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## PlantNetwork Conference 2019: Climate Change and Gardens

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Abbotsbury Sub-tropical Gardens, Dorset

Please note that the programme is subject to change

Day 1	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Speaker
9.30 – 10.30	Registration & Coffee and opportunity to look around the garden	
10.30 – 10.45	Welcome	Simon Toomer Chair of PlantNetwork & Stephen Griffith
Session title: Climate change in the UK Chair: tbc		
10.45 – 11.15	Nice weather for ducks: an environmental perspective	Dr Rebecca Slack, PlantNetwork Coordinator
11.15 - 11.45	Strawberries at Christmas? Variability and change in UK climate	Dr Mark McCarthy, Manager National Climate Information Centre, Met Office
11.45 – 12.15	Applied soil management to ameliorate climate change and protect the plant rhizosphere	Dr Marc Redmile-Gordon, Senior Scientist for Soil and Climate Change, RHS
12.15 – 12.45	Evolution in action? Public perception of non-native planting in the designed urban landscape	Dr Helen Hoyle, Senior Lecturer in Healthy Built Environments, University of the West of England
12.45 – 13.00	Climate change and Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens	Stephen Griffith, Curator of Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch & Networking	
14.00 – 14.30	PlantNetwork 22 <sup>nd</sup> AGM	Simon Toomer, PlantNetwork Chair
Session title: Planting choices in a changing climate. Chair: tbc		
14.30 – 15.30	GARDEN TOUR	Stephen Griffith & team
Coffee		
15.45 – 16.15	Plant choices in a changing climate - conservation, environment & horticulture	John Edmiston, Director, Tropical Britain
16.15 – 16.45	Challenges of a changing environment	Richard Baines, Curator of Logan Botanic Garden
16.45 - 17.15	Using plant and tree selection in historical and designed landscapes to better adapt to climate change	Simon Toomer, National Specialist for Plant Conservation at the National Trust
17.15 – 18.00	Lightning Talks and Discussion	Opportunities for delegates to talk about climate-related issues, problems & solutions
18.00	Close	
From 18.30	Conference dinner	

**Day 2 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

<b>Session title: Building resilience in gardens. Chair: tbc</b>		
09.00 – 09.05	Welcome to Day 2	PlantNetwork
09.05 – 09.35	Doing your bit in the climate crisis	Augusta Grand, Head of Policy, Eden Project
09.35 – 10.05	Title TBC	Mark Roberts, National Trust Water Specialist
10.05 – 10.35	Water management in gardens: building resilience (TBC)	Marcus White, Hydreau Consulting Engineers
10.35 – 11.05	Resilient trees: planning for the future	Mark Broadmeadow, Principal Adviser Climate Change, Forestry Commission
11.05 – 11.30	<b>Coffee</b>	
<b>Session title: Plant issues in a changing climate. Chair: tbc</b>		
11.30 – 12.00	New innovations & challenges for biological control at garden sites	Julian Ives, Dragonfli Ltd.
12.00 – 12.30	Ornamental plants: a threat to the environment due to climate change?	Tomos Jones, PhD student, University of Reading
12.30 – 13.00	Title TBC	Dr Richard Shaw, Country Director CABI UK/Regional Coordinator Invasives
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>	
14.00 – 14.05	Conference outcomes	PlantNetwork
14.05 - close	Tour of nearby gardens: seeing spring displays and finding out what measures are being adopted to make gardens more climate resilient	Stephen Griffith