

Outstanding Landscapes and Natural Beauty:

Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Forum 2018

At: Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh, CO8 5EA

By kind invitation of Robert and Sara Erith

On: Friday 15 June 2018

- 9:00-9:30 Arrival, registration, and tea/coffee**
- 9:30-9:35 Welcome to the Forum:**
Robert Erith TD DL, Forum Chairman and Chairman of the Partnership
Key issues in the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley over the last 12 months
- 9:35-9:40 Work of the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project**
Cllr Nigel Chapman, Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee
Then and Now. What the staff team has done and plans to do next
- 9:40-9:50 Outstanding Landscapes and Natural Beauty: What does it all mean?**
Simon Amstutz, AONB Manager
A personal reflection on designated landscapes
- 9:50-10:10 The River Stour Festival 2018**
Ruth Philo
A celebration of the river, its culture, communities and surrounding landscapes
- 10:10-10:30 Question and Answer Session**
Robert Erith, Nigel Chapman, Simon Amstutz and Ruth Philo
- 10:30-11:00 Break. Refreshments and Networking Opportunity**
- 11:00-11:05 Welcome Back, Robert Erith TD DL**
- 11:05-11:20 Suffolk Preservation Society's role in the Conservation of AONBs**
Fiona Cairns, Director, Suffolk Preservation Society
- 11:20-11:40 How farming policy can contribute to Natural Beauty and public good**
Graeme Willis, Rural Policy Campaigner, Campaign to Protect Rural England
- 11:40-12:00 A view from Suffolk `Creating the Greenest County**
David Barker MBE
- 12:00-12:20 Question and Answer Session, followed by closing statement from chairman**
Fiona Cairns, Graeme Willis and David Barker MBE chaired by Robert Erith TD DL
- 12:20-1:00 Buffet Lunch and networking opportunity**
- From 1:00: Site Visits (SV) more detail over page. Site visits will involve transfer (limited minibus spaces available)**

SV1 Daws Hall Details over

SV2 Loshes Meadow

If you wish to attend the Forum please answer and return the following questions:

Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Requiring lunch (yes or no, please be aware we will be requesting a £5.00 donation):

Preferred Site Visit/No Site Visit/ and if transport requested:

Dietary/Access Requirements:

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Simon Amstutz, AONB Manager

SV1 Daws Hall (1.00-3:30pm)

An opportunity to hear about the history and wildlife at this 25-acre wildlife haven on the Essex-Suffolk border dedicated to environmental education:

Led by Major Iain Grahame and Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project staff

SV2 Loshes Meadow (1:00-3:30pm)

A visit to one of Essex Wildlife Trust's reserves to hear about its wildlife and the conservation work that goes into maintaining this fabulous reserve.

Led by Robin Hart and Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project staff