



## ***University of Bristol Horticultural Officers' Conference Tuesday 8 April - Friday 11 April 2014***

### **Tuesday 8 April**

*Conference Attendees make their own way to Bristol*

1.00 pm Registration & Refreshments at Hotel

1.45 pm Welcome

2.30 pm Bus tour of Bristol

**Objective:** *The University of Bristol is dispersed throughout North Bristol (and beyond), this tour will provide the opportunity to orientate attendees with the estate and some of the landmarks – including the University's Wills Memorial Building.*

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4.00 pm Precinct walking Tour

**Objective:** *The walking tour will introduce Humphry Repton's c1800's Royal Fort Garden; new landscaping schemes and habitats (for discussion); Will's Memorial Building and viewing of one of William Smith's 'Father of English Geology' c 1815 strata map.*

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5.00 pm Walk to Manor Hall/Clifton Hill House (~10 minute)

**Objective:** *Opportunity to discuss all things Bristol: Geology; green infrastructure; ship building; merchants; slavery; the industrial revolution; the English civil war; WWII (pillboxes and air-raid shelters). Once at Clifton Hill House we will introduce some of the volunteers who are recreating a 17<sup>th</sup> century garden.*

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5.30 pm Value Management (Chris Strong – Rock Pipit)

**Objective:** *Rock Pipit has assisted University of Bristol Estates to establish best value for a number of large building projects over the last decade. Chris's talk will focus on team building using the analogy of a bee hive!*

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6.30 pm Evening Meal at Clifton Hill House

7.30 pm Return to Hotel





Bristol's Millennium Square

### **Wednesday 9 April**

8.00 am Breakfast at hotel

9.00 am Coach pick up for Bath Spa

10.00 am Welcome at Bath Spa University followed by tour (incl. refreshments)

**Objective:** *The Bath Spa grounds nestle in the beautiful grounds of Newton Park. Our theme of great English landscapes continues with the eighteenth century 'Capability' Brown design.*

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12.30 pm Return to Coombe Dingle Sports Complex

1.00 pm Lunch

1.45 pm Introduction to Coombe Dingle & Ransomes Jacobson Ltd Demonstration

**Objective:** *Grounds Manager Peter Hudson will introduce attendees to the sport complex, including: 10 outdoor tennis courts (4 floodlit); 2 netball courts; 2 floodlit artificial pitches (water and sand); 3 football pitches; 5 rugby pitches; 2 lacrosse pitches; 4 cricket pitches; 3 artificial cricket nets; rounders and softball facilities; Pavilion and Marquee. This will also be an opportunity to trial a large range of equipment supplied by this leading manufacturer under the Jacobsen, Ransomes, E-Z-Go, Cushman, Smithco, Turfco, Ryan and Iseki brands.*

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4.30 pm Refreshments

6.00 pm Evening Meal at Coombe Dingle

7.30 pm Return to Hotel



The Coombe Dingle Pavilion

## Thursday 10 April

- 8.00 am Breakfast at Hotel
- 9.15 am Coach Pick up for Wild Place & Zoo
- 10.00 am Introduction of Wild Place & Bristol Zoological Gardens including refreshments  
**Objective:** *Head of Horticulture - Eddie Mole (Chair of the EAZA Zoo Horticulture Group; Committee member; BIAZA Plant Working Group Trustee; Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh Guild) will talk about his fantastic planted designs and challenges in maintaining grounds which have intensive pressure from footfall.*
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- 1.00 pm Lunch & AGM – Linnaeus Study Room
- 2.30 pm Tour of University of Bristol Botanic Garden
- 4.00 pm Talk & refreshments (Mike Oxford)  
**Objective:** *Mike Oxford is an independent Environmental Services Professional who has been instrumental in helping to make accessible complex legislation. Mike will explain the benefits for establishing pragmatic management plans such as Planning and Biodiversity: Developing Opportunities through Change.*
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- 5.00 pm Return to Hotel
- 7.00 pm Formal Dinner & Guest Speaker (Mike Oxford)





Bristol Harbour

**Friday 11 April**

8.00 am Breakfast at Hotel

9.00 am Conference Ends (for those not attending Tyntesfield\*)

**Optional Excursion is at additional cost and pre-booked**

10.00 am Coach pick up for Tyntesfield

10.30 am Refreshments followed by Garden & House tours

12.30 pm Return to Bristol

*Tyntesfield Estate*

*“Terraced lawns give way to spacious parkland filled with hundreds of trees collected by the family, and a glorious walled kitchen garden beyond. The rolling Somerset hills in the distance create an atmospheric backdrop at any time of the year.”*



Tyntesfield House