

Introduction

The Landscape Partnership spans the historic boundary between Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire and is supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Partnership's aim is to reconnect people with their landscape and cultural heritage.

The Partnership area covers an area of 233 square kilometres; located in the Humberhead Levels it includes parishes in North Lincolnshire and Doncaster Metropolitan Borough areas.

The Landscape Partnership seeks to conserve the landscape heritage – both natural and cultural – in distinctive landscapes, whilst delivering benefits for people within and beyond the areas the Landscape Partnership covers. In particular, it will change the way people understand, perceive and relate to the landscapes they live in, work in, or visit.

In doing this the Landscape Partnership scheme creates a holistic and balanced approach to the management of landscape heritage, helping people to connect with it, thereby leading to continued activity and a lasting legacy. The Landscape Partnership will offer people the skills and training to gain the experience to help deliver the individual projects outcomes, and to continue to use these skills after the Partnership has ended.



About us

To find out more about the Landscape Partnership visit www.ioahc.net

You can contact a member of the Landscape Partnership team by emailing landscapepartnership@northlincs.gov.uk

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To learn more about the Landscape Partnership or to hear about upcoming events scan the QR code below.



Learning

The Landscape Partnership aims to promote and facilitate thought-provoking and unique learning experiences with the Partnership's rich and diverse landscapes at the heart of it. To achieve our mission of reconnecting people with their landscape and cultural heritage, the team will deliver a programme of inventive and exciting events, activities and workshops.

We aim to pay special attention to local schools. Creating an appetite for history and the natural world early on will encourage a set of values and inspire future generations to carry on safeguarding this important area.

Education transport support

This project aims to tackle one of the key constraints preventing schoolchildren and schools using key landscape partnership sites for educational visits from nearby communities of interest. A transport subsidy will be available to local schools and education providers.

Events

The Landscape Partnership is offering a varied programme of project informed events, training sessions, workshops and activities. Events will be available throughout the year in various locations across the project area. Examples of events include:

- **Investigating nature** - pond dipping, life cycles of the dragonfly and mini-beasting.
- **Habitat management** – building bird boxes, bird feeders, hedge laying workshops and training, improving pathways and access and wildlife surveying
- **Walking events** - themed walking events, talking walks, walking festivals, seasonal walks, bat and wildlife walks, family activity trails and guided photography walks.
- **Art and craft workshops** – Sketching the Isle workshops, out of school activities, rock painting, scarecrow making, and lots more!
- **Project open days** – themed days with activities, talks, walks and exhibitions. Heritage skills and training – fieldwalking, learn how to do a test-pit in your garden, documentary research, recording historic buildings.

Check out the Partnership's Facebook page or website for upcoming events.

Volunteering with us

Volunteers are an integral part of the Partnership. With the efforts and assistance given by volunteers our projects will not only be successful, but the outcomes of the projects will positively impact those involved, residents and the local area. In return volunteers will receive opportunities to acquire new skills, attend training sessions, workshops and events.

Volunteering has many benefits; meeting likeminded people, building confidence and promoting wellbeing in new surroundings.

Volunteering can change perceptions and create a community of caring considerate individuals who keep alive traditions.

Gaining skills whilst volunteering with the project will help to form a knowledge and skill base within local communities that in the long term can safeguard their landscape and cultural heritage after the project has finished.

To have a chat about volunteering call the Landscape Partnership team on 01724 297536.

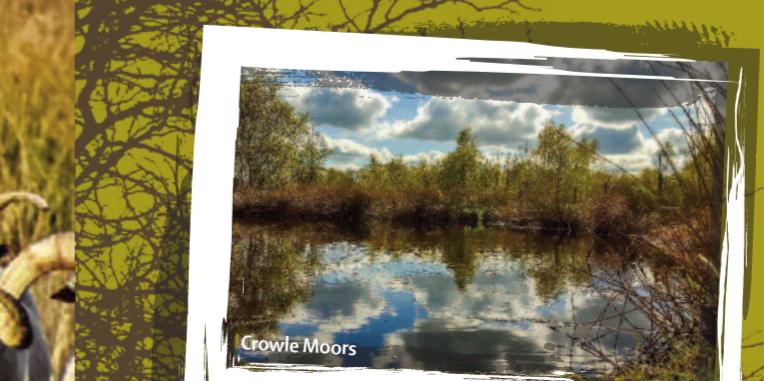


Community Grant Fund

The Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Landscape Partnership Community Grant can be accessed by local community groups, land owners and organisations that are based in the ioahc project area.

Applicants can apply for a maximum of £2,000. We are encouraging applicants to provide match funding to assist their application and it is possible for volunteer time to be included as match.

If you are interested in applying for the Community Grant Fund contact the Landscape Partnership or visit www.ioahc.net for more information.



ISLE OF AXHOLME + HATFIELD CHASE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP



About the Heritage Lottery Fund

The Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Landscape Partnership was awarded £1.84m by Heritage Lottery Fund, which will allow the Partnership to deliver 16 projects with match funding worth £3m.

