



Members' Newsletter

Upper Ouse Conservation Trust
January - March 2026
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Photograph: L Rayner (trustee)

4th edition

Spring is in the air! Despite the wet and wintry weather at the start of the year, it has been a fabulous start to our first full year of establishing and caring for Townend Field Nature Reserve!

We hope you enjoy discovering more about what has been going on and what your support is making possible! You can now read a paper copy at Ouseburn Village Store, if you would prefer, too!

*The Trustees and whole team at the
Upper Ouse Conservation Trust*



Nature

A botanical survey, making use of our very own camera traps and audio recordings, plus some spectacular fungi! This edition is bursting with plenty of updates on nature.

Community

A special memorial to a much-loved resident of Great Ouseburn, the first volunteering session of the year and the incredible support from the community for the school & reserve.

Landscape Character

The continuation of sheep grazing on and off throughout the year, with the same tenant farmer as before the UOCT took ownership of the land. Updates on the wall.

Education

A new school field, land artist, a visit from one of our trustees and making bird boxes. It's been an exciting time for the children of Great Ouseburn Primary School!

Using the reserve

Please be respectful of wildlife, residents and school pupils.

- Private land: 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



- The Long Carr is particularly wildlife sensitive: No dogs allowed





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Members' Meeting and Financial Reporting Vote

On Tuesday 24th March, we were delighted to have 26 members and 3 guests joining the trustees and members from the core working team for a meeting. We heard from chair David Lloyd who paid special tribute to John Allen. Trustee Graeme Jackson discussed the update on the 'Ancient Tree Inventory' (see the nature' section in this newsletter.) Dave Watkins, who leads our wildlife survey team, gave updates on the audio and visual recording equipment we have now got (see 'community') along with some of the species that have been recorded so far.

Sue Draper, volunteer for seeking and applying for funding sources updated us on the wall (see 'protecting landscape character') and trustee Lou Rayner talked about the updates to education.

Volunteer co-ordinator Andrew Haynes discussed the importance of volunteering for the UOCT.

Trustee and treasurer Rich Little then talked us through the options for our financial reporting as a trust this year, due to the significant income with having raised the funds needed to purchase the land (and other associated costs.) You can see a simple breakdown of the forecast below. We could either pay for a full financial audit, or make significant savings for a smaller financial audit (by an independent qualified financial auditor,) which required the approval of members for. Thank you to everyone who sent in their proxy vote and those who voted in person on the day; we are pleased to announce that the members have been overwhelmingly in support of us having the smaller financial audit, allowing us to make significant savings. Please do let us know if you would like to see our financial records; this is something that members can request to see at any point and we would be happy to share them with you, should you wish.

Forecast for the period from registration of the trust to 31 March 2026

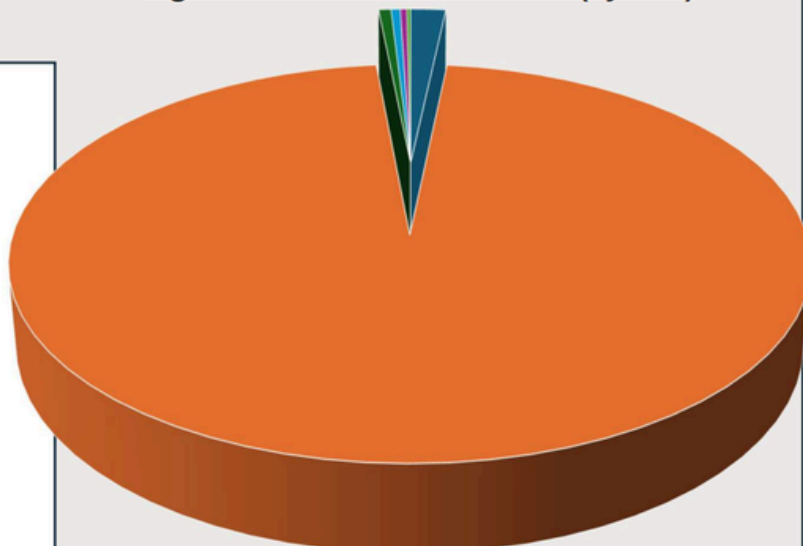


Significant items within the total (by cost)

