

Dr Bob Earll Curriculum Vitae – Chronology of Work Experience

Key Points

Dr Robert Clifford Earll

Date of Birth 9th June 1949

Married to Dr Louise Earll – leading health psychologist

One daughter Alice Earll (Professional violinist specialising in the baroque period & professional food stylist)

1965 – 1967 Francis Bacon Grammar School, St Albans A levels: Zoology, Botany & Chemistry;
School work experience with MAFF Fish Pathology laboratory – Irish Sea trawling and Anglesey plaice survey

1967 - 1970 Hull University Zoology BSc 2.1

Summer Diving expeditions:

- 1968 Shetland 6 weeks on the [wreck of the Liefde](#)
- 1969 Miami 12 weeks diving in Miami & the Bahamas with photographer [Flip Schulke](#)
- 1970 Jamaica 10 weeks working on various underwater science projects

1970 - 1975 Manchester University PhD 1975 Bivalve ecophysiology & activity patterns

1973 Co-leader with Richard Price of the 1973 [Kennemerland](#) expedition to Out Skerries, Shetland – Manchester & Aston Universities

1973 - 1974 Teaching Bury Girls Grammar School & Bolton Institute of Technology

1974 Shetland Sublittoral Survey – Institute of Terrestrial Ecology (now CEH)

1975- 1976 NERC Post Doctoral Research Fellow Manchester University: Bivalve ecophysiology & activity patterns

1975 – 1979 Council member of the Underwater Association.

1976 – 1978 Leeds Polytechnic Lecturer

1978 - 1992 In March 1978 Bob started as the project co-ordinator for the Underwater Conservation Programme. In 1979 this developed into the establishment of the Underwater Conservation Society with a membership and what became until 1991 the biggest annual marine conservation conference in the UK. In 1983 – 1984 with grant aid from the Nature Conservancy Council he became General Secretary to the Marine Conservation Society. Initially the work was heavily involved with citizen science and sports diving and marine ecology, however, this emphasis changed significantly to becoming a main stream conservation organisation by 1992.

1993 Environmental consultancy -> current. Consultancy on mainly coastal and marine issues and event organisation – *Bringing people together*

Consultancy covering marine litter and plastic pollution, ICZM, coastal management, aggregates, marine spatial planning, marine protected areas, offshore wind, the ecosystem approach, capacity building and many specific marine projects, with Defra, The Crown Estate, Natural England and many others.

Forums

- In 1988 with Chris Tydeman, & the Earl of Cranbrook developed the **Marine Forum** which created a multisectoral group supporting the work of the Government on North Sea and other marine policy initiatives.
- In 1993 -1995 worked with Sarah Fowler to establish the UK **Shark Trust** and the **European Elasmobranch Association**
- In 1994 launched a series of annual meetings on marine litter and plastics pollution which lead to the formation of the **National Aquatic Litter Group** which continued until the 2000s.
- 2005 – 2007 Work with The Crown Estate (with Frank Parrish & Carolyn Heeps) to start and develop the **Seabed User & Developer Group**.

Organised conferences and meetings on many of these topics (300+) including the in the 2000's work on what became the Marine & Coastal Access Act.

1994 - 2022 The first Coastal Futures Conference – organised 29 Coastal Futures conferences until 2022 when it was sold to the [Ocean & Coastal Futures partnership](#).

2003-2014 Organised 100 conferences and events for the Chartered Institute for Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM); 2012 Awarded an Honorary Fellowship of CIWEM.

1998 - 2022 [CMS – Communications and Management for Sustainability](#) develops, with staff, as an event organisation business, job advertising and news organisation. CMS was sold to the Ocean & Coastal Futures partnership in 2022.

2008 – 2022 Editor of the weekly newsletters CMS Marine News and CMS Water News focussing on environmental management and policy issues for these two sectors

2010 - current Environmental action at local level with Transition Newent, including how individuals can develop their actions and climate change conversations and Can Do Cafés

2014 – current Took over from Russell Wynne organising the [South-West Marine Ecosystems](#) (SWME) conferences and have helped oversee the communication programme of annual reporting at a regional scale

2015 -Originated & developing the [Seastuff project](#) guides to marine life for snorkelers and divers; the commonest species at different locations. Demonstration locations Malta & Antigua.

2018 Published the book: [Marine Conservation People, Ideas and Action](#) – with chapters on 19 leading marine conservationists. Pelagic publishing

2019-2020 The Coastal Based Approach Working with Natasha Bradshaw and Amy Pryor a paper on the [Coastal Based Approach](#) was developed and which lead to the Environment Agency & Coastal Partnership [3C's project](#).

2023 - Citizen Science and Marine Natural History Project begun with the Porcupine Marine Natural History Society

2023-2024 Lead the EAST Marine Ecosystems project (EASTME) funded by the Defra Marine Natural Capital Programme (mNCEA). The aim of creating an EASTME group and programme was achieved.