

Assets of Community Value: Draft Nomination (Ingleby Clay)

Question: Is the asset in current use to further the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community? If yes, please explain how.

Yes.

If Yes, please explain how the asset furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community:

Ingleby Clay Community Nature Site is actively used by the local community for recreation, education, volunteering, and engagement with nature. The site provides a safe, accessible, and tranquil space where residents can enjoy the outdoors and participate in community and educational activities.

Examples of current and recent use include:

- Daily informal use for: Walking, dog walking, running, bird watching, nature photography, and beekeeping.
- Voluntary working parties: Activities such as fence building, bramble management, tree and hedge planting, hedge management, and planting wildflowers, taking place approximately four times per year since 2022.
- Educational and wildlife activities:
 - Visits by naturalists to survey and catalogue flora, insects, and birds (approx. two per year).
 - Outdoor Discovery sessions for children aged 2–12, run by a qualified teacher (two sessions per year, 2022–2023; student activities planned in 2025).
 - Moth trapping and identification sessions (three per year, 2024–2025).
 - One-off butterfly training session by Butterfly Conservation (2023).
- Community engagement and research:
 - Wedding and children's photography sessions by a local professional photographer.
 - One-off metal detecting session at the site of a medieval settlement.
 - Use of drone photography contributing to a PhD thesis.
 - Night-vision observations of wildlife.
 - Trail cameras installed for use by students and the community.
 - Guided tours for local politicians and interested community groups.

The site provides the community with opportunities for recreation, education, environmental volunteering, and scientific learning, fostering wellbeing, knowledge, and enjoyment of nature.

Please provide any further information to support your nomination:

- Visitors frequently comment on the peaceful and restorative nature of the site.
- Local residents appreciate the information boards situated along the pathways.

- Parents of children attending Outdoor Discovery sessions have provided positive feedback regarding the educational value and enjoyment of the sessions.
- Volunteer participants value the opportunity to use the “green gym” through practical conservation activities.
- There are no known legal restrictions, covenants, or development plans affecting community use of the site.
- Evidence of community use and activity can be found here:

Moths 4 April 2025

Easter Treats

Data Gathering at Ingleby Clay

- Contact for verification:

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