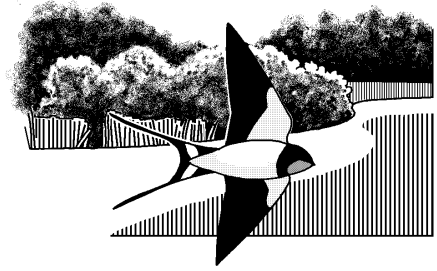


Little Ouse Headwaters Project (LOHP) Newsflash!



8th October 2007

New land for the LOHP

We are delighted to be able to tell you that as of today, the LOHP is the proud owner of two new pieces of land in Thelnetham. The two sites are adjacent to each other, located on the south bank of the Little Ouse, running east from the ford on the Thelnetham/Blo' Norton road. As is now traditional, we are naming the sites after their former owners - Parker's Piece and Bleyswyck's Bank. This purchase is an important step towards achieving our aim of a continuous corridor of land along the river managed for wildlife, giving us another 5.3 Ha of land with nearly half a kilometer of river front. It also means we will be able to create more footpaths, extending public access to a new part of the valley.

With the invaluable help of Sarah Grieveson, our River Link Appeal Director, we have been very busy over the last few weeks raising funds for both the purchase costs and a major, 2-3 year restoration project. The restoration will hopefully see this neglected area returned to species-rich fen vegetation over the next few years. We have been very successful so far - all the purchase costs have been raised together with a substantial sum towards the restoration, with many applications still under consideration. The purchase has been made possible with the help of generous grants from the Tubney Charitable Trust, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

We will bring you more details of the sites and our plans for them once we have had time to draw breath but, in the meantime, we will be exploring the new sites and holding a celebration at our next scheduled work party on Sunday (14th October) -please come and join us; we promise it will be more party than work this time!

Forthcoming events - Dates for your diaries

Work parties: the new Autumn/Winter schedule is on the following page

Walks:

Sunday October 21st, 2.00 pm, **Autumn walk** starting from Thelnetham Church (TM 018782)

Sunday 30th December, 10-30, the **LOHP Christmas walk**, starting from the White Horse pub, Thelnetham (TM 014782)

AGM, annual talk and Member's Evening: Tuesday 27th November, at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30pm. **Professor Tom Williamson**, of the UEA History Department, will talk about the evolution of the local landscape.

Location maps and other details of all of these events will be posted on our web site at www.lohp.org.uk

Autumn/winter 2007/08 Work Party Programme

Date	Venue	Task
October 14th	Parker's Piece*	'More party than work' party!
November 11th	The Frith & Lows	hedge and tree planting
December 9th	Hinderclay Fen	birch seedling control
January 13th	Parkers Piece	clearance for fencing
February 10th	Betty's Fen	coppicing
March 9th	The Frith	thistle control

*Our new land - an exploration and celebration, plus some clearance of agricultural rubbish (TM 011 790 or see the web site for a location map)

All work parties start at 10-30am and are usually on the second Sunday of each month. Please come for as little or as much time as you like and bring your friends along - all contributions are valuable. You will need wellies or strong boots, old clothes. We will provide tools and gloves and refreshments.

Venues can change, depending on weather and ground conditions, so for up-to-date information nearer the time, email: info@lohp.org.uk, look at our web site www.lohp.org.uk or phone:

for Hinderclay Fen, Reg and Rowena Langston on 01379-898009

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