Total income:
£298,983

Total expenditure:
£290,123

**Expected surplus
for the period
represented by
funds held by the
Co-op bank:**
£8860



Purchase of land & associated legal fees: £277,733

Non-recurring legal fees: £4900

Benches: £1712

Sign-posts, noticeboards: £1290

Five bar gate: £912

Kissing gate: £527

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Objective 1:

Create a safe and lasting environment for wildlife to thrive, preserving the diverse wildlife existing on the site and developing the environment to encourage wildlife to return to the site.

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Botanical Survey

We were lucky enough to get a surprise visit from two keen botanists, who carried out a botanical survey at Townend Field Nature Reserve, after hearing about us through the publicity that Dame Judi Dench's connection brought us.

Martin Allen BSc and Barry Jobson BSc visited on 23rd January 2026 and bumped into trustee Graeme Jackson with part of the survey team. The botanists have sent us a comprehensive list of species spotted on their visit at the end of January. Notable species include:

- *Carex paniculata* – Greater Tussock-sedge
- *Carex pendula* – Pendulous Sedge
- *Carex remota* – Remote Sedge
- *Geranium lucidum* – Shining Crane's-bill
- *Helosciadium nodiflorum* – Fool's-water-cress
- *Malus sylvestris* s.l. – Crab Apple (true wild forms are scarce)
- *Pimpinella major* – Greater Burnet-saxifrage
- *Scrophularia auriculata* – Water Figwort
- *Sparganium erectum* – Branched Bur-reed
- *Stellaria alsine* – Bog Stitchwort
- *Tilia* sp. – Lime (mostly planted; wild occurrences rare)
- *Salix* sp. (Osier-like Willow)
- *Pentaglottis sempervirens* – Green Alkanet



Photograph: Martin Allen BSc and Barry Jobson BSc (botanists)



Botanical Survey (continued)

Barry and Martin also spotted something fantastic; an empty Swan Mussel shell.

Swan Mussels (*Anodonta cygnea*) are the UK's largest native freshwater mussels, reaching up to 25cm and living for over 12 years. They require a soft, sandy, or muddy substrate to burrow in - with the stream being the ideal habitat, as it has a very silted bed. Though widespread and common, they are increasingly threatened by habitat loss, water pollution, and invasive species, so it is wonderful to find evidence of them at Townend Nature Reserve.



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(botanists)

Moth 'Trapping'

Towards the end of February, we held our first moth session of the year; a good start, with 9 species found, 7 of which were new to the reserve and winter specialists.

This 'Oak Beauty' moth was one of two caught, well named and the most impressive. The caterpillar lives on deciduous trees, especially oaks.



26/02/2026

Photograph: Dave Watkins



Birds: Siskin



There's a bird which occurs regularly on the Reserve, but which at this time of the winter isn't that easy to see up close. Amongst the tops of the alders among the ditches and beck there are regular flocks of siskins, a small finch, which feeds largely on the tiny seeds of the Alder. Males are yellow and green, the cap and chin are black, the undersides speckled darker, the females generally pale green with less marked speckling.

Gregarious and often noisy with a wheezy call, their acrobatic behaviour seeking the seeds as they move through the canopy is a giveaway. Photographing them at this time of year is difficult in the tree tops so we were pleased to have received a great photo of a male Siskin feeding among the Alder cones recently from John Carrette. Towards the end of the winter as the natural seeds are depleting they will often come readily to peanuts in gardens, a great time to see these superb birds close up, though they can be easy to overlook.

As April approaches they will suddenly disappear, heading back to the main summer breeding areas in Wales and Scotland, and also back across the North Sea to the birch forest of Scandinavia.

