



Resilient Landscapes - applying archaeological survey and understanding to holistic Nature Recovery

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November 2026

Memorial Hall, Pickering & the North York Moors National Park

The Landscape Survey Group's 2026 conference will combine a day of in-person presentations followed by a field visit to the North York Moors on the second day.

The diverse landscapes of the North York Moors provide a fitting backdrop to this year's LSG conference and its theme *Resilient Landscapes*. A huge moorland wildfire across the central area in 2025 brought this topic centre stage, and local historic environment and conservation teams are working hard to record the impacts, mitigate the damage and prepare for the future. We look forward to welcoming you to North Yorkshire where this place-based decision-making can be seen in practice.

The conference will explore the growing role of landscape archaeology in shaping nature recovery, climate resilience and long-term land management. It seeks to bring together archaeologists, heritage / ecology / conservation professionals, land managers and community groups to consider how applied archaeological knowledge and investigation can help support better decision-making. At a time when environmental change is accelerating, this conference asks how the deep-time perspective of landscape archaeology can help shape more resilient futures. By reading the past carefully, we can act in ways that respect complexity, protect heritage, restore ecological value and strengthen the relationship between people and place.

Papers are sought on how archaeological evidence, historic landscape character, traditional land-use and community memory can all contribute to more integrated approaches to nature recovery. Focus will be placed on recent case studies where landscape archaeology has helped develop collaborative, landscape-level restoration and recovery strategies. Projects may include (but need not be restricted to) improving biodiversity, habitat creation or other landscape management work. Presentations should show how archaeological survey, including field observation and recording, aerial survey methodologies and local knowledge can reveal not only what survives, but how that understanding can support practical management, partnership working and wider public benefit.

If you would like to contribute a 20-minute paper or a poster to the Friday programme, please send titles and abstracts (250 words maximum) to andrew.burn@historicengland.org.uk **by 31st July 2026**.

Bursaries to assist towards the cost of attendance are available, please email LSG's event officer nathalie.barrett@historicengland.org.uk for details and for any other event information.

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