Case Study
Claxby spring fed pond

The pond hasn’t been touched since the days of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Viking volunteers. It is nice to see it being worked on once again.

LWT volunteer 2015

Project location:
Claxby St Andrews

Clients:
Roughton

Date:
April 2015

Cost:
The habitat improvement works were undertaken by ADC East Anglia at a cost of £14,126

Match funding was kindly provided by WREN FCC Environment fund and Anglian Water Services

Site description:
Claxby pond is a spring fed pond that frequently suffers with run off from the adjacent highway. Resident approached the project with concerns at the loss of such a rare and important habitat.

Special considerations:
The silt had to be tested for toxins before being transported. The methodology had to be suitable for carrying out on a highway in a village

Completed project:
The pond was de-silted using a specialist technique that was more suited to this sensitive habitat. Silt was sucked out and the spring water pumped back in leaving only a ‘peat’ type mix. This reduced the amount of time required to clear the pond and therefore the impact on the highway.

Benefits:
• Restored habitat more suited to the rare flatworm Crenobia alpina
• The Lincolnshire County Council Highways team also helped by clearing the drains to prevent this happening again.