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Photograph: John Carrett,
emailed to us at info@uoct.org.uk



Birds: Water Rail



Photograph: D. Watkins at Stavely Nature Reserve

We are all familiar with Coot and Moorhen, they can get very bold and approachable at ponds in parks, where they are fed, but there's a dapper, smaller, much more discrete relative in the Rail family which you may not know ... the Water Rail.

The Wildlife team have been monitoring the Reserve over the last few months using the latest acoustic recorders along with recently available AI identification software, and have captured two different calls from these elusive birds. As they move quietly through the reed beds and along the streams, they make one of the strangest calls from any bird, known as the 'sharming' call, perhaps a territorial contact call, often likened to the squeals of a piglet!

The second call is a 'tyick' call, thought to be a pair bonding call which may suggest these birds will stay to breed at Townend Field ... lets hope so. So, as you walk quietly around the reserve, especially along the edge of the reed bed below The Grove, take a few minutes to listen for the unusual calls from this enigmatic visitor. In extended frost Water Rails will often be pushed out into the outer fringes and more open areas looking for food, so look out for a long-legged small bird, Blackbird sized, scuttling quickly back into the reeds as you approach. Let us know if you see one!

You can hear the call recordings on our blog page on our website: uoct.org.uk

Greylag Geese

One of the largest and most familiar waterfowl on the reserve, the Greylag Goose is hard to miss. With its bulky grey body, pale-edged feathers, and bright orange bill, it often stands out grazing in the open wetland area of the Long Carr.

Greylags can be present for much of the year, gathering in small flocks that can become noisily active, especially during the breeding season. Nests are usually built close to water, tucked into reeds or rough grass where there is some shelter from disturbance. On the reserve, they make the most of the quieter, less accessible margins of the wetland, away from regular foot traffic.

As grazers, they feed on grasses, roots, and aquatic plants, helping to shape the vegetation structure of the wetland. While sometimes overlooked due to their familiarity, Greylag Geese are an important part of the ecosystem — their presence reflecting the availability of open water, food, and relatively undisturbed habitat.

Photograph: G. Jackson (trustee)



Tree Recognition in the 'Ancient Tree Inventory'

Kerry Harrison from Harrogate Naturalists and Ros Evans from the Woodland Trust visited the reserve on 19th March and spent three hours inspecting our trees. We previously had one alder registered as a 'notable tree.' Following this visit, it was upgraded to a veteran tree and a further 7 alders were recorded as veteran!

In addition, the leaning oak near the beck is recorded as a 'notable tree,' together with the horse chestnut near the wall along Main Street in Townend Field. These are all registered with photographs and numbers on the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory (see below.) You can either search 'Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory' and type in 'Great Ouseburn,' or if you are reading this digitally, then simply click on the link at the bottom of this page.

