

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.

LOHP Highlights of 2023

Our volunteers have had another busy year, undertaking not only practical conservation tasks to maintain our sites for the important wildlife but also monitoring and surveying, leading guided walks and helping out at events.

Volunteers

- Over 2,700 vol hours spent undertaking practical conservation work and counting (figures from Jan 2023 to end Oct 2023)
- Over 120 vol hours spent on monitoring and surveying including Riverfly Monitoring
- Working with Norfolk Youth Justice
- 6 new vols recruited



Baking

- Over 150 baked goodies have been made by volunteers to keep our practical volunteers fueled up and raring to go

Events

- Volunteers ran 3 LOHP guided walks/events (one had to be cancelled due to bad weather)
- Attended 5 external events
- Gave 3 LOHP talks/walks to local groups
- Ran a practical taster session and had a local group help out with practical work



Access

- Maintained over 3 miles (4.8 km) of path to allow local access, including maintaining benches, boardwalks, viewpoints and sculptures/information signs

Grazing

- Installed approximately 560 meters of new fencing on Reeves Meadows to be able to graze our sites
- Installed 2 new corrals to help with stock control
- Continued grazing our sites working closely with local graziers
- Welcomed new Shorthorn cattle to our sites which will replace the Redpolls at the end of the year



Partnerships



- LOHP are part of the local Farm Cluster group and involved in Waveney and Little Ouse Recovery Project (WaLOR)



- Worked with local landowners to set up 3 Turtle Dove Supplementary Feeding Stations

Funding

- Secured funding to train: 7 new volunteers to use brushcutters, 2 new volunteers to use chainsaws, 7 volunteers in first aid and provided 2 volunteers with chainsaw refresher training
- Secured funding for professionals to undertake Vegetation and Invertebrate Surveys across our sites
- Secured funding to purchase new equipment for practical conservation work and monitoring – including hand tools, mower, bat detectors, projector and screen

Other

- Planted 6 native Black Poplars as part of the Suffolk Tree Warden Network Black Poplar Project
- Ongoing control of invasive species - including New Zealand Pygmyweed (*Crassula helmsii*)

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
Friday 1 st December 2023	7.30pm	LOHP AGM and Annual Talk	Join LOHP for our AGM and Annual Talk at Garboldisham Village Hall – more details to follow
Monday 1 st January 2024 (Bank Holiday)	10.30am–12.30pm	LOHP Winter Walk	Join LOHP for our annual New Year Walk to blow away the cobwebs

Hope you have enjoyed this issue.

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