

## Croft Close Set-aside



### *Where is it?*

On the north-west fringe of Histon, just a few minutes' walk from the High St, accessed via Croft Close or Gun's Lane off Cottenham Road.

### *What is it?*

A magical wild area of 4.5 ha reclaimed by nature in 25 years. A rich mosaic of habitats – a mixture of natural woodlands, shrubs and grass clearings, criss-crossed by paths.

### *Why it's special*

The diversity of the habitat makes it appealing to so many species. As the seasons change, every visit can be different. Walk quietly and you may see the rare red-listed birds that nest here and much other wildlife. A great place for biodiversity and for relaxation; a place that you could feel lost in for a while!



## Long Meadow



### *Where is it?*

Long Meadow is accessed through gaps in the hedge along Park Lane, the road from Histon to Girton and Oakington.

### *What is it?*

A 2 ha. ancient low-lying field. A hay meadow for as long as anyone can remember, it supports around 120 species of wildflower and tree. It is framed by stately trees and a water course with water voles and kingfishers.

### *Why it's special*

A classic English landscape with grasses spotted with colour: yellow buttercups, lady's bedstraw and meadow vetchling, white yarrow, blue germander speedwell, purple black knapweed, dusky-pink red clover and the pink-and-white striped flowers of the field bindweed. A great place for walking, enjoying being in the fresh air or observing nature.



## Volunteer



Join one of our site management work parties clearing paths, restoring ponds, keeping habitats diverse and encouraging wildflowers. You may be interested in surveys of the wildlife or helping at a fundraising event. To register your interest, sign up on the website or email us.





## Donate



## How?

Through the website. If you value this green village project please consider a regular monthly contribution or a one-off donation. Or become a fundraiser yourself – see the fundraising pack on the website.

## Why?

As of April 2023, we are closing on the target of £500,000! Fundraising continues in order to support maintenance, public access, research, education and the programme of information and activities.



## Visit

### Travel and parking

Neither site has onsite parking. When you visit please consider walking or coming by bicycle.

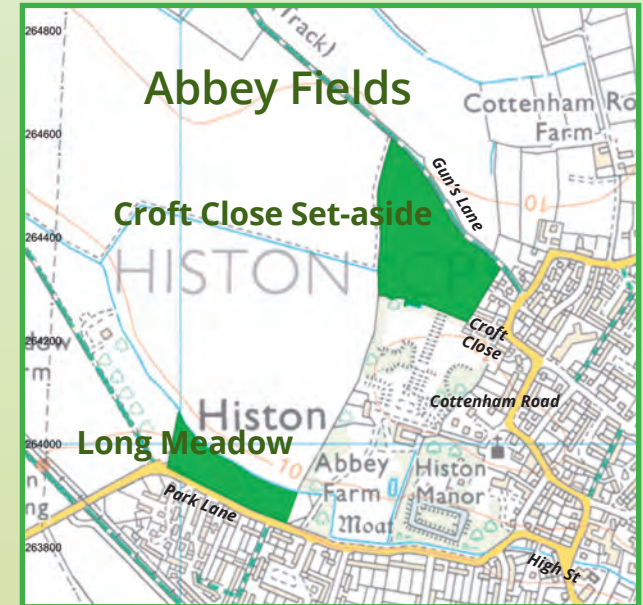
### Within the Fields

Long Meadow is an open field; wander as you will. By contrast Croft Close Set-aside is wild with few formal footpaths; please refer to the map below. Wander with care!



Check out EXPLORE on the website.  
[www.abbeyfields.online](http://www.abbeyfields.online)

# ABBNEY FIELDS



## Welcome

The Abbey Fields are two special outdoor spaces and important natural habitats in the village. A charity\*, Histon & Impington Green Spaces, was formed in 2021 to secure and maintain them – spaces that have been known, visited, and appreciated by generations of local people.

We hope you enjoy your visit and consider helping with the project.

\*Registered Charity 1195616

