

NORFOLK MONUMENTS MANAGEMENT PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Environmental and Countryside Stewardship

Ahead of Environment Stewardship closing to new applicants, in June 2014 the project issued its final Higher Level Stewardship consultation. Since 2005 the project has produced 827 consultations, studied over 160,000ha of Norfolk and assessed management opportunities for over 14,000 historic features. As a result, it is believed more than £4 million has been invested in the management of Norfolk's heritage assets since 2006.



The platform inside a medieval moat at Colkirk
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Higher Level Stewardship funded works at Weasenham Great Barrow
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The project is hopeful DEFRA's new Countryside Stewardship scheme will continue the good work supported by Environment Stewardship. To help ensure beneficial management of the historic environment we regularly update the Norfolk SHINE (Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England) dataset and earlier in the year took part in a trial of a new online consultation process. Since July we have been providing advice on Countryside Stewardship targeting statements.

HLS Management Plans

During 2014 the project has worked on a number of Higher Level Stewardship management plans. These cover a range of heritage assets including Weasenham Great Barrow (a nationally significant prehistoric burial mound), a medieval moat at Colkirk, Gresham Castle, St Mary's Friary Burnham Norton and part of Lynford Park.



Part of Lynford Park
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The Norfolk Monuments Management Project would like to wish everyone who has been and is involved in the project a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Useful websites

[Natural England National Character Areas](#)

[CAP Reform and Countryside Stewardship](#)

[English Heritage](#)

[Forestry Commission England](#)

[Breaking New Ground Landscape Partnership](#)

[Norfolk Monuments Management Project](#)

(look out for an update to this page in 2015, once more is published about Countryside Stewardship)

International coverage of project work

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Raking and reseedling of the traffic island around Aylmerton Cross – work organised by the project after damage caused by vehicles
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Recreation users of Thetford Forest exploring Santon Downham Warren
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An evening with the Norfolk Monuments Management Project

In October thirty-six people attended an evening of talks and discussions at High Lodge, Santon Downham. Presentations covered Scheduled Monuments, the impact of volunteering in Thetford Forest and forthcoming volunteer opportunities. The project is very grateful to the Forestry Commission for hosting the evening and to all those who gave up their time to contribute. It is hoped there will be an opportunity to hold a similar event in 2015, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the project.

Training opportunities

During 2014 the project provided training for a number of organisations. We contributed to two of the Breckland Society's Breaking New Ground Landscape Partnership training days, one on flint in the Brecks, the other on warrens. Despite heavy rain, both were well attended. In June we spent a morning with the Forestry Commission and recreational users of Thetford Forest, then in July delivered a session for Forestry Commission staff.



Breckland Society volunteers studying warren banks at Downham High Warren
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