

# **Clarkes Lane Habitat Project**

## Proposal for the habitat area

- A year long programme to develop this area
- To increase the wildlife habitat area for the park
- To re-use as much material for the area
- To keep costs as low as possible, to promote what can be achieved for a very minimal cost
- Works started in early May 2024, in the Autumn of 2024, the area where water has settled. This area will be scraped to leave an area where water will hopefully settle. This will only be around 25cm deep.
- This will hopefully enable water to settle over the winter. This won't be a pond as such, but a '*scrape*'.

*“Scrapes are shallow ponds, less than 1m in depth, which hold rain or flood water seasonally but stay damp for most of the year. Shallow with gently sloping edges, you can see them in fields all over the UK but most often on farmland, where they create obvious water features”.*

***- Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust***



During the winter of 2023/2024, water natural settled in the area of Clarkes Lane where the yellow rectangle is on the photo (above of Clarkes Lane).

In early May, the GMT processed some timber from a tree that was felled in Fen park, this was cut into useable lengths. This was used as a surround for the area as well as posts for birds to perch and holes drilled for bees to burrow in.



During the summer, the grass inside the boundary of this area will be left to grow.

In April 2024, Jonny met with Cathy Smith from Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Cathy approved of the idea and provided recommendations regarding the shape of the area and ideas for planting if we decide to.

Cathy is going to send some recommendations as to what can be planted to enhance the area.



## I'm becoming a wildlife habitat!

This area of land has been designed to become a new wildlife habitat. Work will be ongoing through the year to create a habitat that will encourage a variety of native species.

Please be respectful and do not disturb the area during this time of development.

Thank you.



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