



# The Sibthorp Trust Ecosystems and Health Workshop

4th & 5th July

## Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool

### Ecosystems and human health

This workshop aims to take a critical look at the evidence for the link between ecosystems and human health and examine some of the policy implications of these links for the UK. The workshop will focus on three key aspects of this broad topic: the influence of access to green spaces and nature on well-being; the current and potential future threats to human health from diseases in the wild that can be transmitted to humans; and the role of ecosystems in reducing the exposure of people to pollutants.

### About the Sibthorp Trust

The Sibthorp Trust was set up in 1991 with a bequest by Mary Sibthorp and is managed by a Board of Trustees from senior positions in UK Government agencies, NGOs, academia and industry. The Trust also has a close association with IUCN. Secretariat services for the Trust are provided by the Institute for Sustainable Water, Integrated Management and Ecosystem Research (SWIMMER) at the University of Liverpool. The aim of the Trust is to promote the study and discussion of key environmental issues, taking a challenging and critical approach. More information on the Trust and our previous activities can be found on our website [www.sibthorp.org.uk](http://www.sibthorp.org.uk).

### Day 1 - 4th July

10:00	Registration	
11:00	Chairman's introduction	Roger Crofts – Sibthorp Trust
11:10	Paper 1 Ecosystems and Health - An Overview	Conor Kretsch - COHAB Initiative
12:00	Paper 2 Links between nature and health	Dave Stone – Natural England
12:45	Lunch	
13:45	Paper 3 Green Exercise: Policy Implications for Health and Nature	Joanna Peacock – Centre for Environment and Society
14:30	Paper 4 Practical applications of green space and health	William Bird – Natural England
15:15	Discussion workshops	
17:00	Close and reception	

### Day 2 - 5th July

08:45	Registration	
09:15	Chairman's introduction	Roger Crofts
09:25	Paper 5 Evidence for the effects of ecosystems on pollutant exposure	Alistair Boxall – University of York
10:10	Paper 6 Case studies from the UK and policy implications	Danielle Sinnett – Forest Research Ed Maltby – SWIMMER
10:55	Break	
11:10	Paper 7 Evidence for the link between ecosystems and zoonoses	Diana Bell - UEA
11:55	Paper 8 New and emerging zoonoses and zoonotic policy and management	Harry Bailie - DEFRA
12:40	Lunch	
13:30	Paper 9 Emerging zoonoses in the UK	Tony Hart – National Centre for Zoonosis Research
14:15	Discussion workshops	
16:00	Summing up	Sir Martin Holdgate
16:30	Close	

## Registration

This is a free event but registration is necessary. The deadline for registration is 28<sup>th</sup> June. To register, please send an email to [register@sibthorp.org.uk](mailto:register@sibthorp.org.uk), or telephone 0151 795 4655, with your contact details and any special requirements. If you are only planning to attend one of the two days please indicate when registering.

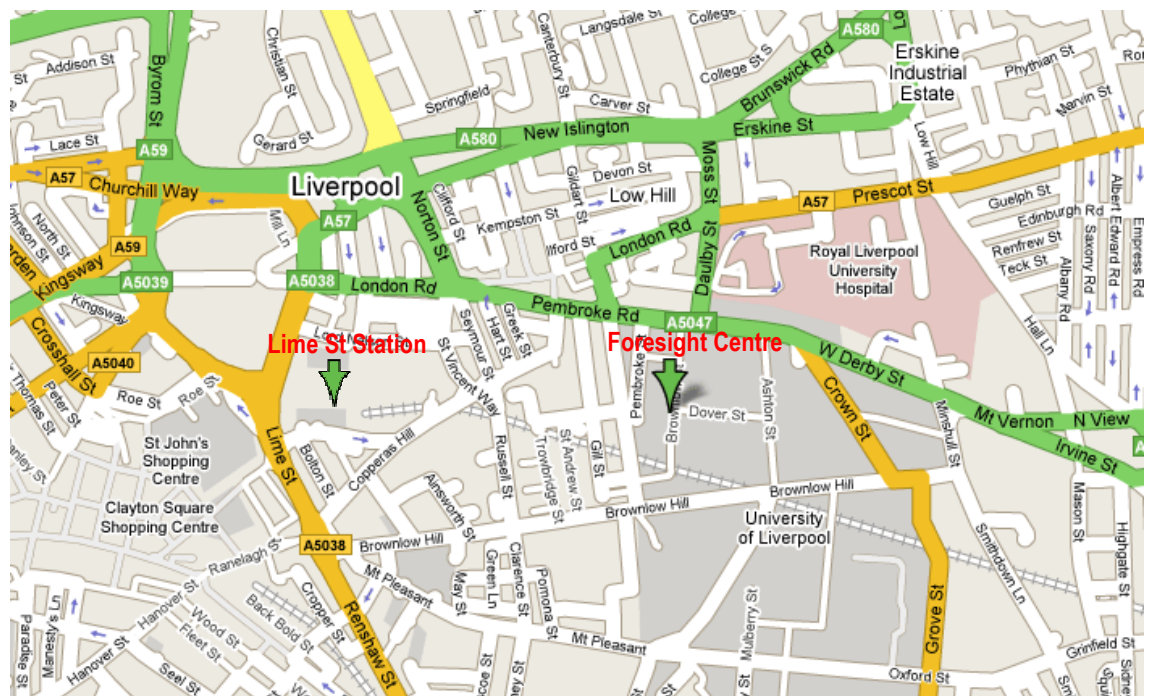
## Venue

The workshop will be held in the Foresight Centre on the University of Liverpool campus, less than ten minutes walk from Liverpool Lime Street Station.

The Foresight Centre,  
University of Liverpool,  
1 Brownlow Street,  
Liverpool,  
L69 3GL.

Full directions for arriving by car or public transport can be found at: [www.foresightcentre.co.uk/location.html](http://www.foresightcentre.co.uk/location.html)

Free car parking is available for workshop delegates.



## Accommodation

Accommodation details are available on request.

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