

BOUGHTON FEN REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 18.11.2011

With our summer visitors having left for warmer climes, we are at last able to access the fen for our winter tasks.

The work has certainly started well this year (we normally get into gear after Christmas), with work on reed cutting, scrub clearance and the Boughton Fen Wildlife Walk. Reed cutting has been done on both Lower and Highland Fens, with the raking up being completed by Community Payback who have visited us three times so far this season. Scrub clearance is an ongoing process through the winter, with our contractor Lee Roberts carrying out the work.

The route of the Fen Walk has now been cleared by various groups including the contractor, Community Payback and our own efforts with volunteers.

We have recently re-negotiated our Higher Level Stewardship agreement with DEFRA and Natural England. This has been revised to reflect the best way forward for the fen and will keep funding in place through to the end of our agreement in 2018.

We will be holding an open morning in the Boughton Community Hall (Church) on Saturday 3rd December from 10.30am until midday. Please come along and see what we have done to enhance the fen, and our plans for the future. See where the Boughton Fen Wildlife Walk will be going, to take you on an impressive 2.5 kilometre stroll.

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