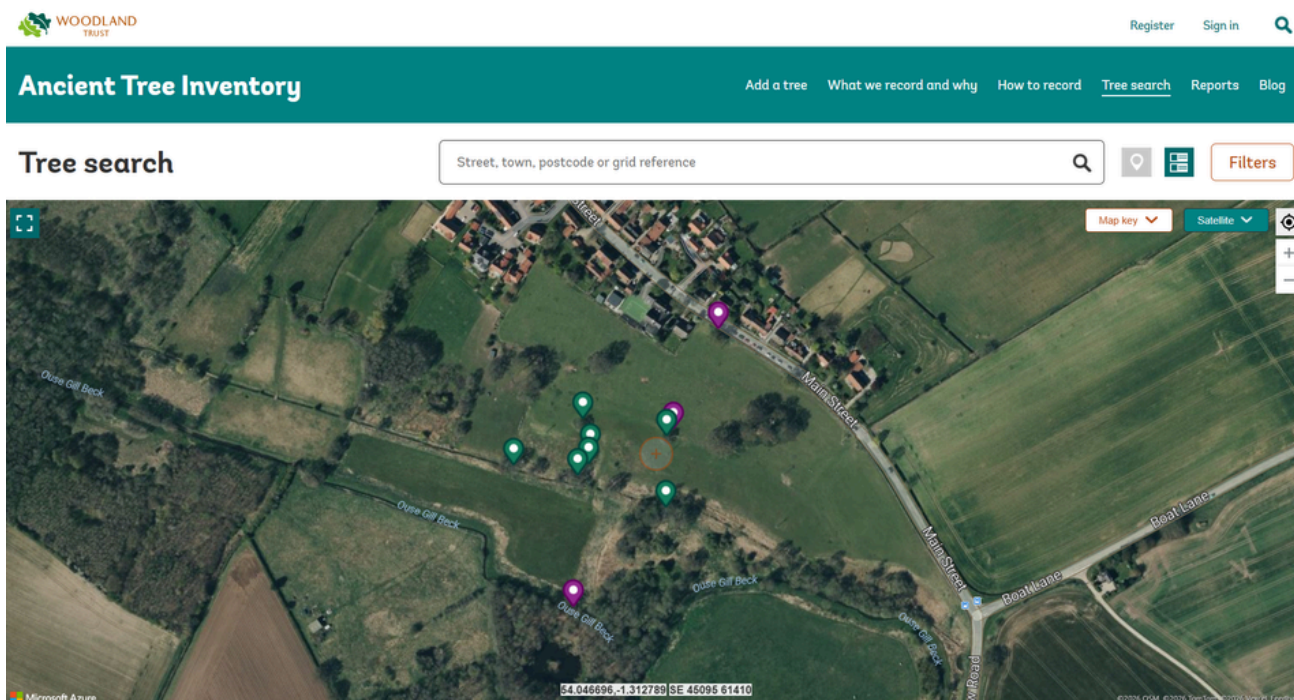
The Ancient Tree Inventory has around 200,000 trees on it. 10 of them are in Townend Field Nature Reserve!

Veteran Trees

- Age/Stage: Can be any age (sometimes young), but usually in the mature stage of life.
- Characteristics: Exhibit "veteran features" such as decay in the trunk/branches, fungal fruiting bodies, and deadwood.
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Notable Trees

- Age/Stage: Mature.
- Characteristics: Stand out in the local landscape due to their size, appearance, or significance.



Tree Search - Ancient Tree Inventory

Use our map to take a look at the trees that have been recorded across the UK.

Fantastic Fungi

Often overlooked, fungi play a vital role in keeping our habitats healthy - recycling nutrients, supporting trees, and creating intricate underground networks that sustain life above ground.

Recently, six particularly eye-catching fungi species have been recorded around the reserve. If you've been out walking and noticed splashes of colour or curious growths on trees, chances are you've met one of these fascinating organisms.

Bracket Fungus - Ganoderma applanatum

One of the most striking finds has been a large bracket fungus growing on the oak tree by the stream and bench on the Long Carr. This is likely Artist's Fungus, named for its unusual ability to be "drawn" on — the white underside bruises brown when scratched.

Artist's Fungus is a wood-decaying fungus, breaking down dead or dying wood and returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

While it can indicate internal decay in older trees, it's also a sign of a functioning ecosystem, where natural processes are allowed to take place. Oak trees, in particular, support a rich community of fungi and invertebrates, making them biodiversity powerhouses.



Fantastic Fungi (continued)



Scarlet Elf Cap – *Sarcoscypha coccinea*

Few fungi are as instantly recognisable as the Scarlet Elf Cap. With its vivid red, cup-shaped fruiting bodies, it looks almost unreal against the browns and greys of winter woodland.

This species typically grows on decaying hardwood, often near streams or damp areas — perfect conditions at the reserve. Scarlet Elf Cap is most commonly seen in late winter and early spring, making it a welcome burst of colour when little else is flowering. Its presence is often a sign of long-established, undisturbed woodland - which is why it was found on 'The Island,' away from the footpath where visitors can't tread.



Jelly Ear – *Auricularia auricula-judae*

Found growing on dead or decaying wood, especially elder, Jelly Ear is exactly what it sounds like — soft, rubbery, and ear-shaped. Its gelatinous texture allows it to survive dry spells, rehydrating when rain returns.

