Chairman's Foreword

Once again this has been another exceptionally busy twelve months for the staff of the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service (LWCS) and partners of the Lincolnshire Wolds Joint Advisory Committee (JAC).

As well as taking forward delivery of a wide range of projects and initiatives as detailed within this report, the LWCS has worked closely with our relevant local authority partners to make final changes to the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB Management Plan (2018-23). The revised Plan has subsequently been endorsed by the JAC and adopted by Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, West Lindsey District Council and North East Lincolnshire Council. The publication is a working document that helps set out the Strategy for protecting and enhancing the nationally important Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). I express my thanks and gratitude for everyone that has been involved in the review and look forward to the Partnership’s continuing support and engagement in its delivery.

The Lincolnshire Wolds AONB is a living and working landscape that has unique and special qualities, requiring ongoing investment, both at the local and national levels. Collaboration will continue to be a key to success, with a wide range of partners encouraging and supporting contributions from local landowners, volunteers and community groups.

Readers may well be aware through the national press, that Julian Glover has been selected by HM Government to undertake a review of England’s nationally important and protected landscapes; namely our AONBs and National Parks. To that end, the LWCS and the JAC, have been working closely with the National Association for AONBs and Defra (the Government’s Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to help provide evidence and views to help inform the review. We were pleased to be able to facilitate a visit from Sarah Mukherjee, one of the expert panel advisory members, who wanted to hear and discuss first-hand, some of the pertinent issues facing the area.

We await further news on the recommendations of the Glover Review, which are expected to be announced in early autumn 2019. We hope that the review will reaffirm the importance of our nationally protected landscapes and put in place steps to address and overcome the many challenges facing these areas, ultimately to secure their future protection and enhancement for generations to come.

Stuart Parker

Chairman,
Lincolnshire Wolds Joint Advisory Committee
(AONB Partnership; working collaboratively with the National Association for AONBs).
## Facts & Figures

The Lincolnshire Wolds was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1973 and is one of the UK’s 46 AONBs.

### Size
| 558 km² (216 miles²) |

### Area by Land Use
| 82% farmland (13% in permanent pasture), 4% woodland, 14% other |

### Number of Parishes
| 74 parishes; 97 villages |

### Population
| 10,701 (LWCS estimate from 2011 statistics) |

### Settlement
Numerous attractive farmsteads, country houses, hamlets and nucleated villages that contribute to the Wolds’ special character.

Market towns located at the periphery of the AONB - Alford, Caistor, Horncastle, Louth, Market Rasen and Spilsby.

### Landscape Character
- North west scarp
- Chalk wolds
- Ridges & valleys of the south-west
- South east claylands

### Special Sites
| 98   Scheduled Monuments (SMs) |
| 19   Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) |
| 15   Local Geological Sites (LGSS) |
| 6     Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites (RIGS) |
| 208 Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) |
| 95   Sites of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCIs) |
| 17   Roadside Nature Reserves (RNRs) |

### Rights of Way
- Footpaths – 226,460 metres
- Bridleways – 180,780 metres
- Restricted Byways – 3,100 metres
- Byways Open to All Traffic – 2,700 metres
- Long distance walk route – the Viking Way (Humber – Rutland)
- National Cycling Route (Hull – Harwich)

### Planning Authorities
- Lincolnshire County Council: 516.5 km²
- East Lindsey District Council: 397 km²
- West Lindsey District Council: 119.5 km²
- North East Lincolnshire Council: 41.5 km²
Guided Walks, Events and Shows

Throughout 2018-2019, a wide range of walks, talks and events were hosted or attended by the LWCS over 27 days and nearly 4,000 people engaged directly with staff or viewed displays and interpretive material. Seven guided walks were led by the LWCS. Additional activities undertaken by the team included talks about the Lincolnshire Wolds to local groups and children’s events. The LWCS also promoted four events via Outstanding Week, the national celebration of all things relating to AONBs.

Some of the major events where LWCS staff and volunteers provided information and advice included:

- Archaeology Day at the Collection, Lincoln
- Autumn Fest
- Countryside Lincs
- East Lindsey Business Expo
- Horncastle Churches Festival
- Lincolnshire Show
- Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival Finale
- Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival Launch
- Open Farm Sunday
- Stagecoach InterConnect Bus Walks launch at Gunby Hall.

Staff and Volunteers

The Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project (LCSP) said au revoir but not goodbye to Project Officer Ruth Craig as she took maternity leave. In her place the LCSP have welcomed Steve Scoffin who will cover for Ruth while she is away.

The LCSP would like to give special thanks to Riseholme College student Andrew Cavill for his dissertation surveying work on the Tealby Mill restoration site (see page 15). His data will prove vital in measuring the success of the improvement works. The LCSP would also like to give a special mention to volunteer Rachel Graham who has recently received the River Restoration Centre’s 2019 River Champions award for all of her hard work in looking after Lincolnshire’s chalk streams. Congratulations and thank you!

