

# ALERC Conference

## 2020

October 6th

Online through Microsoft Teams

## Great Expectations

In the coming months and years a new set of environmental policies is set to shake things up. But what will the implications be for LERCs?

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2020 has brought about an unprecedented set of circumstances. Changes to the way we work are coupled with the biggest update to environment policy for decades and so for the first time we are planning a fully online event to tackle some very important issues. LERCs are invited to come together across the air waves and the wires to hear more about these changes and to talk about how they can address them and support each other through ALERC.

### Morning

#### Changes to the Environmental Policy Landscape

NatureScot

Natural Resources Wales

The Wildlife Trusts

Buglife

#### Soapboxes

Your chance to air any issue you want - five minutes and one slide

### Afternoon

#### ALERC Annual General Meeting

#### LERC Voice

A new feature of ten minute talks with five minutes for questions covering the hot topics, technical developments and cutting edge work that LERCs are currently involved in.

Areas being discussed are:

Drones

UKHAB

Local Nature Recovery Strategies

Planning and Biodiversity

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### Detailed Programme

1000 - 1005 Welcome

1005 - 1135 Changes to the Environmental Policy Landscape:

1. Brian Eardley, NatureScot
2. Barny Letheren, Natural Resources Wales
3. Sue Young, TWT

1135 - 1205 A Bug's Eye View - Jamie Robins, Buglife

1205 - 1215 Comfort Break

1215 - 1245 Soapboxes

1245 - 1330 Lunch

1330 - 1415 ALERC AGM

1 Apologies, 2 Chair's report, 3 Treasurer's report, 4 National Coordinator report, 5 Appointments, 6 Any other business.

1415 - 1515 LERC Voice

1. Drones - Leon Debell - Somerset ERC
2. UKHAB - James Probert - Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
3. Local Nature Recovery Strategies - To be confirmed
4. Planning and Biodiversity - Eleni Foui - GiGL

1515 - Summing Up and Farewell

# Steps for a Great Online Conference 2020

This is first time that ALERC has attempted to hold an online event this large. We've chosen to use a platform that most if not all of you are familiar with, Microsoft Teams. Whilst most of us will have experienced Teams for meetings of relatively few people, for a relatively short period of time, it is less likely that we have used it for a conference potentially numbering over 100 attendees. Therefore it's necessary to describe how the conference is expected to work, including a few rubrics for a smooth and efficient event.

## Joining

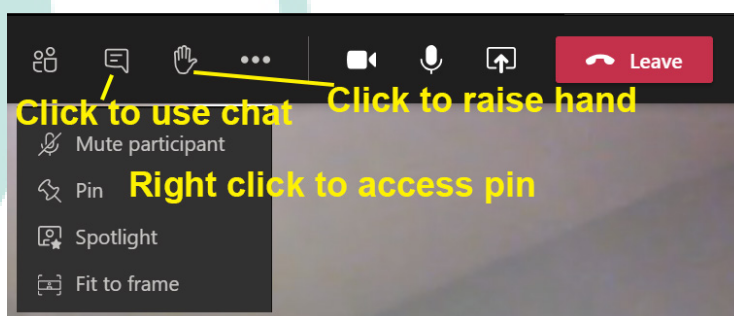
The event will open early at 0930 to allow people to log on. It will be set up to allow you to go straight in so that we don't need to dedicate someone to admitting attendees. We are not therefore checking names off against those who have booked, so please don't pass the link on to anyone who hasn't made a booking.

People who join early are welcome to chat to each other, either through their microphones or the text chat console. However, shortly before the conference is due to start, everyone's microphones will be muted.

## During the talks

For those of you who are unaware, there is a "pin" on Teams that when pressed allows the user to send a particular speaker's video to full screen. This is accessible by right clicking and can be a useful feature and enhance the experience.

There is time for questions and answers at the end of talks and you are welcome to use the hand raising function on teams if you want to ask a questions. The session chair will then turn to each question in turn. You are welcome to ask your question through your microphone but you will have to unmute yourself. Please remember to do this before asking the question. If you prefer not to speak, you can submit your question in the chat. If we run out of time before your question can be asked, please put it in the chat anyway. Hopefully the speakers will be able to stay online for a while after their talks are finished and answer the questions in the chat. If this is not possible, then they can still be forwarded on after the event.



Twitter can be a good way of discussing the conference before, during and after the event. The suggested tag this year is #ALERC20.

Please refer to the agenda for the times of breaks so you can get a cup of tea etc. without missing any of the talks.

## After the event

The meeting will be kept open for a period after the event closes for people to chat if they want to. Feedback will be collected through a short online form this year that can be accessed here and will be accepting responses from 1430.

We hope you enjoy the 2020 conference.