Jelly Ear is one of the more familiar fungi and can be found throughout the year in mild conditions. Beyond its unusual appearance, it plays an important ecological role by helping to break down dead wood and provide microhabitats for insects and other organisms.



Fantastic Fungi (continued)

Photograph: G. Jackson (trustee)



False Turkey Tail - *Stereum ostrea*

Often mistaken for its more famous lookalike, False Turkey Tail forms thin, wavy brackets in layered clusters along deadwood. Its bands of orange, brown, and yellow can appear quite striking, but unlike true Turkey Tail, its underside is smooth rather than covered in tiny pores.

This species thrives on decaying hardwood and is commonly found throughout the year, especially in damp woodland. Despite its attractive appearance, False Turkey Tail is tough and inedible. It plays a quiet but essential role in the ecosystem, breaking down lignin in wood and helping recycle nutrients back into the soil. Even the less showy fungi are vital to woodland health!

False Tinder Polypore - *Fomes fomentarius*

Closely associated with birch trees, the False Tinder Polypore forms rounded, hoof-like brackets on trunks and fallen logs. Pale on top with a smooth, creamy underside, it can persist for months, gradually hardening as it ages.

Most often spotted on dead or dying birch, this fungus is a specialist decomposer, helping to break down timber and speed up natural decay processes. Historically, similar polypores were used as tinder, though this species is less suited to the task than its relatives. Its presence is a good indicator of natural woodland cycles at work, quietly turning fallen trees into habitats for countless other organisms.

Photograph: G. Jackson (trustee)



Fantastic Fungi (continued)

Yellow Brain Fungus – *Tremella mesenterica*

Looking like something spilled from a science experiment, Yellow Brain Fungus forms bright, wrinkled, jelly-like masses on dead wood. Its intense yellow colour makes it hard to miss, especially after rain.

Interestingly, Yellow Brain Fungus is parasitic on other fungi, usually growing where another fungus is already breaking down wood. This layered relationship highlights just how complex fungal ecosystems can be; fungi living on fungi, all contributing to the wider web of life.

Why fungi matter

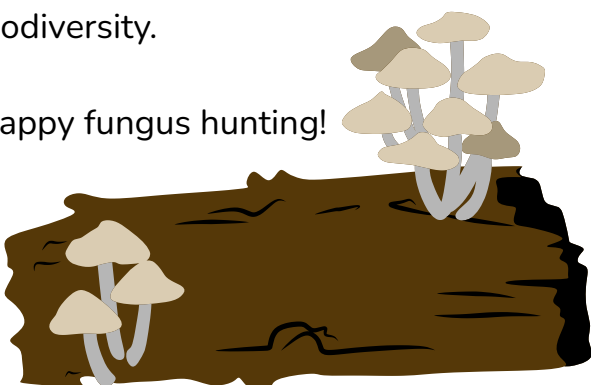
Fungi are not just curiosities, but essential workers in the landscape. They:

- recycle nutrients
- support soil health
- help regulate woodland ecosystems
- indicate habitat quality

Next time you're visiting the reserve, take a moment to look closely at tree trunks, fallen branches, and damp woodland edges. You might be surprised by what's quietly thriving there.

If you spot any interesting fungi on your walks, we'd love to hear about it; every record helps build a better picture of the reserve's rich biodiversity.

Happy fungus hunting!



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(botanists)



For your safety and the protection of the ecosystem, please do not touch any fungi.



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Objective 2:

Create a lasting benefit for the local community through permissive access and participation in positive action for nature. Strengthen community sense of place and connection to nature.

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Fence Clearing

On Saturday 24th January, a team of 12 hardy volunteers gathered at the nature reserve to help clear a fence line on the Long Carr (bottom field.) This allowed for the fence to be completely removed (as sheep do not graze on the Long Carr now that it is a nature reserve.)

The fence was hidden amongst the reeds, but this particular part of the reserve is incredibly attractive for migratory birds. By removing this fence, we hope to open easier passageway for wildlife, as well as beautification of the area.



Thank you to our amazing volunteers!



