

Work Programme Update – Summer 2013

Operational objective	Outline Prescription	Details	Timetable
<p>1. To restore the unimproved herb-rich wet grassland and prevent the further encroachment of tree, scrub and coarse grassland species.</p>	<p>1. Commission survey to determine habitat types/ NVQ categories.</p> <p>2. Control scrub and invasive and exotic species by removal where they are damaging this feature.</p> <p>3. Map extent of allowed scrub and periodically clear when it reaches this point.</p> <p>4. In consultation with NWT and perhaps utilising the HOT baler, set up a programme of cutting and removal.</p> <p>5. Consider digging a series of small pools or a scrape to add contrast of wildflower species and some open</p>	<p>1. NWT will help with this.</p> <p>2. Remove Himalayan Balsam as soon as they appear and can be recognised, this will depend on the weather but normally early June.</p> <p>3. Maps can be drawn up ASAP. Practical work should be done between November and March.</p> <p>4. Timings will be effected by the survey results but ideally should be late enough to allow desirable plants to flower but early enough to stop the invasive species setting seed.</p> <p>5. Practical digging should be completed in Autumn to minimise adverse affects to resident wildlife.</p> <p>6. NWT should be able to help with this and put SCV in touch with Geoff</p>	

	<p>water habitat.</p> <p>6. Commission an invertebrate survey to determine the state of the rare water beetles that were recorded.</p>	Nobes.	
2. To restore the semi improved grassland.	<p>1. Commission survey to determine habitat types/ NVQ categories.</p> <p>2. Control invasive and exotic species by removal where they are damaging this feature.</p> <p>3. Map extent of allowed scrub and periodically clear when it reaches this point.</p> <p>4. In consultation with NWT and perhaps utilising the HOT baler, set up a programme of cutting and removal.</p> <p>5. Commission an</p>	<p>1. As above.</p> <p>2. As above.</p> <p>3. As above.</p> <p>4. As above.</p> <p>5. As above</p>	

	<p>invertebrate survey to determine the state of the rare water beetles that were recorded and carry out any habitat works to improve the grassland for this.</p>		
<p>3. To restore to favourable condition the scrub and field margin components of the site to create a diverse range of age structure and improve species richness.</p>	<p>1. Commission survey to determine habitat types/ NVQ categories.</p> <p>2. Selectively thin wooded margin nearest to stream.</p> <p>3. Allow good numbers of both standing and lying deadwood in the margins.</p>	<p>1. As above.</p> <p>2. Selectively thin up to 10% of the wooded margin in any year. Practical felling should be completed between November and March. Treat stumps with SBK weedkiller (application with paint brush).</p> <p>3. Following 2 (above) burn small branches but leave some long trunks to act as lying deadwood. Make habitat piles with other branches.</p>	
<p>4. To encourage and foster pride and respect for the area within the local community and promote an understanding of its nature conservation</p>	<p>1. Carry out public consultation on the contents of the draft management plan (including grazing options).</p> <p>2. Install interpretation board for Lucy's Meadow and design and produce</p>	<p>1. ASAP.</p> <p>2. Install Lucy's board at a grand opening ceremony (SD will install the legs beforehand). Ask locals to help design boards for entrances- as and when money is available.</p> <p>3. Consider including NWT, WVBS</p>	

<p>and recreational value.</p>	<p>other site related interpretation and information (for example maps at each entrance).</p> <p>3. Draw up programme of events (including guided walks, community surveys, volunteer days etc.)</p> <p>4. Consider appointing voluntary wardens to walk the site regularly talking to users and reporting any problems/ misuse.</p> <p>5. Monitor site use</p> <p>6. Protect site through limiting of damaging activities</p> <p>7. Encourage involvement and action from local community and site user groups including asking the local art group to produce artwork for interpretation.</p>	<p>etc.</p> <p>4. A voluntary warden would keep an eye o the site and report problems as well as being a human face for members of the public to contact (rather than the parish council).</p> <p>5. Conduct some visitor surveys to see why people use the site what they would like to see done.</p> <p>6. Working with Breckland Council try to reduce dog mess and general litter.</p> <p>7. Also include schools and the general public. This could be started with the public consultation.</p>	
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<p>5. To promote and encourage appropriate recreational use and public enjoyment of the area.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and implement work to enhance site condition and appearance through provision and maintenance of site infrastructure (including a network of paths). 2. Limit damaging activities including inappropriate access and the leaving of litter and dog faeces. 3. Design and produce site related interpretation and information. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut paths from early summer throughout the growing season. Decide what should be done with regard the fencing on site (for example if not grazing, should the fencing be removed). 2. As above (working with Breckland). 3. This could include a simple leaflet. 	
<p>6. To secure resources necessary for the restoration of habitats and other management objectives.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up and manage site specific revenue budget 2. Determine areas for potential capital funding 3. Investigate additional external funding to achieve objectives. 4. Investigate Higher Level 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASAP. 2. ASAP. 3. ASAP. 4. ASAP in conjunction with NWT and Dave Weaver from Natural England. 	

	Stewardship.		
7. To identify and secure site designations to further the protection of the nature reserve for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.	1. Investigate possibility of Breckland Council applying to have the site designated as Local Nature Reserve.	ASAP	
8. To promote and encourage the appropriate sympathetic management of all adjoining habitats to extend habitats and provide buffer zones.	1. Set up a meeting with all relevant parties including those from NWT and if possible NE.	ASAP	
9. To stop encroachment of gardens onto site.	1. Document all cases of encroachment. 2. Liaise with Breckland and NWT over stopping the practice.	1&2. In conjunction with NWT.	
10. To provide a series of interpretation panels to further the	1. Install Lucy's Meadow Panel. 2. Design and manufacture		

aims above.	signs for each entrance with a map and information.		
		2. As above.	