

## BOUGHTON FEN REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1.11.2013

Most of the summer visitors have now departed for warmer climes, leaving the fen to full time residents and human visitors.

Over the autumn and winter, we intend to carry out work with a number of working parties to keep on top of things and also repair seat and extend the boardwalk where necessary.

Specialist contractors will continue to remove large areas of scrub to prevent it spreading further into the main areas of reed bed.

The Environment Agency has recently carried out work to some areas of the bank adjacent to Stringside Drain, to assist in retaining water in the fen. This work is part of the Water Management Plan for the SSSI.

We recently met with the representatives of Baling for Biodiversity, which is an organisation specialising in cutting and baling reed and grass in wetland areas. They should visit us later in the season to work on selected areas to enhance habitat for wildlife in certain parts of the fen.

Voting for Boughton Fen in the Lloyds Community Fund finished on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you all who voted by email, text or visiting Lloyds bank. We are now awaiting the results to see if we have been awarded a £3000 grant to assist us in our continuing work on the Fen.

We are now the proud owners of our own website [www.boughtonfen.org.uk](http://www.boughtonfen.org.uk) . We will be putting more information on in the next few weeks. Thanks go to Kevin Fisher for masterminding this project.

If you would like to assist us with our efforts on the fen, please give me a call on 01366 500461, or email [mark@pogmore.myzen.co.uk](mailto:mark@pogmore.myzen.co.uk).

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