Without key volunteers, the LWCS would not be able to provide its current level of service. There are many volunteers who help in a variety of ways – from leaders and back markers of walks, to members of local communities who turn up whatever the weather to help improve their local environment. Special thanks go to Bob Turner for help with the events programme and Trevor Rogers for inspiring the orchard surveying.

The Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival (LWWF) would like to thank its regular volunteers, with a special thanks to Geoff Newmarch, Helen Nicholls, Pete Ashmore and Tony Dean who have helped support the LWWF Officer behind the scenes throughout the year.
Publications

Four editions of Higher Ground, the LWCS e-newsletter, were released this year and also six special 'newsflashes'. These included news about a new farm buildings survey, new homes for native crayfish and a survey of orchards in the AONB. To access this newsletter please visit: www.lincswolds.org.uk

Of course the most significant publication of the year was the Management Plan 2018-2023, which sets out the policies and priorities of the AONB for the next five years (see page 21).

'Making the Most of the Lincolnshire Wolds', the popular leaflet pinpointing facilities within the Wolds villages and market towns, was refreshed and reprinted. Similarly the 'Enjoy the Lincolnshire Wolds' publication was revamped. Also in print were bookmarks promoting Higher Ground and a new display board about Wolds businesses for use at a wide range of shows and events.

Most publications are available as pdfs to download from the LWCS website. Alternatively, paper copies can be requested.

Publicity and Promotion

The Lincolnshire Wolds AONB continues to be featured in a wide variety of local and national media. The LWCS has secured media coverage on a range of stories including planning, events, heritage, the revised Management Plan and various projects supported via the Sustainable Development Fund and Small Grant Scheme.

The website www.lincswolds.org.uk is an important tool for the LWCS which is updated regularly. There is always space to promote community events in the AONB as well as shows, walks and activities. During 2018-19 the website was visited 46,678 times of which 86.9% were new visitors. 88% were from the UK, followed by USA, France and Australia. The site was accessed from all corners of the world, including even the odd visit from South Korea and Cambodia.

The LWCS has been regularly using their Twitter account @LincsWoldsAONB, throughout the year. Twitter has become an essential marketing tool, and with over 2,331 followers (an increase of 20% from 2017-18), the team find Twitter a quick and easy way to share stories and photos. From 31 Dec 2018 to 31 Mar 2019 our Tweets earned 143,900 impressions.

One way of determining the popularity of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB is via Google Reviews. During 2018-19, 1,231 reviews were posted (up 45% on last year), with 876 being five stars, and 239 at four stars. Below are just some of the reviews left.

"Very beautiful, I recommend it for lovers of nature and the routes. There are picturesque villages, very traditional pubs, meadows and hills from where you can see sunset, woods and streams."

"One of the most beautiful places in the country with lots of paths to walk and a privacy and tranquility that cannot be found on the well walked paths of other national AONBs."
Projects

Community Involvement and Updates

A significant part of the LWCS work is to provide encouragement and support to communities who are exploring ways to help protect, enhance and promote the AONB. During 2018-19, 68 visits and meetings were undertaken by the LWCS to community groups in the Wolds. Assistance often involves providing guidance, helping to source funding, and when appropriate, helping to identify possible contractors to undertake the work. Community projects are invariably reliant upon local volunteers and sometimes take several years to reach fruition.

Without the enthusiasm, support and dedication of the Wolds communities, the AONB would not be the vibrant place that it is.

God’s Acre Project

The LWCS has worked with a range of church community groups to develop and deliver God’s Acre projects for many years now, looking at ways that churchyards and cemeteries can be managed in different ways – for wildlife, people and heritage. A family event was held at Mareham on the Hill churchyard as part of the Beautiful Burial Grounds, a national project focussing on revealing their hidden heritage and importance to biodiversity. The LWCS also supported the 2nd Horncastle Churches Festival in early September via the Small Grant Scheme (page 11) and by leading a walk that encompassed three places of worship.

The LWCS and partners continued to provide articles for CrossLincs, the Lincoln Diocese bi-monthly newsletter, up to January 2019. After two years and 12 articles it was felt that most key messages had been shared with its readers, however, the way was left open to undertake further promotional work in the future.

Education

The LWCS organised and co-led three groups around the nationally important geological site at Welton le Wold. From the Brigg Geology Group, through to keen local historians, the groups left with a better understanding of the impact of glaciers on the present day landscape.