John Allen memorial pond

The Upper Ouse Conservation Trust (UOCT) is deeply grateful to the friends and family of a much-loved Great Ouseburn resident, whose funeral donations have been generously given in support of our work, as well as St Michael's hospice.

After more than 20 years living in the village, John left an indelible mark on Great Ouseburn and the people who call it home. In choosing UOCT as the recipient of funeral donations, his family and friends have created a living legacy that reflects his lifelong commitment to community, conservation, and shared enjoyment of the natural world.

The funds donated will be used to create a wildlife dipping pond. The pond will provide a valuable habitat for aquatic insects, amphibians, and plant life, while offering a hands-on learning resource for local school children and a peaceful place for villagers and visitors to enjoy.

This project feels especially fitting. John was a passionate supporter of conservation issues and cared deeply about protecting the local environment for future generations.

Beyond his environmental interests, he was known throughout the village for his humour, generosity, and willingness to help. He served as a parish councillor, was a governor of the local school, and was a stalwart supporter of the village garden festival, always ready to lend a hand. Many will also remember John on the tennis court or badminton court, where his enthusiasm and good spirits were as evident as anywhere else.



John's connection to the school ran deep. Three of his children - Katie, Tom, and Ed - attended the school, and his involvement as a governor reflected both pride in his family and a wider commitment to education and community life. It is particularly meaningful that the new wildlife dipping pond will be used by school children, helping them learn about nature in a direct, memorable way.

UOCT would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed. We look forward to sharing updates as the project develops and welcoming the community to enjoy this special new addition to the landscape.



Former pupils make bird box kits for Great Ouseburn Primary School *and* the reserve!

If you have been down to The Island, you may have spotted just some of the 22 beautiful nest boxes and bat boxes generously made and gifted by Mick and Christine, who have been extremely busy! They also made bird box kits, which children in Year 3 and 4 (7, 8 and 9 year olds,) have been assembling with care. The wood was kindly supplied by Myers in Boroughbridge.

The children are looking forward to seeing their bird boxes around the school grounds and also on the nature reserve. A huge thank you to Mick and Christine for supporting nature and education, through the power of community!



Wildlife Survey Equipment



Thank you to councillor Arnold Warneken, who secured funding through North Yorkshire Council, for our very own audio and visual recorders to enable regular wildlife surveying. We will now be able to see what species we have already, and spot trends over time to inform our management of the nature reserve. Without this equipment, we simply wouldn't know about all of the incredible species visiting the reserve, such as otters, water rail and many others!

Collaborative Videos: Thank you!



You can find our '1.5 seconds every day' videos and photographs on our website (uoct.org.uk) under the 'blog' section. We will be collecting these throughout the remainder of 2026, so please do send us a landscape photo or short video of something that interests you at the reserve. We would love for it to be a collaborative project, to celebrate and record the changing of the seasons at Townend Field Nature Reserve!



Photograph: G. Jackson (trustee)

Use of the Parish Council Lawnmower

With thanks to Great Ouseburn Parish Council, who have let us use their mower, saving vital funds for the trust. Our tenant farmer will be taking a hay crop later in the year, but the footpaths will need to be kept mown. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch!



Photograph: G. Jackson (trustee)

Community support to roll the school field

Thanks to Keith Scott for volunteering to use his tractor to roll the school field (and persevering, despite the wet conditions!) We also have to thank Tom Gill for the loan of the roller, too. Due to the ridge and furrow features, the field won't ever be bowling-green flat, but this has really helped to make it a more usable space! for the children!

Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteer

Sam Nellist has continued to support us by volunteering his time and has been an incredible help, completely clearing the top of the entire wall! This has allowed us to get experts in to start getting quotes for its repair, and of course it looks far better for the TLC, too!

We are always keen to try and accommodate D of E students wherever possible, so please do get in touch if you or someone you know is interested in helping out. There are plenty of jobs to go around!



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New bridge for during volunteering

You may have spotted a new bridge, which trustee Graeme Jackson is responsible for.

