

Ian Rugg



Ian is a senior soil and land classification specialist with over 30 years' experience in ALC. He works with the Welsh Government and previously worked with ADAS. Ian has recently commissioned a number of ALC related research projects through the Welsh Government [Soil Policy Evidence Programme](#) (SPEP).

Ian was the Welsh soil technical lead for the pan European Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) revision. Until recently, Ian has represented BSSS on Council and also as Chair of the Welsh Soils Discussion Group (WSDG). He was co-designer of the ALC training course and has taught at every event since its inception.

Gill Shaw



Gill is a Senior Environmental Soils Specialist at Natural England. She took BSc (Hons) Geography at Kings College London before undertaking an MSc in Land and Water management (Land Resource Management option) at Silsoe College, Cranfield Institute of Technology. She is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and is full member of the British Society of Soil Science, where she sits on the Professional Practice Committee and South West Soils Discussion Group Committee. She is BASIS Soil and Water Management qualified and a chartered scientist.

Having worked for MAFF and Defra for over 30 years covering a range of environmental and regulatory areas, but primarily in Agricultural Land Classification delivery and policy, including 10 years of field surveys, she has extensive knowledge and technical understanding of the ALC system.

Gill is responsible for the Natural England Soils Data project, making the MAFF/Defra ALC data archive publicly available. Current casework includes statutory consultations for the implementation of NPPF and NSIP BMV policy. She is currently involved in reviewing the ALC

Ruth Metcalfe



Ruth Metcalfe is an Agricultural Land Classification practitioner with over 30 years' experience of undertaking surveys. She has delivered advice to support planning applications for various proposals including housing, solar farms, mineral extraction and major infrastructure projects such as HS2 and road schemes.

Ruth is a Chartered Environmentalist and member of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers.