

# NORFOLK MONUMENTS MANAGEMENT PROJECT

## NEWSLETTER

### Countryside Stewardship launched

Countryside Stewardship, the new government agri-environment scheme, was officially launched earlier this month. It replaces Environmental Stewardship and provides support to land managers who care for the environment (including the historic environment). A competitive scheme, it is open to all eligible land managers, including farmers and woodland owners.

Applicants are able to apply for three main elements: Mid Tier agreements, Higher Tier agreements and capital works grants.

All Higher Tier applications, and some Mid Tier and capital works grant applications, must include a Historic Environment Farm Environment Record (HEFER). In Norfolk Natural England will directly commission the



Godwick deserted settlement: possible candidate for inclusion in a Countryside Stewardship application (© Norfolk County Council)

project to produce HEFERs through the Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England (SHINE) website. Section 5.4 of the Countryside Stewardship manual explains the HEFER consultation process.

**SHINE - Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England**

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**SHINE and Countryside Stewardship Applications**

\* This website will be the right place for Natural England Advisers to request Historic Environment FERs to support Countryside Stewardship applications. NE Advisers will be able to access the new functionality around Mon 20-Jul onwards \*

\*Final Instructions will be issued to NE staff - a PowerPoint step-by-step will be available here\*

The Countryside Stewardship [Manual Chapter 5.4](#) explains how an applicant should consult on the historic environment. Natural England are working in partnership with the umbrella body for professional archaeologists and historic records specialist staff associated with Local Authorities - ALGAO & Historic England (formerly English Heritage). This website provides a web portal for all CS pre-application consultations to be logged/sent digitally.

**This web portal will be used by Natural England staff to commission an Historic Environment FER on behalf of a CS applicant. (it is no longer open to agents, surveyors or applicants themselves)**

A HEFER Request is sent by the SHINE web portal to:

- the relevant Local Authority Historic Environment Service(s) for them to add known historic environment features (above and below-ground archaeological sites, historic buildings and landscape features) as [SHINE features](#) and to add management recommendations for each site (Higher Tier only).
- Where a designated historic asset (Scheduled Monument, Registered Park or Registered Battlefield) is present within the consultation area, Historic England will always provide a response.

Responses will be completed within 20 working days from request- completed in part automatically where a Local Authority is unable to contribute.

A CS Applicant (and NE Adviser) will receive an email containing a link to download each completed Response.

Record look-up

Use the search tools below to give you more information about the archaeological and historic sites on your Entry Level Environmental Stewardship application area.

SHINE UID

Scheduled Monument ID

Screen grab from SHINE website [www.myshinedata.org.uk](http://www.myshinedata.org.uk)

### Countryside Stewardship website

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-paid-for-environmental-land-management)

### Manual

[www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-stewardship-manual](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-stewardship-manual)

### Targeting statements

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-statements-of-priorities](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-statements-of-priorities)



Water-filled medieval fishpond at Hindringham Hall  
(© Norfolk County Council)



Medieval gatehouse at West Acre Priory  
(© Norfolk County Council)

## Project grants in 2014-15

In 2014–15 the project issued just over £24,500 of English Heritage grant-aid through conservation agreements. These agreements cover vegetation management at a prehistoric burial mound, a medieval moat, the ruins of a medieval church and the medieval town banks at Castle Acre. Support for repairs to West Acre Priory and part of the town wall at Castle Acre has also been provided.

Management works funded in previous years continued at over twenty heritage assets, including at Hindringham Hall fishponds. Scrub was originally cleared from this site with Higher Level Stewardship funding but, following a change of ownership, the project stepped in to support weed control and the sowing of grass seed. It is now clear of scrub and tall weeds and the owner has taken the opportunity to open the site to the public and raise the water level in the ponds. Nearly all the ponds now hold water, possibly for the first time in centuries.

## Norfolk Ponds Project

<http://www.norfolkfwag.co.uk/norfolk-ponds-project>

The project is a partner in the Norfolk Ponds Project (NPP), which was formed in 2014 to bring together organisations already involved in pond conservation. Ponds are often hundreds of years old and over time may have become overgrown and dried up. However, ponds can provide vital clean water, be wonderful habitats for wildlife and are important historic features in the rural landscape.

Whatever your view on your local ponds - whether they are on your land or in your local area – NPP is interested in your opinions and is teaming up with the University College London to find out more. To get involved, please let NPP know your views in a simple online survey (<http://www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/ponds>).



Recently restored farm pond in north Norfolk, visited during UCL and Norfolk Rivers Trust pond management workshop (© Norfolk County Council)

There is also a chance to win - each completed questionnaire will also be entered into a raffle to win £75 in Amazon vouchers. Based on text provided by Helen Greaves, University College London

To discuss the management of a Scheduled Monument owned by Norfolk County Council or covered by a project Section 17 agreement, an undesignated heritage asset or grant-aid, contact **David Robertson** [david.robertson@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:david.robertson@norfolk.gov.uk) 01362 869291

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