

Cremer's Meadow. A wildlife site for Brundall residents and visitors.

In late 2014, Brundall Parish Council was fortunate in being able to purchase a piece of land known as Cremer's Meadow.

The land had belonged to Mr and Mrs Cremer for about 40 years. Locals loved to see Mr Cremer's collections of geese and other animals as they passed by on the way to Braydeston Hills. The couple had a strong sense of community and it was following Ivan Cremer's death that Shirley Cremer sold the land to Brundall Parish Council with the specific wish that it became a relaxing, natural facility for the village.

The Parish Council established a "Friends of Cremer's Meadow" group which has met regularly during the past 8 years and provides advice to the Council for the development of the land.

The Friends are also an active "hands on" group of volunteers and a range of clearance activities have taken place. The volunteers have worked tirelessly, but with great enjoyment, since the land became parish property. The results of their labour can be seen today as we open for ongoing public access. To see how it looked in the early days, do have a look in the Information Centre at the photograph album.

The Friends are also enthusiasts regarding the abundant flora and fauna that can be found on the site. Information from surveys etc can be found in the Information Centre and Friends are often around more especially on Fridays when they meet to carry out regular maintenance tasks.

Other groups have been supportive of the site and it has been wonderful to have working parties from McDonalds, Aviva and Community Payback as well as huge support from BADCOG and Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Bure Valley Conservation who regularly assist in the "Cut and Clear" of the Meadow.

The site has County Wildlife status. This is an accolade which recognises the quality of the environment, in particular the rare water meadow, and ensures that we receive the very best advice on how to maintain and improve it.

The site will be an ongoing project for the Parish Council and the Friends group. There will be many tasks to complete over many years and more volunteers to offer expertise or hands on work will be very welcome indeed.

We are hugely grateful to our local business supporters, the Co-operative Store, Sainsburys who have provided the refreshments so that we can make the event free to everyone. The site has been lucky enough to have been gifted donations towards the pond dipping platform, notice boards and benches.

The site is open for pedestrian access only. Feel free to wander around the site and enjoy Brundall's very own special, wildlife-rich open space.

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