



Annual Lecture

8.00pm Monday 18 March 2024

Refreshments at 7.30pm

David Attenborough Building (Seminar Room), New Museums Site,
Downing Street (<https://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/about-us/find-us>)

**Prior to the lecture you are warmly invited to attend the AGM of the
Cam Valley Forum at 7.00pm.**

Can the Cam Flourish Again?

**Can we transform our water infrastructure and farming so we become part of
a healthy aquatic ecosystem?**



Professor Simon Spooner

As AtkinsRéalis Fellow Simon is developing nature-based catchment solutions to flooding, water quality, water resources, biodiversity and carbon sequestration.



"Through the centuries we have been reaching ever further upstream for fresh water and dumping our waste as close to our doorstep as we can get away with."

In his illustrated talk, Simon will present some innovative approaches to living sustainably with our rivers, focusing on enhancing the water cycle and fostering healthy aquatic ecosystems that are integrated with the land they flow from. This transformation demands a shift in urban planning and agricultural practices, emphasizing small-scale changes and investments by individuals and communities, alongside the necessary large-scale infrastructure projects by governments and corporations. He will discuss the need for new business models, supportive policies, technologies, and collaborative contractual frameworks to facilitate these changes at the local level, inviting discussion on how we might implement such ideas effectively.

The AGM, 7.00 pm

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If any member has a motion they would like to put to this meeting, please email info@camvalleyforum by 6 March. If members would like to join the management committee, or nominate someone else, please email info@camvalleyforum by 4 March the following information: Name of nominee, name of proposer, and, if possible, name of seconder.