Using the old school fence wood and sleeper bearers kindly gifted from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, this will give access to the rich fen area for balsam bashing and surveying. **Please note: This is not part of the permissive path.**

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Objective 3:

The views the land affords are a significant feature of the village and are specifically mentioned in the village 'Conservation Area Character Appraisal'. We will look to maintain this whilst further developing nature and wildlife on the site.

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The benefits of sheep

On Sunday 25th January, sheep returned to graze the land at Townend Field. They were all in lamb and it was a delight to see sheep grazing the field again; something this tenant farmer did previously on the land, before it was a nature reserve.

75 ewes in total have been enjoying roaming Townend Field. They are a mix of breeds including Texels. Three of the sheep are black Zwartbles; a Dutch breed, originally bred for milking.

Having sheep graze the top field of the nature reserve is so much more than just 'natural lawn mowers,' although that is one benefit! It provides some income to the trust from the farmer's rent but most importantly, it supports the land as a nature reserve.



The sheep graze selectively on dominant grasses, preventing them from becoming overgrown. This allows a wider range of grasses and wildflowers to develop once growth resumes in spring, supporting greater biodiversity across the field.

Grazing also benefits the soil itself. As sheep move across the field, their light trampling gently breaks up the soil surface, helping to reduce compaction and improve soil structure. This creates small pockets of air and bare ground that allow water to infiltrate more easily and seeds to establish. Their natural manure returns organic matter and nutrients directly to the soil in a slow, balanced way, feeding soil organisms such as worms and microbes that are vital for healthy soil function.

Because the field is managed without chemical fertilisers, this natural nutrient cycling is especially important. The result is a resilient, living soil that supports strong grass growth for the organic hay crop later in the year. Winter sheep grazing is therefore a sustainable, low-impact way to care for the land while working in harmony with nature.



Townend Field Stone Wall

Our brilliant grant application volunteer Sue Draper has been incredibly busy putting together an application to the National Lottery to hopefully get funding to make repairs to the wall. She has been looking at ways to bring education and community together to celebrate this historic part of the area and such an iconic image as you enter Great Ouseburn.

We will keep you posted with any updates, but we are hoping to get a team of volunteers from the community to help research and put together educational 'packs' for the school to make use of, including local maps, oral history from residents past and present, a map of other cobblestone features in Great and Little Ouseburn and much, much more, to not only get the wall repaired but to include it as part of a wider community project bringing the community together.



Photograph: L Rayner (trustee)





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Objective 4:

Facilitate use of Town End Field by Great Ouseburn School, promoting health, environmental awareness and nature connection.

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The new school field!

A huge thankyou to Nick Voakes and his team, who fitted the new school fence and removed the old one. Parents of children at the school also came to lend a hand with unloading the vast amount of timber and removing the old school boundary fence. It looks absolutely fantastic and will provide the school with an official playing field (rather than tarmac and astro-turf,) for sports, forest school and many outdoor learning opportunities!

Photograph: L Rayner (trustee)



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James Brunt

On Monday 23rd February, the land artist James Brunt came to work with children from years 1 to 6 at Great Ouseburn Primary School. The trustees gave special permission for the school to work with James in 'The Grove' within the nature reserve. It was a windy day, so the children selected sticks, with the youngest children from 'Unicorns' class (years 1 and 2,) starting with the smallest sticks around the tree trunk. Later that morning, children from 'Phoenix Class' (Years 3 and 4,) expanded the sticks around the tree trunk and in the afternoon, 'Griffins Class' (Years 5 and 6) transformed the artwork by using the largest sticks and branches to create a 3D nest. Stunning!



Photograph:s: James Brunt, artist





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James Brunt

Photographs: James Brunt, artist





Welly Storage



Photograph: L. Rayner (trustee)

The school are excited to make the most of their new REAL grass and being able to access the nature reserve. Adam from Hinchcliffe Joinery solved a problem... trying to store wellies for the older children, when everything is sized either for adults OR younger children! This bespoke 'peg' system has been perfect and means that the school can now store up to 50 pairs of wellies in one go. A huge thank you to FOGOS (Friends of Great Ouseburn School) who fully funded the project, meaning that children from across the whole school are now easily able to make the most of the reserve, whatever the weather!



