



## Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape

The Lincolnshire Wolds is a nationally important and cherished landscape most of which was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1973 on account of its high scenic beauty. Covering an area of 558 square kilometres or 216 square miles, the National

Landscape contains the highest ground in eastern England between Yorkshire and Kent, rising to over 150m along its western edge. Rolling chalk hills and areas of limestone, ironstone, sandstone, and clay underlie this attractive landscape. The Lincolnshire Wolds combines a dramatic western scarp, rolling chalk uplands with steep-sided dry valleys and former sea cliff on the eastern edge.



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Overall, approximately 80% of the NL is in arable use, with 13% as permanent pasture and 4.5% woodland cover. The Lincolnshire Wolds is a living, working landscape and it is widely recognized that much of the attractiveness of the area today is a result of the activities of generations of farmers, landowners, and foresters.

The Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape is an incredibly rich [archaeological resource](#). It is a living, working landscape that has been cultivated almost continuously since prehistoric times. This was one of the key reasons that this area was designated an AONB in 1973. [Historical figures](#) of the Lincolnshire Wolds include Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Henry Winn, John Franklin, and Joseph Banks.



Round Barrow at Bully Hill, Northeast of Tealby

Wildlife is a key element of the natural beauty of the Lincolnshire Wolds NL. The [Lincolnshire Nature Strategy](#) (2020) and Lincolnshire Wolds National Character Area profile recognise farmland, grassland, roadside verges, woodland, beech clumps, chalk streams, and hedgerows as important habitat types within the NL. We work with our many partners including the [Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust](#), the [Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project](#), [Natural England](#) and the [Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership](#) to deliver the actions for protection and enhancement of the key Wolds habitats as detailed in the [Lincolnshire Wolds AONB Management Plan](#) (under review).

The Lincolnshire Wolds is home to a diverse range of plants and animals including arable flowers such as Red Hemp-Nettle, grass and marsh loving orchids including the Pyramidal Orchid and the Frog Orchid, a wide range of farmland birds – Grey Partridge, Skylark, Corn Bunting and Barn Owls, some notable species of bats – Barbastelle, Natterers and Whiskered, and a wide range of river dwelling creatures including brown trout, water vole and otter.



Grey Partridge ©RSPB



Pyramidal Orchid © TWT

Through Nature Calling our ambition is to reach communities who we have not worked with before and help enrich their experience of the National Landscape through the arts motivated and inspired by our local wildlife and heritage. We would like to explore the potential to work with communities in the settlement of Brookenby which is immediate to the disused RAF base, the neighbouring market towns of Alford, Caistor, Louth, Horncastle and Market Rasen. We are also open to exploring wider links and positive connections with our more distant seaside communities of Skegness and Mablethorpe to the east, and the town of Gainsborough to the west.

We will be working in partnership with Magna Vitae who will facilitate the production of the artists commissions and engage with the local community. They have been proven successful in projects such as SO! Festival. Their Vision is to improve the wellbeing of our community, enabling people to live great lives. Their Mission is to clearly demonstrate proactive and innovative leadership, that will generate positive changes in the areas of social and economic inequality. We are committed to empower local people by reaching out with humanity and compassion. Their Values are – that we are in this together; we embrace change; we are always learning, and we celebrate difference.

The Lincolnshire Wolds Nature Calling Advisory Group will include East Lindsey District Council, West Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Magna Vitae and The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. During the running of Nature Calling, we will look to invite other members on to the advisory group who will benefit and add value to the project.

There are several Access for All trails, paths, and maps available that show routes that are suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Many of them based around nature reserves. Whilst there is an extensive network of public rights of way, including to and from our market towns the Lincolnshire Wolds does not have a great number of means for public transport. There is a bus service – Call Connect which is a service you can ring and order. Otherwise, any events that we plan will need to consider the lack of public transport and the distance the community will be willing to travel. To reach our target audience there are

village minibuses that could be used to transport members of the community to our workshops, events, and art installations. There may be a need to have any art installations in the surrounding market towns where it will have higher community engagement and there is accessible public transport.

## Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape Character Area Map