Another sunny day greeted the LWCS Project Officer at Riby Church Summer Club where 19 children were ready and eager to explore nature, the environment and recycling. From building a tree embracing body sculpture techniques, to quietly listening to the surrounding countryside, the children finished off the day by building minibeast homes from plastic bottles and making folding hedgehogs from old books.
Advisory visits and landowner liaison

The LWCS works closely with advisors at Natural England, the Forestry Commission and other industry organisations to ensure that correct, up to date information is available. The team has undertaken 35 visits with farmers and landowners during 2018-19. Many of the key seminars were promoted and attended by the LWCS throughout the year, including a number of events coordinated by Anglian Water, Green Futures and the Championing the Farmed Environment (CFE) local group.

For all consultative work, the LWCS look at key issues relating to landscape, nature conservation and access, often undertaken alongside advice from other key partners. During 2018-19, the LWCS commented on 13 Felling Licence Applications, three Woodland Management Plans and one Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA Agriculture Regulations 2006).

Working Together

Working closely with the LWCS, Ashfield Farmed Environment Services Ltd, a local agri-environment consultancy, was successful in their bid to the Defra fund to run a Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund (CSFF) in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

The Lincolnshire Wolds CSFF group was subsequently established, and includes 18 farmers, covering 8,500 ha along the Bluestone Heath corridor. By working together, there will be delivery of multiple benefits for the AONB via a landscape-scale approach, supporting farmers during these difficult times and encouraging a shift towards a more sustainable pattern of agriculture. To date, five events for farmers in the group have been undertaken, including talks and field visits to review field margins, woodland issues, and pollinator mixes planted and managed for key insect species.

Traditional Orchards

Following on from the excellent start of the Orchard Project back in 2017, the LWCS and the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership (GLNP) have undertaken a further nine surveys on both traditional and new orchards. The GLNP produced the habitat management leaflet, ‘Traditional orchards: a guide to management’ which provides initial information for owners and land managers to explain why orchards are important and gives general guidance on managing these areas for wildlife.

From the initial interest in the Project, the LWCS and GLNP have also hosted two events. The first workshop focused on identifying and surveying orchards for tree and conservation officers from around Lincolnshire at Withcall, where both a traditional and a new orchard are found adjacent to each other. The second event was held for orchard owners and kindly hosted at the National Trust property at Gunby Hall. This Action for Orchards event proved very popular, with the specialist knowledge of volunteer Trevor Rogers being in high demand from all who attended. Once again, the LWCS thank Trevor, without whom the Orchard Project would not have been possible.
Traditional Roadsigns in Lincolnshire (TRiL)

In the early 2000’s a partnership was formed to help survey, restore and maintain the more than 100 traditional roadsigns located across the Wolds. LWCS, Lincolnshire County Council, Heritage Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire Council and East and West Lindsey District Councils came together to help provide a comprehensive database, of these distinctive finger posts.

Most of these posts are over 60 years old, made of concrete with wooden arms. The rigours of modern grass cutting, weather and traffic movements take their toll on these structures. Often during survey work, rotten arms, missing letters and peeling paint is found. Consequently in recognition of their historic significance, a small budget was allocated to provide repairs to TRiL’s using, wherever possible, the materials originally employed. During 2018-19, led by a steering group, the LWCS has helped to refurbish a further 19 such roadsigns within the AONB.

Heritage Working Group (HWG)

The HWG was established ten years ago as a network between the LWCS, Heritage Lincolnshire and other heritage professionals (including representatives from Historic England), archaeologists and the relevant officers from our respective local authorities (LCC, ELDC, WLDC and NELC).

The HWG’s primary aim is to help to review, monitor and support the partnership delivery of relevant objectives, policies and actions as laid out within the statutory Lincolnshire Wolds AONB Management Plan. This often involves information sharing on matters relating to the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. The group also help in advising LWCS staff on best practice regarding community heritage projects, interpretation and wider grant funding.

This year’s topics under review have included; the Lincolnshire Long Barrows Project, landscape-scale heritage projects and new heritage tourism opportunities. The group has also led on the scoping for a future strategic research project to help increase our understanding of the Wolds unique heritage resource - further news pending...

Lincolnshire Heritage Forum (LHF)

The LWCS continues to be represented at this important heritage networking event; the LHF organises training for members including fundraising and capacity building within the heritage sector, and provides an excellent opportunity to share information and discuss key issues.

In July 2018, the LHF organised a coach tour for members to take a field trip to Algarkirk Church near Boston and the World War II museum at Freiston amongst other places. Whilst on the coach, talks were presented by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Lincolnshire County Council and the Lincolnshire Funding Advice Network.
Layers of History (LoH)

This three year heritage based project is run by Heritage Lincolnshire and part funded by the LWCS. Its aim is to enable volunteers to gain skills to help them investigate their local historic landscapes.

