



Members' Meeting #1



Thank you for being one of 210 full members, 15 junior members and 510 donors!



Agenda

- Thanks and planned opening
- Membership cards (please pick up on the way out)
- Reminder of the objectives
- Rules of the reserve
- Progress so far
- Next steps





Membership Cards: Bespoke artwork



David Lloyd

With thanks to Colin Swinton



Membership Cards: Adult and Junior Designs

Thank you for your patience whilst we organise the admin-side of things!

If you have 'signed in' this evening, your card will be ready to collect on your way out at the end.

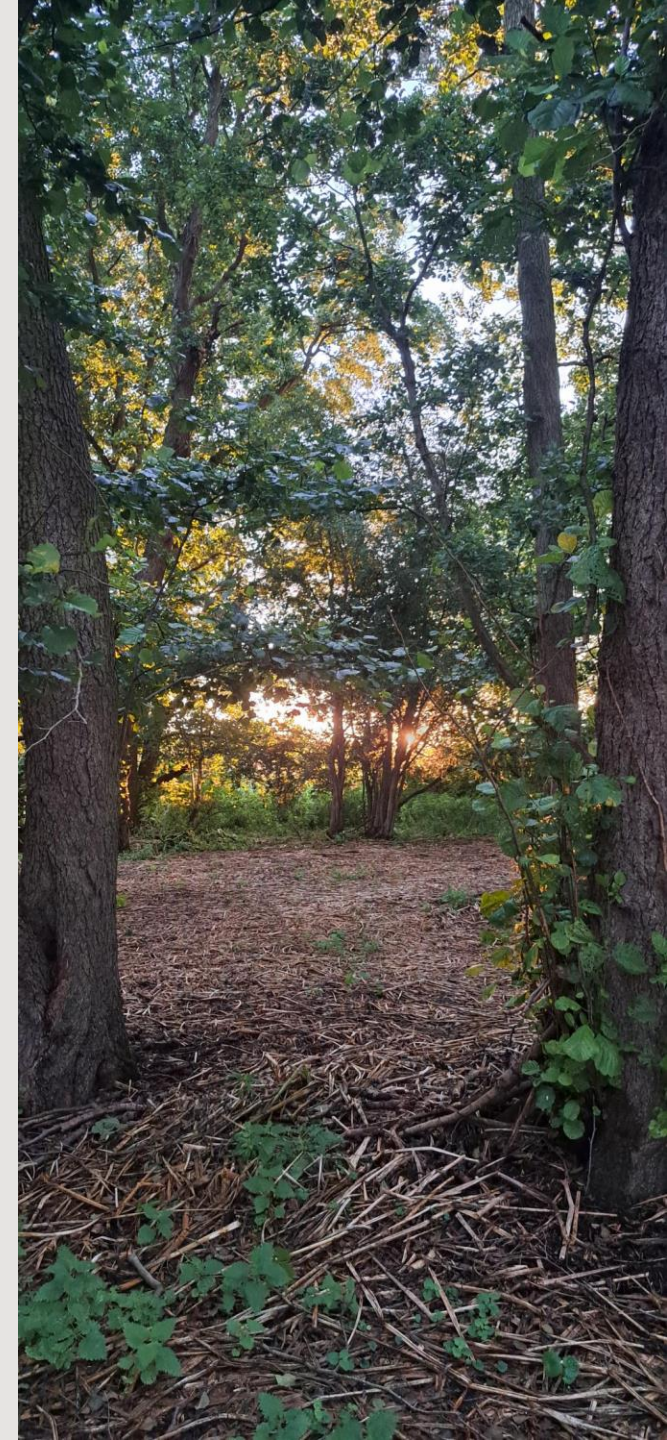
Please sign your membership card and make a note of your membership number.





Our Objectives:

1. Nature
2. Community
3. Landscape Character
4. Education





Rules of the Reserve:

Please be respectful of wildlife, residents and visitors.

- Stay on the marked permissive footpaths.
- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Please pick up after your dog.
- No fires (including BBQs,) ball games or picnics.



- Dogs on short leads (Townend Field only) when no sheep grazing
(a small oak notice board at the entrance will make this clear)



- *The Long Carr is particularly wildlife sensitive: No dogs allowed
(a gate will also prevent sheep going on the Long Carr)*



Townend Field Nature Reserve

Key

- Entrance
- Wetland Habitats
- Great Ouseburn Primary School and School Playing Field

Townend Field

- Judi's Walk: Permissive Footpath

Long Carr

Sorry; no dogs allowed on Long Carr

- The Island Walk: Permissive Footpath
- Long Carr Loop: Permissive Footpath

*Permissive footpath routes may vary throughout the seasons.
See noticeboard for updates.*





Progress so Far...

