

BOUGHTON FEN REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20.12.2011

The Fen Committee held a successful open morning in the new Boughton Community Hall on Saturday 3rd December, 2011, when people came along to see what we had done and what we have planned for the fen. We were also able to show visitors a plan of the route for the Boughton Fen Wildlife Walk.

Work has continued at great pace over the last couple of months. Along with Community Payback, we have cleared the whole of the walk route which is now available for everyone to walk. At present, the fen is so dry that you can walk the whole route without wellies. We know that some parts will be very wet in a normal winter, so we are starting work on building boardwalks in certain areas in the next week or so. If you want to get rid of any Christmas surplus, come along and get fit helping with the walk.

To guide you around this lovely walk, we will be placing a few marker posts with arrows to help you on your way. There will also be some strategically placed interpretation boards, giving a bit of information about the fen, and showing the route of the walk.

With the help of Community Payback, we have also cleared the fenceline on Highland Fen. We can now enter this accurately on our application to the Planning Inspectorate to enclose areas for grazing. Hopefully, we will be able to do the same for lower fen within the next few weeks.

On a nature note, Allan Hale has ringed a Great Grey Shrike, this being the first ever recorded on the fen.

Thanks to all of you who have helped us, and if anyone else would like to assist with the fen, please give me a call on 01366 500461.

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