

Greenspace & Community Officer

- Manage 7 Local Nature Reserves (LNRs).
- Practical management & community involvement.
- Archaeology- maintenance of Scheduled Monuments. (This is how I got involved with Worts Meadow- through my archaeology role- we then thought this site would benefit from being an LNR).

Local Nature Reserves

“Local Nature Reserves are for both people and wildlife. They are places with wildlife or geological features that are of special interest locally. They offer people special opportunities to study or learn about nature or simply to enjoy it.”

Local Nature Reserves

- A statutory designation made under Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.
- Managed for wildlife and people.
- Parish, District & County can designate LNRs.
- Over 1280 LNRs in England covering 40,000 ha.

Why designate?

- Protection
- Legal duty to maintain (landowner)
- Greenspace & Community Officer time (I wont be able to be involved with the site unless its an LNR)
- Opportunities for local community
- Funding opportunities
- Can have bye laws
- Supporting County Council Environment Team aims

Worts Meadow LNR?

- Protection (another layer of protection on top of Scheduled Monument)
- Regularly maintained
- Enhancement for wildlife
- Friends Group- local people managing their local green space
- Learning, enjoyment & healthy living
- Coordinating all interests- archaeology, farming, wildlife, local community, dog walkers, learning etc.

Overall aims... (for us as a department)

- Protecting Environment
- Enhancing habitats for wildlife
- Local community involvement, learning, enjoyment

Summary of Worts Meadow Presentation given by Charlotte Lowry to Landbeach Annual Parish Meeting on 29 April 2010

Benefits an LNR can bring...

Somersham Local Nature Reserve, Huntingdonshire (case study)

- Designated as LNR 2009
- Owned & managed by Parish and County
- Grassland & wild flowers, woodland, lake, wet woodland
- Disused railway line
- Friends Group
- Regular Work Parties
- Community Events
- Funding
- Regular maintenance
- Access improvements