Organised into
our objectives



Timeline



1

Fundraise

- £275,000 raised in just 4 weeks!
- Thank you to everyone who has made that possible.

2

Purchase

- Legal documentation
- Insurance
- Draw up contract with tenant farmer
- Draw up lease contract with Great Ouseburn Community Primary School
- Seek funding (ongoing)

3

Baseline Surveys

- Askham Bryan (a range of different wildlife surveys)
- Volunteer Dave Watkins (bird calls, bats, moths)
- Yorkshire Water survey

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Prepare

- Continue surveys
- Establish a volunteer force
- Utilise volunteers from National Trust
- Visit other sites (via Yorkshire Rewilding Network) to establish connections and draw upon experience and expertise of others
- Purchase signage, gates etc.
- Members' Meeting
- Remove wire sticking in ground
- Remove animal feeder
- Install signage, gates etc.
- School fencing installed

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Open 1.10

- Carefully monitor and manage
- Celebrate
- Utilise volunteer work force
- Fundraising volunteers to ensure financial security
- Begin work on the wall
- Continue working with contacts such as National Trust, Askham Bryan etc.



Grazing Licence



Graeme Jackson



National Trust: Beninbrough Hall Volunteers



National
Trust



Graeme Jackson





Bird Call Surveys



See the members' newsletter for the full list and number of calls!

- Reed warbler
- Chiffchaff
- Little Grebe
- Song Thrush
- Mistle Thrush
- Red-legged partridge
- Oystercatcher
- Buzzard
- Barn owl
- Curlew
- Mallard
- Swallow
- Dunnock
- Great spotter woodpecker
- Garden warbler
- Coal tit
- Treecreeper
- Grey heron
- House Martin
- Goldfinch
- Willow warbler
- Tawny owl
- Robin
- Nuthatch
- Bullfinch
- Pheasant
- Robin
- Goldcrest



Graeme Jackson





Askham Bryan



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This is the only record at Townend Field, from 21st June at 14.20

It seems it was an unexpected visitor just passing through!

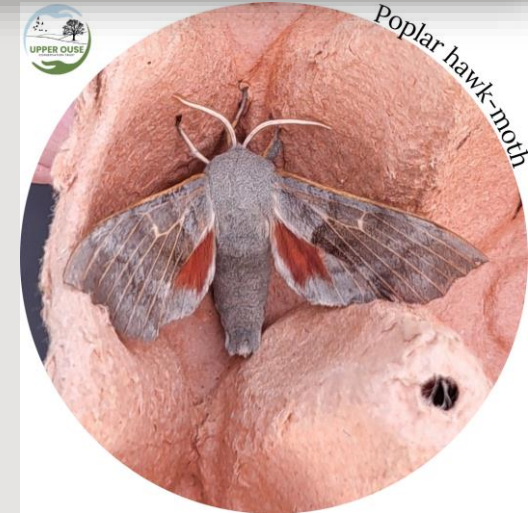
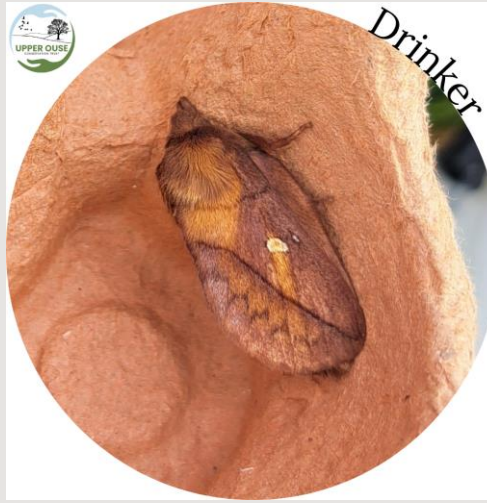


Moth Surveys: Dave Watkins

76 species so far!



Graeme Jackson





School Use



Lou Rayner



Volunteer Events



Andrew Haynes





Next Steps...

- Mobility kissing gate installation (entrance)
 - Gate onto Long Carr installed
 - Signage - Oak
 - Interpretation board
 - Opening 1st October 2025!
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- Further volunteer events – please join us!
 - Please consider a regular standing order to UOCT
 - Next members' newsletter due around end of September
 - Remember to pick up your membership card!
 - THANK YOU!
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- Any questions?

