

Boyland Common

Report for Parish Council 13.2.23

The group known as the 'Friends of Boyland Common' were originally formed at the behest of the Parish Council to oversee the raising of funds to enable the village of Shelfanger to save its historic Common from the effects of further neglect.

Since that work was completed in 2012, the group has been concerned with keeping an eye on the welfare of the Common, particularly conservation issues.

We are indebted to our local farmers who mow and remove the cuttings once a year, thus helping to maintain the impoverished soil conditions that encourage the growth and diversity of wild flowers.

Our continued thanks to Ivan Lord who helps to encourage people to explore the Common by keeping pathways cut

We are also indebted to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, who have always been there on hand for advice and encouragement.

And last, but by no means least, a special thanks to Stella Taylor who has taken a long term interest in the biodiversity of the Common through its highs and lows, keeping important records and leading wildflower walks.

After an enforced gap due to the pandemic, Stella will once again be leading a Wildflower walk on the Common. The date set is Sunday 21st May, meeting at the Boyland Common gates at 3.00pm. It is hoped that we will be able to see Green-winged Orchids, their numbers on the Common have been increasing a little each year.

Pam Ross, Chairman of the 'Friends of Boyland Common'