

North West ARG UK Conference

Saturday November 19th 2016

The Manchester Museum

University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL

- 10.00 Registration and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome and introductions: Andrew Gray
- 10.40 *Confessions of a Newt Fancier*: Rick Parker
- 11.05 *Reptiles: pioneer species well suited to the recolonisation of industrial landscapes*: John Newton
- 11.30 Quick leg stretch
- 11.45 *How can genetic techniques help us understand great crested newt population dynamics?* Samantha Hook
- 12.10 *Conservation genetics in amphibians: Integrating spatial and temporal population processes*: Dr Robert Jehle
- 12.35 *The size and age structure of great crested newt populations: case studies from North West England*: David Orchard
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 *Risky ranaviruses and UK Herpetofauna*: Dr. Trent Garner
- 2.25 *Amphibians and agriculture: How do agricultural conservation management techniques stand up to scrutiny?* Joe Reynolds
- 2.50 *Introduced grass snakes in the UK - what's the deal?* Anthony Von Plettenberg Laing
- 3.15 Quick leg stretch
- 3.30 *The influence of host population structure on susceptibility to chytridiomycosis*: Donal Smith
- 3.55 *Gems in the Dunes: helping Sefton Coast's threatened herpetofauna and other dune wildlife*: Angela Julian
- 4.15 Closing remarks: David Orchard



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