and multifunctional landscapes	
<b>1000-1020</b>	Iain Fraser: Consumer preferences for Known Wild Provenance plants in the horticultural trade	
<b>1020-1040</b>	Adriana Consorte-McCrea: Human-wildlife interaction as an imperative of Biodiversity Conservation	
<b>1040-1100</b>	Jeremy Hagggar: Seeking Sustainability in Coffee Agroecosystems	
<b>1100-1130</b>	Coffee break	
<b>1130-1150</b>	Konstantinos Tsilios: Establishing nesting sites for ground nesting bees: Impacts of soil and vegetation	
<b>1150-1210</b>	Stan Smith: Wilder Blean - Design, set up and early findings	Marieke Bloemink: Marine microplastics: An assessment of the North Kent coastline
<b>1210-1230</b>	Lewis Halsey: Energy compensation in animals, including humans	Matevz Papp-Rupar: Recycling coconut coir substrate in strawberry production
<b>1230-1240</b>	Break	
<b>1240-1300</b>	Nicola Sheppard: Make Pine Martens Kentish again	Himani Taneji: Development and optimisation of a lab-scale process for biological treatment of phenolic and lignin-rich effluents using biofilm-membranes formed by <i>Neurospora discreta</i>
<b>1300-1320</b>	Jon Bramley/Oliver Parfitt: The Beaver population in East Kent	Shamaz Tabraiz: Effect of nutrients on biofilms properties of <i>Neurospora discreta</i>
<b>1320-1340</b>	Peter Vujakovic: The Living and the dead: churchyards as urban wildlife hubs	Spyridoula Gerasimidou: Challenges and trade-offs of a wider adoption of bio-based plastics in food packaging value chain through a system thinking approach
<b>1340-1440</b>	Lunch break	
<b>1440-1500</b>	Chris Harvey: Discovering cryptic diversity: The case of the Shining Ramshorn Snail	Ximena Chamorro Bolaños Manufacture of Lightweight Aggregates (LWA) as an option for recycling Air Pollution Control Residues (APCr)
<b>1500-1520</b>	Harry Sanders: Non-native domination of benthic fauna in The Norfolk Boards, UK, and commensalism between non-native Ponto-Caspian taxa at the landscape scale	Chris Ferguson: From abandoned to abundant – remediating India's contaminated farmland
<b>1520-1540</b>	Allan Baino: Using stable isotopes to estimate diet composition in Gyps vultures over space and time	Earthworms and zinc pollution: time for a new approach to earthworm toxicity studies
<b>1540-1550</b>	Break	
<b>1550-1610</b>	Tanvi Agarwal: Understanding farmers' cropping decisions and implications for crop diversity conservation: Insights from Central India	Alex Vujakovic: Evolution of diversity explains the impact of pre-adaptation of a focal species on the structure of a natural microbial community
<b>1610-1630</b>	Identification of female sex pheromone for monitoring the Barred Tooth Striped Moth, <i>Trichopteryx polycommata</i> , a priority conservation species	Heavy Metal Contamination (Cu, Pb and Cd) of Washed and Unwashed Roadside Wild Blackberries ( <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> )
<b>1630-1650</b>	Phil Buckley: Beaver impact in context	Ria Devereu: Impact of New Year firework displays on the microplastic abundance within the River Thames
<b>1650-1710</b>		Gregg McIntosh: Magnetic biomonitoring of air quality across Kent

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Time	Grassification policy workshop VH 1.07
<b>0940-1000</b>	Marcella Fernandes De Souza: Creating value from roadside grass clippings – main results from the Grassification project
<b>1000-1020</b>	Mark Schofield: Highways for wildlife - managing our road verge networks and public open spaces for economically sustainable biodiversity gain
<b>1020-1040</b>	Kate Petty: Transforming the UK's road verges
<b>1040-1100</b>	Robbie Still: Bugs Matter - A citizen science app for monitoring insect abundance
<b>1100-1130</b>	Coffee break
<b>1130-1150</b>	Henry Dymoke: Grass verge harvesting
<b>1150-1210</b>	Aesthetics of road verges: understanding the public perception of “visually appealing” habitats
<b>1210-1230</b>	Naomi Beddoe: Rintoul-Beddoe scoring system for grasslands and marginal land
<b>1230-1330</b>	Lunch break
<b>1330-1530</b>	Discussion: Opportunities and challenges for sustainable verge management in the UK and beyond