

**Cranborne Chase
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**



**Annual Planning and Transportation Seminar
Tuesday 10th May 2016
9:30am to 4:15pm**

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall, Common Road, SP5 5NJ

**Landscapes in Planning
Helping to get things right in this AONB**

Conserving and enhancing natural beauty are the purposes of AONB designation so planning has a big role in making that happen. Success requires a focus on landscapes, wildlife, and heritage assets which involves a range of professional skills and community engagement.

This seminar is aimed at planners, landscape architects, and highway staff in public service and commercial consultancy, together with developers and their agents, and community members and their representatives.

We will have an **interactive approach to landscape and AONB issues** in:

- Planning application consultations
- Local and Neighbourhood Plan consultations
- The provision of Position Statements and Good Practice Notes
- Managing the landscape corridors of rural highways
- Landscape Character and Sense of Place
- Charges for pre-application advice
- Sustaining the rural economy

Participants will learn and share experiences through presentations and team exercises. Group activities will involve farm diversification, rural green tourism, landscape impacts, the rural economy, and conserving and enhancing sense of place. A key aim will be to enhance consultation responses and development proposals so that they focus both on AONB issues and helping planning officers and the decision making processes.

We are very pleased to be joined for the day by some **national experts**:

Merrick Denton-Thompson OBE FLI. Merrick is the President Elect of the Landscape Institute (President for 2016-2018), Chair of the Policy Committee, and both a Trustee and Fellow of the Landscape Institute. He is a founding Trustee of Learning Through Landscapes (LTL); as a Landscape Architect Merrick developed a unique vision for the potential of school grounds to give children a positive experience of the natural world and benefit from experiential learning. Before retiring Merrick was Assistant Director of Hampshire's

Environment Department, he is a Trustee and Chairs Marwell Zoo's Conservation and Education Committee, and was a founding Board member of Natural England.

Karin Taylor BA Hons B.TP MRTPI CMLI FRGS is a geographer, planner and landscape manager and is Head of Land Use Planning for the National Trust. Prior to moving to the Trust, Karin worked in local government for 26 years and was active in keeping a watchful eye on a key part of this AONB when she worked for Salisbury District Council before the formal establishment of the AONB Partnership.

Christine Tudor BA (Hons), Dip LP, MPhil LA, CMLI, FRGS. Senior Specialist - Landscape & Seascape Officer, Natural England. Christine has worked in the voluntary, private and public sectors. She has a background in planning and Landscape Architecture, and is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Christine is NE's lead on landscape character, landscape character assessment, and related methodologies (e.g. landscape and visual impact assessment). She has recently updated the standard guidance on how to do landscape character assessments. Christine sits on the Landscape Institute's Technical Committee.

AONB team: Director, Linda Nunn BA MSc MCMA FCI
Landscape and Planning Advisor, Richard Burden BSc DipCons
MSc FLI CMCIPD CMCI(rtd) PPLI
Team support officer, Shirley Merrick

Outline programme

Merrick will be sharing his thoughts about how to counteract locally the resource restrictions in the government's national advisory body on landscape matters, achieving more for less through greater delegation of landscape management funding, and the roles of AONB Management Plans.

The National Trust recently supported some research on the operation of planning processes in AONBs and their settings. **Karin** will explain the outcomes, what they mean for the National Trust and AONBs, and how we can all try to do better!

Understanding landscape character and sense of place are fundamental to managing change in sensitive landscapes. Neighbourhood planning by local communities aims to put local detail on strategic plans; **Christine** will explain how and why landscape character assessment is of key importance in that process.

The AONB team (largely Linda Nunn and Richard Burden) will provide updates on the latest AONB Position Statements and Good Practice Notes, progress towards Dark Night Sky status, The Cranborne Chase Landscape Trust, Guidance on managing the landscapes of the AONB's rural roads, and charges for supplementary pre-application landscape and planning advice.

This seminar can count towards Continuing Professional Development and a certificate of attendance can be provided.