



West Midlands Regional ARG Conference

18th July 2021

Online Zoom Conference



'Managing reptile and amphibian conservation in a time of increasing public pressure on wildlife'

10:00 – 10:10	<i>Housekeeping & introduction, Amber Hopgood, Birmingham and Black Country ARG</i>
10:10 - 10:30	<i>The effects of public access on amphibians and reptiles: A look at the evidence – Paul Edgar (Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust)</i>
10:30 - 10:50	<i>Ice Age Ponds Project: Small Ponds and the Impact of People – Will Watson (Herefordshire Amphibian and Reptile Team)</i>
10:50 - 11:10	<i>The status of reptiles and amphibians in Birmingham and the Black Country and how Nature Recovery Networks can aid their conservation – Natalie Norton (Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust)</i>
11:10 - 11:30	<i>Refreshment break</i>
11:30 - 11:50	<i>ARG UK perspective on adders and the 'Adders Are Amazing!' project – Chris Monk (Amphibian and Reptile Groups UK)</i>
11:50 - 12:10	<i>Grass snake conservation and monitoring in a fragmented Black Country landscape – Paul Wilkinson (Birmingham and Black Country ARG)</i>
12:10 - 12:30	<i>Designing Herptile Habitats in Post-Human Landscapes – Natalie Walker (Warwickshire Amphibian and Reptile Team, NW Ecology)</i>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 - 14:30	<i>Workshop: Engagement vs. disturbance – balancing public access with conservation priorities Angela Julian & Zara Linehan (Oxfordshire ARG)</i>
14:30 – 14:50	<i>Refreshment break</i>
14:50 – 15:10	<i>Are adders on the edge in the Cotswolds? – Angela Julian, Ben Rigsby (Gloucestershire ARG) and Kaylee Parkes (Oxfordshire ARG)</i>
15:10 – 15:30	TBC
15:30 – 15:40	<i>Closing remarks and thanks, Chris Monk, Chair of Trustees, ARG UK</i>
15:45	<i>End of conference</i>

