

SUMMER 2022

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Borehole Users Conference 2022

The Borehole Users Conference is back and this year we are delighted to be celebrating our 10th Anniversary! We are thrilled to announce that the event will be held on 3rd November 2022 and will be once again hosted at Aspects, the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire.

What a journey it has been... It all started in 2012, when Envireau Water's Chairman, James Dodds and Managing Director, Dr Phil Ham realised that there was a large gap in the market for an event focussed on the practical development and management of industrial and private water supplies.

Over the last ten years this annual event has grown into a nationally acclaimed conference, bringing together like-minded individuals and leading experts from across the water supply industry. The conference focusses on the real-life issues associated with managing water supplies and is a key networking opportunity for business leaders, regulatory authorities and industry suppliers.

Our previous conference themes have covered all manner of topics to provide operators with the tools they need to successfully develop and operate borehole water supplies.

For its anniversary year, our conference builds on the UN-Water's theme 'Making the Invisible Visible' – and considers what this really means for real world abstractors and the future challenges for water resources development in the UK. Amongst other things, we will delve into how geophysics can be used to support the successful siting, design, construction and ongoing management and maintenance of boreholes. The event includes interactive afternoon workshops focussing on the importance of best practice construction during drought conditions and advice for those embarking on the journey towards water stewardship (more on these below!). As always, our trade exhibition will be supported by key industry suppliers, making #BHUC2022 the only conference that brings together the leading experts from right across the water industry.

Our early bird offer is **now available**. We look forward to welcoming you in our anniversary year!



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An extremely valuable conference, conveying a range of relevant and useful topics from a variety of perspectives.
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A fantastic opportunity for water professionals to engage, network and learn from each other.
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Building Borehole Expertise

Discover some of the topics that have been a part of our journey...



2021
'Drilling Boreholes is a Risky Business'

2019
'Borehole Rehabilitation Made Simple'

2018
'The Regulated World'

2017
'Sustainable Abstraction: Back to Basics'

2016
'Boreholes – What is the catch?'

2015
'Improving Quality, Cost and Risk through Design'

2014
'Private Water Supplies Risk Assessment'

2013
'Management, Regulation & Sustainability'

2012
'The Risk: Assessing Boreholes'

2022 Conference Workshops

Why Borehole Construction Matters in a Drought

Over the last 10 years, our conference has covered all manner of borehole construction related issues. Without an official UK 'standard' for borehole construction, we have regularly focussed on the best practice and construction techniques that are required to ensure boreholes deliver the required yield and water quality.

In the backdrop of the drought conditions that are currently being experienced throughout large parts of the UK, many abstractors are considering the long-term sustainability of their water supplies, and the impacts that climate change may have on their ability to abstract water in the future.

Whilst some boreholes are more prone to seasonal variations in water levels, there are actually very few cases when a borehole 'runs dry.' More often, it is the way the borehole is constructed, operated and maintained, or all three, that prevents water from entering the borehole at a rate that is higher than the rate it is abstracted.

As the effects of climate change are felt more frequently, and pressures grow on finite water resources, it has never been more important to ensure that boreholes are properly constructed and managed to ensure they deliver a long term, reliable source of water.

Join us for our 10th anniversary conference on the 3rd November to learn more about the practicalities of operating a water supply borehole, join topical discussions hosted by Severn Trent Water, including why boreholes 'run dry', and meet expert suppliers and contractors at our acclaimed trade exhibition that can help you ensure your borehole supply is fit for the future.



Water Stewardship

There is quite a bit of chatter about water stewardship. But what is it and why does it matter?

In simple terms, water stewardship is about taking care of water, and taking collective action to make sure that water is managed in equitably, environmentally and financially beneficial ways. Good 'water stewards' recognise that water needs to be managed at both a site and catchment scale, and that collective responses are required to address the complex challenges facing the water resources we all rely on.

Water stewardship isn't complicated. It starts with adopting good water management practices at a site scale and then expanding this into the wider catchment to engage with other stakeholders to address shared water challenges. There are several recognised water stewardship standards that businesses can adopt to become officially certified and what many businesses find it that they are already fulfilling many of the criteria required for certification through their existing operations and practices.

At this year's conference, we are joined by representatives from the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS). We have dedicated an afternoon workshop to introduce the topic of water stewardship, the benefits that adopting an official standard such as the AWS standard can bring to abstractors, and the journey towards stewardship – with a particular focus on stakeholder engagement, which is often the area that requires most thought.

To attend one of our workshops, book your **place now** at our best conference yet!



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