

Warsop Carrs

Learn more about The Carrs,
the Local Nature Reserve and
the future plan for the site.

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The Carrs Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in Warsop is one of the district's well known beauty spots and much loved and valued by the community. It's a place for relaxing, recreation and wildlife watching with very distinct areas for these activities.

The Carrs is a site of contrast and this has been purposely done to allow wildlife to flourish and the community to enjoy this open space.

In order to ensure that The Carrs continues to deliver its value, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has been contracted to produce a management plan.



Mansfield District Council is looking to nominate The Carrs for a Green Flag Award in 2016



To do this we will be working with the community to further develop the site to the required standard. We'll need more volunteers and community support for our management plan.

Home to swans, ducks and fish, the stunning mill pool is the highlight of the reserve. The pond remains as a site for fishing and relaxing. We'll be making decisions on maintaining the willow lined banks and the island in our plan. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has recommended further planting of indigenous species needs to be done to secure the island site and to create a sustainable natural habitat.

The silt trap, at the top of the island, is doing its job well. We plan to monitor the trap and make plans to clear it when needed.



MILL POOL

The field is available for the community to enjoy, play sports and also hosts the annual Warsop Carnival. This area will be maintained this way for the foreseeable future.



PLAYING FIELDS

The path runs through the Local Nature Reserve – an area of long grass, nettles and thistles. This is an important environment for bees, butterflies and other wildlife. They need the dense cover and nettles to breed and to feed. In the future plan, we will look at maintaining this area to continue to support insects and wildlife.

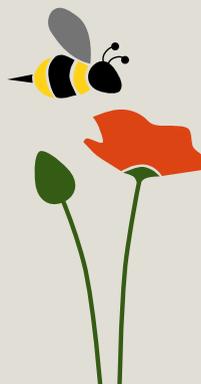


LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

The Scrape (small pond) near to the car park was created by the Friends of The Carrs with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and guidance from wildlife experts. The site attracts dragon flies and red admiral butterflies and it's a lovely spot for families to learn more about Nottinghamshire's wildlife. Our plan will include recommendations for this area to allow activities such as pond dipping for schools.



THE SCRAPE

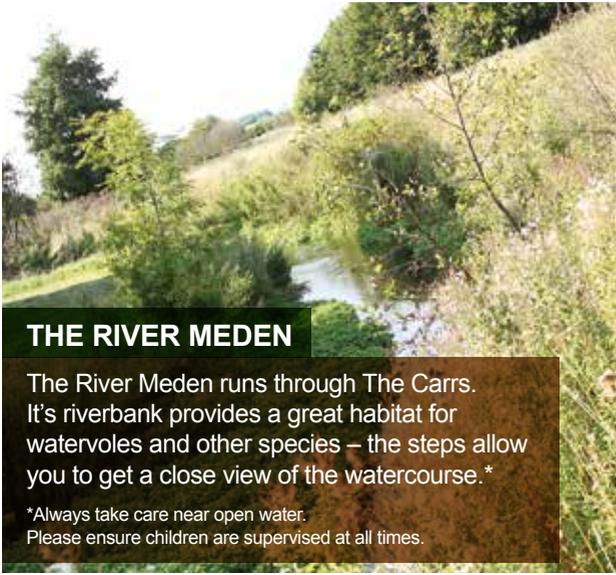


The monument is a tribute to servicemen and a reminder of the sacrifices made during battle. Local volunteers had scattered poppy seeds here to create a memorial meadow, however, the seeds haven't taken and spread.

So, this autumn/winter we will prepare the orchard, ready to sow a wildflower and Flanders Poppy meadow among the fruit trees in spring 2016.



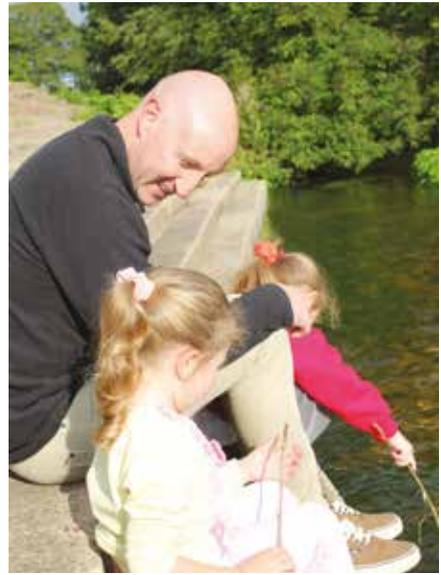
THE MONUMENT AND POPPY FIELD



THE RIVER MEDEN

The River Meden runs through The Carrs. It's riverbank provides a great habitat for watervoles and other species – the steps allow you to get a close view of the watercourse.*

*Always take care near open water. Please ensure children are supervised at all times.



THE FUTURE PLAN FOR THE CARRS

Working with community groups and with advice from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust we will create a five year management plan for The Carrs. The plan will focus on botanical and wildlife interests and make recommendations for maintaining and creating spaces for this to happen. It will also focus on the River Meden, mill pool, the scrape, the LNR and footpaths. It will outline habitat management for the island, grassland and wetland areas. Preserving wildlife will be at the heart of activities.



GET INVOLVED!

We are looking to the community to give feedback on the draft management plan and to extend the network of volunteers to help manage the site.

Once completed, the five year plan will be available online and in local community areas including the town hall, library, halls and community centres. We'd welcome your feedback.



You'll be able to read the new five year plan, give feedback and sign up to become a Carrs Community Volunteer on our website.

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