

Woolsington Parish Ponds: WPC Biodiversity Project



Woolsington Parish Ponds: the Main Pond (above) and the Lily Pond (below)



Project Background:

The Parish Ponds & Upper Ouse Burn are among Newcastle's most important "blue green spaces." They support thriving habitats and some nationally threatened species (e.g. Linnet and Tree Sparrow). They include two main water bodies – the Main Pond and the Lily Pond – created in the early 1990s after open-cast mining restoration. Over time, these ponds have transformed into wildlife-rich environments, supporting a variety of resident birds (e.g. Gadwall and Mallard) and over-wintering species (e.g. Fieldfare and Redwing). In addition, there is an array of mammals, insects, dragonflies and damselflies, amphibians, aquatic plants and pollinators.



The Parish Council's Biodiversity Project is transforming this restored former industrial land into a popular and thriving community & nature asset.



The pond with the island is the Main Pond, the other pond (right) is known as the Lily Pond

Project Description:

Woolsington Parish Council and the Landowner (Taylor Wimpey & Persimmon Homes) are working with a variety of stakeholders to future-proof the Parish Ponds for the community and nature, to preserve these blue-green spaces for generations to come.

Stakeholders involved to date include:

- Newcastle City Council
- Tyne Rivers Trust
- Environment Agency
- Northumbrian Water Group
- Newcastle University
- Natural History Society of Northumbria
- The Ouse Burn Way
- Wild Intrigue



A place of recreation and leisure where people and nature co-exist

Together we are delivering a series of site & habitat improvements, with the ultimate aim of creating a preserved Nature Area.

The vision is to create a protected space, managed to conserve wildlife, habitats and geological features, while offering opportunities for education and recreation.