School Seating

Former pupil and local arborist Adam Forster has blown everyone away with the stunning solid wooden benches that he has made. The school asked to commission seating to go beneath the oak tree in their new field; not only did Adam Forster do an incredible job, he also very generously donated them completely free of charge to the school! Now, an entire class can easily sit beneath the shade of the oak tree, making it a more versatile space for years to come!



Photograph: L. Rayner (trustee)



Outdoor Science: Tree Study



Trustee of UOCT Kate Yates is also a Mum of two at the school and very kindly offered to come in and support the children's learning and access to the nature reserve. Kate works for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and led a session for children in Year 3 and 4 to kick-start their Science learning about plants. The children worked in small groups to select and study a tree, measuring it to estimate the age of the tree, examining the buds to try and identify it and making scientific observations about the bark and other features of the tree.

The Great Fire of London!

Children in Year 1 and 2 had LOTS of fun seeing their very own 'Pudding Lane' set alight within their school field area. They have been learning about the Great Fire of London and had made their own model houses based on the time period.

This was another fantastic way of utilising the outdoor space to really bring their learning to life (and learn about fire safety in the process, too!)



Photograph: L. Rayner (trustee & teacher)

Photograph: K. Leadbeater (teacher)

April

Look out for: Lapwing

May

Look out for: Orange-tip butterfly
10th: Little Ouseburn Open Gardens
31st: Great Ouseburn Garden Festival

June

Look out for: Barn Owl
Newsletter #5 due end of this month

July

Look out for: Emperor Dragonfly

August

Look out for: Common Buzzard

September

AGM (date TBC)
Look out for: Roe Deer
Newsletter #6 due end of this month

October

3rd October: G.O Beer Festival
Look out for: Fungi making an appearance

November

School field perimeter hedgerow planting
Look out for: Fieldfare

December

Look out for: Otter
Newsletter #7 due end of this month

Calendar

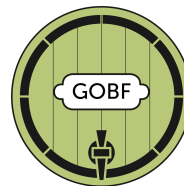


Little Ouseburn Open Gardens

Guided Walks with trustee Lou Rayner at 11am, 1pm and 3pm, from the entrance.



Come and see us at the entrance to Townend Field Nature reserve throughout the day, to discuss the reserve with our trustees and members of the core working team.



Let us know if you can help to volunteer at Great Ouseburn Beer Festival, to help secure funds for the UOCT through proceeds.

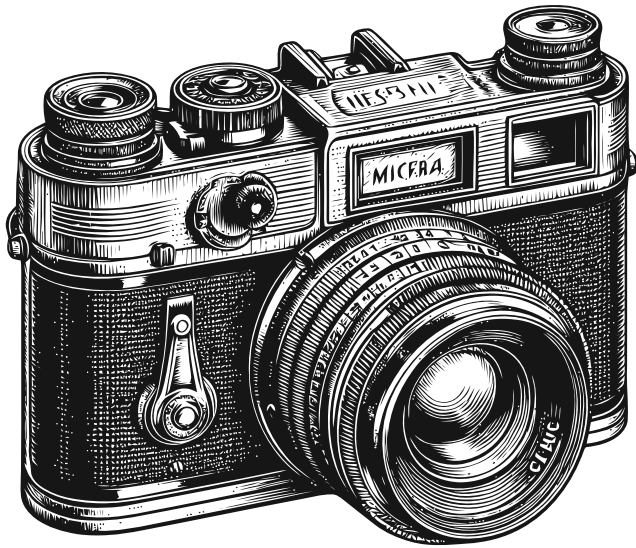


Look out for our monthly 'round-up' blog and video at the end of each month on our website!



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Please send us your photos and short videos (ideally landscape orientation) to info@uoct.org.uk to be featured in our collaborative daily video.

Next newsletter:

This is due to be sent out at the end of June 2026.

Thank you for your continued support.

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