



All-Party Parliamentary Group on
Science and Technology in Agriculture

Grassland science & innovation – the key to a Green Brexit?

**Tuesday 5 June, 4.30 – 6.00pm,
Committee Room 18, Palace of Westminster**

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and introduction** – Julian Sturdy MP
2. **Guest speaker presentations:**
 - 2.1 **Context:** the importance of grasslands in the British Isles:

Cledwyn Thomas, Stapledon Memorial Trust;
Elaine Jewkes, British Grassland Society;
Liam Sinclair, British Society of Animal Science.
 - 2.2 **Livelihoods:** Supporting people, rural businesses, livestock farming, fragile populations:

Deborah Roberts / Andrew Copus, James Hutton Institute
 - 2.3 **Environment:** Potential to enhance the environment, reduce pollution, improve soils, support landscapes, wildlife/flora and amenity values:

Mariecia Fraser, Aberystwyth University;
Tom Misselbrook, Rothamsted Research.
 - 2.4 **Innovation & Productivity:** Sustainable practice and technology for improved productivity in grassland farming

Sinclair Mayne, AFBI, Northern Ireland;
Frank O'Mara, Teagasc, Ireland.
3. **Questions and discussion**
4. **Any other business**