

Managing Canada Geese in an effective and humane way

Alveston Manor Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon, Monday 15th October 2007



Invitation

In 2005, the historic riverside town of Stratford-upon-Avon became the first town outside the United States of America to implement the Geese Peace programme for the control of its local Canada Geese population.

So effective was the programme that the volunteers successfully reduced the number of Canada Geese from the central riverside area from 700 to less than 100 during the summer months, which ensured our residents and visitors could better enjoy the beautiful river Avon.

The Stratford programme attracted national press and television attention which, in turn, alerted many other British local authorities to seek advice about how to implement the programme in their own towns. It was therefore decided to hold this first international conference in order to impart to others the lessons learnt in Stratford.

We are very pleased to welcome again to Stratford, **David Feld, US Geese Peace National Programme Director** as well as **Dr. T. E. Tew, Chief Scientist of Natural England** who will be able to impart their own experience of managing wildlife both effectively and humanely.

GEESEPEACE 2005 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Awarded to Stratford-upon-Avon Town Management Partnership

In recognition of outstanding leadership in resolving wildlife conflicts humanely, effectively and without controversy

There will be informative speakers, plenty of time for questions and answers, and practical demonstrations. The course will feature a river trip on the Avon, with lunch, for the delegates to witness first hand the herding process.

If you would like to attend the conference please complete and return the form overleaf. Please ensure that your application form is returned by Monday 3rd September 2007 to guarantee your place.

If you have any questions with regard to the conference – or any aspect of the Geese Peace programme – please call Julie Bennett at the Stratford-upon-Avon Town Management Partnership on 01789 299011.

We look forward to welcoming you to an exciting and informative day.



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09.00 – 09.15	Registration
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Session I: The Issues

09.15 – 09.25	Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman, Ian Prosser, Stratford Society
09.25 – 09.40	Origins of the Programme: Local Authority Perspective, Robert Weeks, Head of Environment, Stratford on Avon District Council
09.40 – 10.20	Insights and Experience from the US GeesePeace Programme, David Feld, National Programme Director, GeesePeace USA
10.20 – 10.50	Overview of the Stratford-upon-Avon GeesePeace Programme, Andrew Cooper, Town Manager, Stratford-upon-Avon
10.50 – 11.30	Discussion: Facilitator, Prof. Ian Heggie, Stratford-upon-Avon Town Management Partnership & Stratford Society
11.30 – 11.50	Tea/Coffee break
11.50 – 12.20	'Managing Wildlife - Natural England's view', Dr Tom E Tew, Chief Scientist, Natural England
12.20 – 12.50	Discussion: Facilitator, Prof. Ian Heggie
12.50 – 13.00	Walk to boat mooring
13.00 – 14.50	Buffet lunch on the river, including demonstration of herding
14.50 – 15.00	Return to hotel
15.00 – 15.30	Discussion on Herding / Question & Answer session



Session II: Parallel Workshop Sessions

15.30 – 16.00		
Room X: Egg Oiling	Room Y: Egg Oiling	Room Z: Egg Oiling
16.00 – 16.20	Tea / Coffee Break	
16.20 – 16.40		
Room X: Responsible Feed	Room X: Responsible Feed	Room X: Responsible Feed

Session III: Wrap Up and Conclusions

16.40 – 17.00	Key Messages Emerging from the Conference and Next Steps, Prof. Ian Heggie
17.00	End

