

The Shape of the North West Coast Conference 12th and 13th June 2018 Southport, Merseyside

The North West North Wales Coastal Group and the North West Regional Monitoring Programme are pleased to invite you to the *'Shape of the North West Coast'* conference on the 12th and 13th June 2018 in Southport.

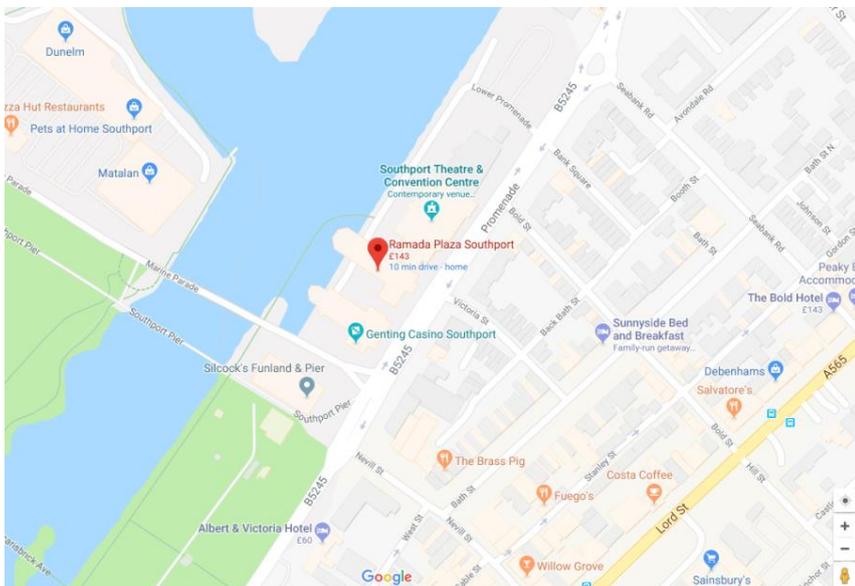
Faced with a changing climate and a dynamic political background, we continuously have to adapt the way we operate in flood and coastal erosion risk management to ensure we can effectively and appropriately manage risk to our communities, infrastructure and environment in a sustainable manner. By bringing together all those involved in coastal risk management in the North West, the *'Shape of the North West Coast'* conference intends to share best practice and facilitate closer partnership working to identify the opportunities in the challenges ahead.

We've been developing a packed agenda which aims to:

- Showcase what we have learned from nearly 10 years' worth of strategic coastal monitoring
- Demonstrate the value of coastal monitoring data in informing long-term strategic decisions
- Promote the work of the North West North Wales Coastal Group and other coastal partnerships
- Highlight technology, research and innovation on the coast

Location

The conference will take place at: Ramada Plaza Hotel, Promenade, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 0DZ.



How to get here:

By rail – Southport train station is a 5 minute walk away and there are direct rail links to Liverpool and Manchester.

By car – There is free on-site underground parking available on a first come first serve basis.

By taxi – local taxi companies include All White (01704 537777) and Kwik Cars (01704 547000).

By bus – Promenade/Marine Parade bus stop is situated outside the venue.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and a conference rate has been agreed at £109.00 per person for bed and breakfast. If you require overnight accommodation please book directly by calling **01704 516220** and quoting 'The Shape of the North West Coast Conference'.

For more information on Southport including alternative hotels please visit:
<https://www.visitsouthport.com/>.

Conference Programme Outline

A more detailed agenda will be made available to registered delegates two weeks prior to the event but the conference outline is as follows.

Day One: Tuesday 12th June

Location: Ramada Plaza Hotel, Marine Suite, Promenade, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 0DZ

Time	Activity
10:00	Registration and Refreshments
10:30	Day One Welcome
11:00	Session One – Informing our understanding of the North West coast We have now been systematically collecting data on the coastal environment for nearly 10 years. This session aims to demonstrate how this data has been used to inform our current understanding of coastal processes on the North West coast.
12:00	Break - poster presentations available to view
12:30	Session Two – Delivering multiple benefits through coastal management As well as reducing risks to people and property, FCERM works can also bring significant economic, social and environmental benefits to local areas. This session aims to highlight how wider benefits can be identified and incorporated into coastal management works.
13:30	Lunch
14:30	Session Three – Partnerships on the coast Working effectively in partnership can achieve a clear understanding of issues in an area and lead to solutions which are co-ordinated, efficient and sustainable. This session highlights the success of existing partnerships on the North West coast and wider.
15:00	Break - poster presentations available to view
15:30	Session Four: Technology, research and innovation The field of coastal management is progressing rapidly as technology advances. This session aims to highlight some of the leading research and innovation occurring on the coast, and how this can be applied to the way we work.
16:30	Day One Close
18:00	Evening meal

Day Two: Wednesday 13th June

Location: Ramada Plaza Hotel, Hesketh Suite, Promenade, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 0DZ

Time	Activity
09:30	Registration and Refreshments
10:00	Day Two Welcome
10:10	Session One – Planning on the coast An understanding of coastal risk is essential to inform planning decisions on the coast. This session aims to present various planning initiatives on the coast to ensure collaboration to facilitate sustainable decision-making.
11:30	Break
12:00	Session Two – Shaping the future of the coast We have achieved a lot on the coast, but significant challenges lie ahead related to coastal adaptation, climate change and habitat loss. This session aims to highlight the value of a long-term dataset to inform strategic decisions on the coast that can support sustainable risk management to our communities, infrastructure and environment – both today and in the future.
12:45	Conference Close
13:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:30	Site Visit to Hesketh Out Marsh: Managed Realignment Site

Site Visit: Hesketh Out Marsh Managed Realignment scheme

The RSPB in partnership with the Environment Agency have delivered the largest managed realignment scheme in the UK as a natural way to deal with coastal flooding to existing assets, as well as helping the estuary adapt to the threat of sea level rise.

More information on the site and the scheme can be found at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/hesketh-out-marsh>

Buses will depart from the Ramada at approximately 2pm for a tour of the site led by Tony Baker from the RSPB.

