

## **Saxilby with Ingleby Annual Parish Meeting 2026**

### **Annual Report: Saxilby Nature Project**

Saxilby Nature Project continues to increase the biodiversity of the community nature sites.

We dug some more seasonal ponds on Ingleby Clay last year, which filled up during the winter, attracting waterfowl and wading birds. Amphibians are beginning to appear, with frogs attempting to breed. This spring we are planting some wildflower plugs on the fringes of Timmins Pond, to improve the cover for amphibians, such as frogs, toads and newts.

Last autumn, we participated in the Lincoln Climate Action Festival, holding two tree planting sessions, focusing on connecting the boundary hedge with the central woodland.

This spring we have continued our program of wildflower planting, involving volunteers from the community. The aim is to enrich the evolving wildflower meadows.

This autumn we will be constructing some wildflower scrapes and beetle banks on Hardwick Scrub, aiming to collaborate with the new Saxilby Environmental Group and possibly Saxilby Primary School. There is now an additional mown footpath on Hardwick Scrub, which leads visitors through two of the small woods.

Last autumn, Springwood Tree Services assisted us with tree surgery in Saxilby Community Wood, felling some dead birch trees. These were cut into logs which were taken to Hardwick Scrub to form habitat piles. This spring our volunteers cleared two fallen trees which were obstructing one of the paths in the wood. The chopped up tree trunks stayed in the wood. During a bird survey in the woodland, a Kingfisher was seen visiting the woodland pool.

We are hoping to work alongside Saxilby Waterfront Group, and SEG, to ensure the Old Road area by the Fosdyke Canal is strimmed appropriately.

We are still seeking land on which to create a community garden including allotments for the Saxilby community. We have been in discussion with three local landowners, and these discussions have been left open for the time being. In the meantime, we are in the process of purchasing land further afield, outside of the Saxilby area, on which we hope to trial our vision of creating community allotments on farmland. We appeal to everyone to assist in the search for suitable land local to Saxilby.