The partnership is made up of the following organisations:

- North Lincolnshire Council
- Natural England
- Crowle Peatland Railway Society
- Canal and River Trust
- Doncaster Metropolitan Council
- Heritage Lincolnshire
- Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Thanks to National Lottery Players investing money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife.

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Partnership projects

Over the next five years, a total of 16 individual projects will be delivered through the Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Partnership. There are three themes:

- PEATLANDS AND WETLANDS
- TIME AND PLACE
- COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

➤ Peatlands and Wetlands

- PW.01 Peatland Restoration on Thorne & Hatfield Moors
- PW.02 Keadby Warping Drain
- PW.03 Reconstructing the Wildscape

➤ Time and Place

- TP.01 From Flaxen Locks to Retting Pits
- TP.02 Castles and Manors
- TP.03 Neolithic Trackway
- TP.04 Crowle and Thorne Moors Peat Industrial Railway Restoration
- TP.05 Presenting the Past (Haxey, Belton and Owston Ferry)
- TP.06 Landscape of Heroes*

➤ Community Connections

- CC.01 Thorne Waterfront Canal
- CC.02 Thorne to Crowle Moors Access Bridge
- CC.03 Hatfield Moor Viewing Towers
- CC.04 Isle of Axholme Greenway
- CC.05 Third Party Grant Scheme*
- CC.06 Education Transport Support*
- CC.07 Activity Plan: Landscape and Engagement Plan*

* Area wide projects (not on the map)

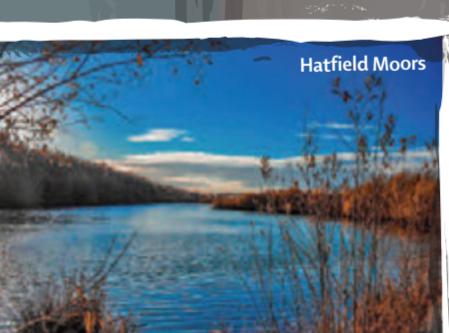
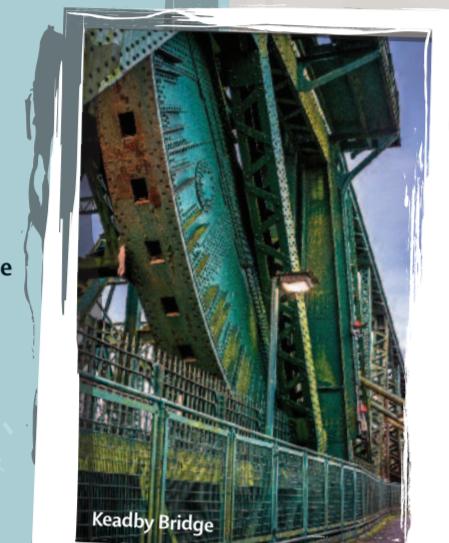
Peatlands and Wetlands

Peatland Restoration on Thorne and Hatfield Moors – This project will contribute towards restoring the conditions for the internationally important lowland raised mires at the Humberhead Peatlands NNR moving towards being in favourable condition, by reducing evapo-transpiration.

