

Working In Partnership to Improve Biodiversity in the Borough

Many of the issues associated with biodiversity and safeguarding our environment need to be managed with the help of other organisations and groups. The Council sits on a number of partnership groups and by working in partnership more can be achieved ensuring that we are all fulfilling our role in protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

Some of the groups the Council works with to deliver its environmental obligations are as follows:

Natural England, The Norfolk Wildlife Trust, The Environment Agency, The Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership, Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service, Council for the Protection of Rural England, RSPB, The National Trust and the Forestry Commission.

Other groups which the Council is represented on are:

The Wash and North Norfolk Coast European Marine Site Group



The Wash and North Norfolk Coast is designated a European marine site under UK Habitats Regulations. This designation places strong responsibilities on authorities and agencies to work closely together to safeguard nature conservation. The site extends along the coast from north of Gibraltar Point (Lincolnshire) to just beyond Salthouse (Norfolk) and out to sea for three miles.

For more information go to the website at www.esfjc.co.uk/ems.htm

The Wash Estuary Strategy Group



The Wash is among the ten most important wetland sites in Britain for waterfowl and provides key habitats for a number of species, including oyster catchers, knot and migrating birds. It is also home to one of Europe's largest populations of common seal.

The main aim of the group is 'to promote the wise use of the area's resources while trying to maintain the balance that allows the local communities to prosper and safeguards the wildlife and landscape features for future generations.'

For more information go to the website at www.washestuary.org.uk



The Norfolk Coast Partnership

The objectives of the Norfolk Coast Partnership are to:

- enhance and conserve the natural beauty of the area
- facilitate and enhance public enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the area
- promote sustainable forms of social and economic development that in themselves conserve and enhance the area's natural beauty.

For more information go to the website at www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk

Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership



Established in 1996, the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership brings together local authorities, statutory agencies and voluntary groups in pursuit of a shared vision - the conservation, enhancement and restoration of the county's biological diversity.

The Partnership operates through a Steering Group which meets three times a year. In addition, eight specialist working groups have been established, dealing with: coastal biodiversity; communities and nature; ecological networks; farmland biodiversity; heathlands; waterbodies; wetlands; and woodlands.

For more information go to the website at www.norfolkbiodiversity.org

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust



Norfolk Wildlife Trust was established in 1926. The Trust care for over 50 nature reserves and other protected sites around the county including ten kilometres of coastline, nine Norfolk broads, nine National Nature Reserves and five ancient woodlands.

West Norfolk probably has as wide a range of habitats as any equivalent area in Britain with the added bonus that the sites are accessible and all within a few miles of each other. Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserves within west Norfolk are:

East Winch Common,
Grimston Warren, Holme
Dunes NNR, Narborough
Railway Line, Ringstead
Downs, Roydon Common NNR.



Cllr Long and Officer Gemma Cousins with the Norfolk wildlife Trust Site Manager Bill Boyd discussing the work at Grimston Warren

For more information go to the website at: www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk