

**“Challenges of Effective Rural Development and Heritage “ International Conference  
Saturday 16 October 2010, Ventnor Botanic Garden Conference Centre, Ventnor, IOW**

0930 Registration and coffee

0945 Welcome and introduction – morning Chairman, Phil Turner, Vice-President ECOVAST

1000 Keynote Paper : Dr Stuart Burgess, CBE, - Rural Advocate, Commission for Rural Communities –  
“Rural Development : Looking to the future from the English experience”

1025 Questions and discussion

1035 LEADER Projects on the IOW – Graham Biss, Chief Executive, IOW Economic Partnership and  
David Langford, Regional Director, Country Landowners and Business Association

1115 Questions and discussion

1125 Coffee

1145 Work of the Regional Development Agency (SEEDA) on the IOW – Valerie Carter, former Rural  
Sector Director, SEEDA

1210 Questions and discussion

1220 International Case Study - Croatia – The problems faced by islands – Tihana Stepinac Fabijanac,  
President ECOVAST

1245 Questions and discussion

1300 LUNCH

1400 Introduction to afternoon session – Chairman Professor Michael Dower, CBE

1410 Project “Sustainability for the IOW - The Chale Experience” – Malcolm Groves

1435 Questions and discussion

1445 Keynote Paper European Rural Development Post 2013 – Gerard Peltre, President RED, Chairman  
EC DG Agri Rural Development Committee

1510 Questions and discussion

1520 Introduction to three workshops

1530 Tea – then direct to workshops

1550 Workshops

- A. Delivering Integration in Rural Development Programmes – Rebecca Frost, Programme Manager, UK National Rural Network and RDPE Network, Commission for Rural Communities
- B. Specific problems faced by islands – facilitator Tihana Stepinac Fabijanic, President, ECOVAST
- C. Heritage and the impact of CAP Reform – facilitator John Sell, CBE, Executive Vice-President Europa Nostra

1655 Feedback from workshops (10 mins each)

1730 General discussion

1750 Final remarks and summing up

1800 End of conference