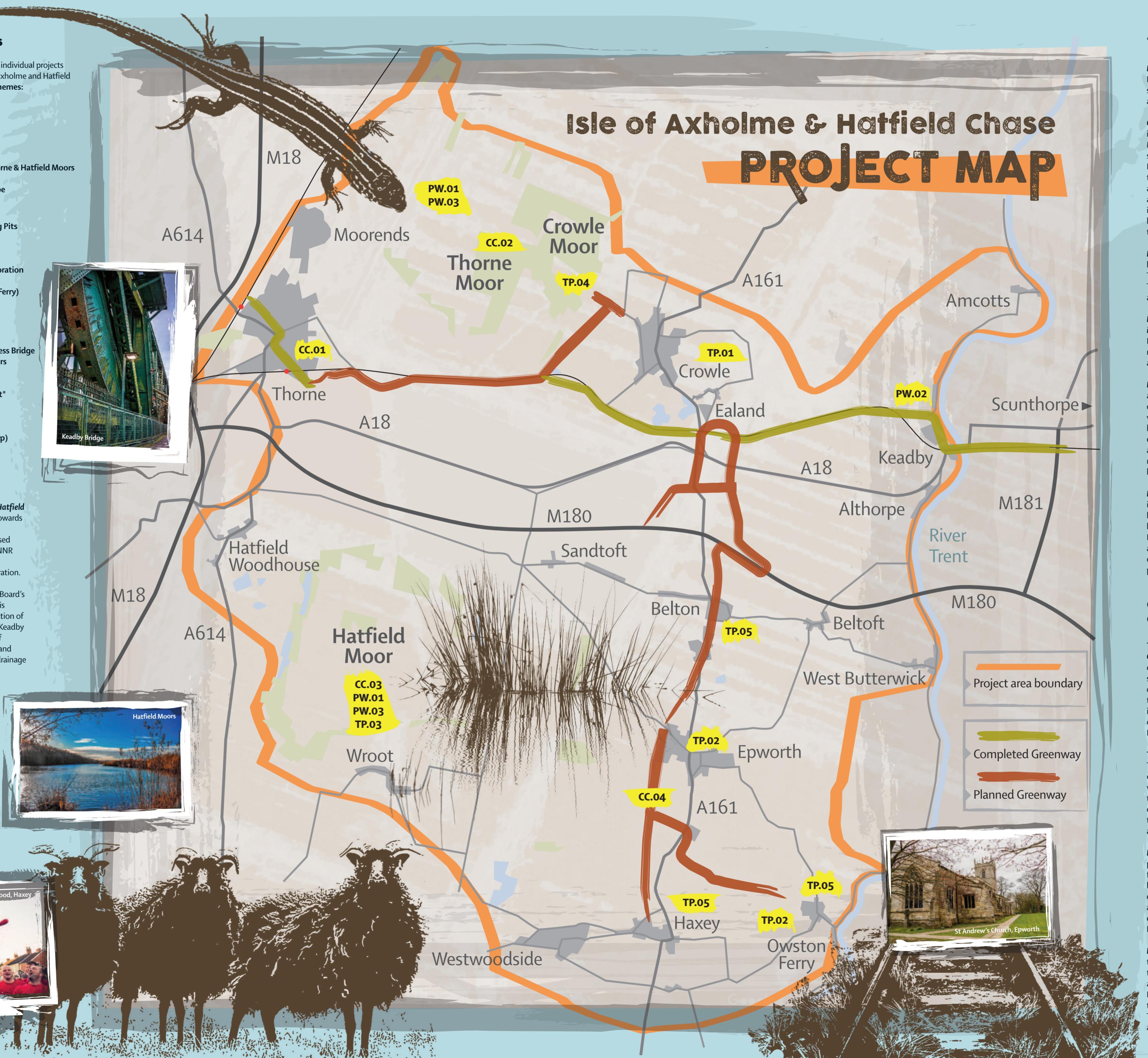
Keadby Warping Drain – To fence the Board's land on which Keadby Warping Drain is situated to allow grazing and the creation of grassland habitat so that the historic Keadby Warping Drain is situated in an area of complementary habitats with access and engagement on "warping" and land drainage history.

Reconstructing the Wildscape

The project is based around an investigation into the wild 'hidden landscapes' of Thorne and Hatfield Moors their surrounding areas and their associated floodplains and meres. These 'hidden landscapes' are the prehistoric, historic and post-medieval landscapes of the Humberhead Levels which are preserved and concealed by the peat and alluvial deposits that cover much of this environment.



Isle of Axholme & Hatfield Chase PROJECT MAP



Time and Place

From Flaxen Locks to Retting Pits – Investigation and interpretation of the significant industry for flax and retting in and around Crowle.

Castles and Manors – Archaeological investigations into the reputed Medieval Manor House site at Vinegarth and the land surrounding St Andrew's Church in Epworth. New interpretation boards will be installed at the site of Owston Castle, a scheduled Motte and Bailey Castle. There will also be scrub and tree clearance around the site. This will improve provisions for visitor access to the local nature reserve and unveil the castle's true landscape character.

Neolithic Trackway – The project aims to build a replica of the Neolithic Lindholme Trackway found on Hatfield Moor in 2004. The trackway dates back to 2900-2500BC and is known as a Corduroy trackway.

Industrial Archaeology of the Peatlands and its Railway – Run by the Crowle Peatland Railway Society this project will explore the rail and industrial history linked to Thorne and Crowle Moors.

Presenting the Past – A range of volunteer activities will allow local communities to discover, learn, share and celebrate how their villages, settlements and historic landscape have been shaped by man. Topics include; early evidence of human activity, farming and settlement practices, use of natural resources and development of the industrial landscape.

Landscapes of Heroes – Community involvement is requested to uncover key locations and rediscover tales of aviation history. Research will be undertaken into the Isle of Axholme's airfields, military locations and associated support sites (defences and other infrastructure) and will cover the period from WW1- present day

Community Connections

Thorne Waterfront – Canal Community Connections – Upgrading the towpath to ensure a safe, multi-user facility, creating some environmental enhancements and delivering an interpretation scheme linking the town with its waterside, though physical improvements and activities for people and other projects within the Landscape Partnership area.

Thorne to Crowle Moors Access Bridge – To install a new footbridge across the drain on the eastern boundary of Thorne Moors with Crowle Moors following the route of the Peatlands Way. To give the visitor a new experience of the NNR and speed up access to this eastern side of Thorne following access improvements on Crowle Moors.

Hatfield Viewing Towers – To install two new platforms overlooking the old peat milled fields and Packard's Heath where nightjars breed each year. To give the visitor a new experience of the NNR – allowing new values and perspectives to be achieved over the expansive long-viewed landscapes of the Humberhead Peatlands.

Isle of Axholme Greenway – Improved access to the landscapes of the Isle of Axholme and the moors of Crowle, Thorne and Hatfield. Its aim is to join up the missing sections of the Isle of Axholme Greenway and make links to the wider landscape and the moors beyond. Target links will include areas between Haxey and Epworth and between Belton and Crowle.

