



THE LITTLE OUSE HEADWATERS PROJECT

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PRESS RELEASE

CONSERVATION AND LEARNING IN THE UPPER LITTLE OUSE VALLEY”

A PUBLIC MEETING

A public launch of this new Little Ouse Headwaters Project will take place on **Tuesday 13th April at Garboldisham village hall starting at 7.30 p.m.** When individual project leaders will be on hand to explain and discuss the details with members of the public and invite their participation

This is one of the most important natural and social history projects ever to be undertaken locally. This exciting new project offers a wonderful opportunity for local people to indulge their interests in a wide range of activities while at the same time contributing to preserving our heritage and records for future generations.

There will be scope to learn and become enjoyably involved. While the main priority is landscape and wildlife conservation the project will also investigate local social history and the creation of a community archive, old maps, architecture and the capture of oral memories, natural history and ecology. There will be room for creative art and writing as well as photography.

Both the University of East Anglia & the Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts are involved in leading parts of the project. The project has been approved and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and will last for three years.



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Notes to Editors

1. Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported over 30,000 projects, allocating £4.5 billion across the UK. www.hlf.org.uk

2. The Little Ouse Headwaters Project is a local Charity dedicated to the restoration, conservation and promotion of enjoyment of the wildlife and landscape of the Little Ouse valley on the Suffolk/Norfolk borders in the United Kingdom. <http://www.lohp.org.uk/>

3. The Webbs Fen acquisition involved a 5.6ha site in the parish of Thelnetham, Suffolk. This adjoins the LOHP's Bleyswycks Bank site and lies between the two isolated fragments of Thelnetham Fen SSSI which are managed by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. It is named Webbs Fen, after its former owner, Mr John Webb.

4. This acquisition brings the area of the valley managed by the LOHP for its wildlife to 65ha.

5. As part of the project restoration work will also be undertaken on two sites in Garboldisham: Scarfe Meadows, owned by the LOHP, and Broomscot Common, which is leased from the Garboldisham Parish Charities. Scarfe Meadows was purchased by the project in 2010, with funding from a range of sources, including donations from the group's members.

Further details can be obtained from the website; www.lohp.org.uk

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