

Welcome to **LOHP Members News** a quarterly update for LOHP Members, covering some of the things that we are involved with over the year, that you might not know about or might want to get involved with.



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### Wildlife gets a helping hand!

Spades at the ready, seven eager local volunteers donned their wellies to give wildlife a helping hand, joining **LOHP** at our **New Fen** site in Thelnetham, to help create ponds for wildlife, as part of the **Big Help Out** (8<sup>th</sup> May).



The first pond dug was dug within an hour, after a short break and fuelled with lots of homemade cake the volunteers were raring to go again.

By the end of the morning, the volunteers had create 2 new ponds, which are

important for all manner of wildlife including invertebrates, plants, birds and mammals.

New Fen is well worth a visit in late June/July to see the wildflowers and catch a glimpse of the ponds as they develop.



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### Grassland Restoration



Phase 1 of our Grassland Restoration Project on **Reeves Meadows** is complete, thanks to funding from various charities - Geoffrey Burton Charitable Trust, Sandra Charitable Trust, Swire Charitable Trust, Schroder Charity Trust, Alfred Williams Charitable Trust and Martin Laing Foundation. The middle meadow has now been permanently fenced, this will allow us to extensively graze cattle, to help improve the flora and fauna.

Before we can do this, we need to raise additional funding to be able to install a water supply to the site and fence the current hay meadow, this will all form part of Phase 2 of the Grassland Restoration Project.



## Riverfly Monitoring

Ever wondered about what lies beneath the surface of the water?

Our Riverfly Volunteers do and that is why every month they undertake a survey for invertebrates at two sites along the Little Ouse. The species that they find help us to check the health of our river. All the records are then added to a national database <https://www.riverflies.org/>



If you think this might be for you, get in contact and find out more.

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## New Trustee

We would like to introduce our newest Trustee; Andrew Goodall local resident of Hinderclay has been officially appointed as a new LOHP Trustee. We welcome Andrew and wish him all the best, in what I'm sure will be a fulfilling and rewarding role.

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## Coming soon

Soon we will be installing our new rubbing plaques - small metal plaques with images of plants and animals which you find across LOHP sites depicted on them. They will be located around the entrance to each site. Using the accompanying rubbing guide, visitors can find the plaques and learn more about our local biodiversity. Once installed details will be publicised about where you can pick up a Rubbing Guide.

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## Events and Activities

Coming up. See our website for further details nearer the time. We also run Practical Conservation Work Parties throughout the year, get in touch if you are interested.

Date	Time	Item (black – LOHP events, purple – external events)	More Info
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	8pm- to late	Mad about Moths	Join LOHP for an evening stroll to find out more about moths <b>BOOKING ESSENTIAL*</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	10am- 4pm	'Hooray for Heaths' - SWT Knettishall Heath	We will have a stall at Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Knettishall Heath, so why not pop in and see us
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	12pm- 6pm	Langham Walled Garden Harvest Fair	We will have a stall at Langham Walled Garden, so why not pop in and see us

\*Booking Essential as places are limited [enquiries@lohp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lohp.org.uk) 07919 912045

Other events to look out for later in the year – Fungi Walk, LOHP AGM and Annual Talk.

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Hope you have enjoyed this issue.

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