



**Conservative Party Conference  
Countryside Alliance  
Fringe Events 2019  
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**Unpacking Environmentalism**

**Location:** Manchester  
**Venue:** Exchange 2 & 3 Combined, Manchester Central (inside the secure zone)  
**Date:** Monday 30 September  
**Time:** 08.15 – 09.30am  
**Refreshment:** Breakfast provided

Polling has shown that the environment is one of the issues that voters care about most, particularly younger voters. What is less well understood is what people think about when talking about the environment. A wide range of issues from deforestation and soil erosion to meat consumption and animal rights have all been described as environmental issues. In order to address environmental concerns, we must provide some context to the debate. What do most people believe should be the priority for government action on the environment, and how should the Conservatives address these challenges over the rest of this Parliament?

**CHAIR:** Abi Kay @FGAbiKay

Abi took up the post of Chief Reporter at Farmers Guardian in 2016 after a stint working for the NFU as part of its government affairs team. Prior to that, she spent five years in Parliament as an assistant to a rural MP.

**SPEAKER 1:** Neil Parish MP @neil\_parish

Neil is the MP for Tiverton and Honiton and is Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee. Neil has set-up three farming APPGs – Lamb APPG, Eggs Pigs and Poultry APPG and the Dairy APPG. Neil was also an MEP between 1999-2009 as well as time in local politics beforehand. He has managed the family farm since he was 16.

**SPEAKER 2:** Tim Bonner @CA\_TimB

Tim is Chief Executive of the Countryside Alliance. He used to farm in the West Country and joined the Countryside Alliance as a press officer in 2002 at the time of the Liberty and Livelihood March which brought 400,000 people to London to protest against the hunting ban. He became Chief Executive in September 2015 and continues to play a leading role in the campaigning work of the Alliance.

**SPEAKER 3:** Johnny Heald @ORB\_Johnny

Johnny is the Managing Director at ORB International. He has more than 15 years experience in Countering Violence Extremism research with emphasis on modelling drivers of vulnerability. Johnny has also provided private polling to the Conservative Party during the 2005 and 2010 UK general elections.

**SPEAKER 4:** Guy Miscampbell @guymiscampbell

Guy is a Senior Research Fellow with Onward. He is also a senior consultant at WPI. He has previously worked for the Ontario Public Service, Policy Exchange, the Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance, and in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Please note that this event is being recorded and live streamed on social media.