During 2018-19, 190 volunteers have taken part in this countywide heritage initiative, including 42 based in the Wolds. Activity in the Lincolnshire Wolds during this period has concentrated on Hainton and South Ormsby estates, and also a Geology Day in the autumn, led by the LWCS.

LoH Senior Project Officer Beverley Gormley said of the project:

"At Hainton study site, South Willingham history group are gaining new skills and we are helping South Ormsby pull together volunteers who might be interested in forming a history or research group there."

Farmstead Assessment Project

A new volunteer group has formed this year; the 'Lincolnshire Wolds Historic Farmstead Investigators'. In consultation with local landowners the team will conduct rapid 'condition assessments' of redundant, mostly nineteenth century farm buildings in order to gather data to help assess their value and significance both in the landscape and as heritage assets themselves.

This follows on from the 2017 Wolds Farmstead Assessment (conducted by Locus Consulting on behalf of the AONB Partnership) that recommended more on site surveys which would increase the evidence base for helping to support sympathetic renovation and aid new economic uses of these iconic buildings.

Training opportunities in early 2019 have included a talk on understanding the history of farm buildings and the use of historic building survey techniques.

Lincolnshire Long Barrows Project

Archaeological fieldwork continued during 2018, examining known and potential Neolithic long barrow sites, through a programme of geophysical surveys and small scale excavations. The majority of the monuments identified for assessment are concentrated in the Lincolnshire Wolds; only a few of these sites are visible in the landscape as earthworks with most identified from cropmarks.

The surveys are helping to confirm the results of Historic England’s recent re-mapping of aerial data, enhancing our understanding of the barrow remains and associated features. Buried remains of single long barrows, pairs and more extensive ‘groups’ of long barrows have been recorded.

These may lie in apparent isolation but are also found in association with other funerary monuments including round barrows, thought to be of Bronze Age date. In a number of instances the long barrows lie within wider cropmark complexes, such as Romano-British field systems, which often appear to respect the location of the long barrow.

Targeted trench excavations, carried out in the Wolds area, and beyond, are providing further evidence on the character and survival of the buried remains which will help inform the future management of this important group of monuments.
The 14th annual Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival attracted just under 3,000 participants over 16 days. The Festival, delivered by Heritage Lincolnshire in partnership with the LWCS, Lincolnshire County Council and East and West Lindsey District Councils, continues to be one of the largest and best-attended events of its kind in the UK. The event is also supported by LCC’s three-year Access Lincoln project, funded by the Department of Transport, which includes the aim of encouraging more active lifestyles through walking.

With an official opening by Ian Walter, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, the Festival launched on a glorious sunny day in the pretty Lincolnshire Wolds village of Nettleton, with support from the North Wolds Walkers. The 2018 programme featured 104 walks ranging from 0.5 miles to 76 miles, offering something for all ages and abilities. Many of the walks were suitable for wheelchair users and accessible with pushchairs. Keen to inspire young people to take part in the Festival, over 40 walks were designed with families in mind, offering fun activities such as shelter building, bushcraft, treasure trails and bug hunts. After two weeks of walking and family fun, the Festival concluded with a finale event in the picturesque rural village of South Elkington.

Our thanks go to all of the volunteer walk leaders and back markers who were responsible for devising and delivering such a varied programme of walks, along with the many more volunteers involved with the organisation of the Festival throughout the year. We are also grateful to the following sponsors who made the event possible: Webtogs, Style Furniture and Lincolnshire Ramblers.

The small charges introduced in 2017 were applied to approximately a third of the walks with the remaining walks inviting voluntary donations. This generated a vital £3,450 towards the cost of running the Festival, along with raising in excess of £800 for other local good causes which walk leaders were affiliated to. Based on walk leader feedback we calculate that local businesses (not including accommodation providers) benefited from a secondary spend of some £35,000 over the Festival.

The Festival continues to be a highlight in the local calendar providing a unique opportunity for both local people and those from further afield to explore, discover and enjoy the landscape and heritage of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Many positive comments were received, and include:

“Just to say thank you to all the organisers for another great walking festival. I managed to clock up over 60 miles and they were all enjoyable walks with good company and lovely scenery… Looking forward to next year!”

“Very much appreciated. Glorious weather, scenery, comradeship and atmosphere. Full of admiration for the scale and variety of the festival - and commitment of the organisers. Hope to get over from East Yorkshire for more festival events.”

“I’m Australian, and on my recent visit to the UK I joined three of your walks - Hainton, Market Rasen and Louth. Enjoyed them enormously; the festival is a great idea.”
The two grant schemes administered by the LWCS remain popular with local businesses, farmers, landowners and community groups. Now well established, the LWCS continue to promote, encourage and help with every stage, from planning to completion; maximising the benefit for the applicants and the Lincolnshire Wolds.

The **Small Grant Scheme (SGS)** aims to encourage and support projects that protect and enhance the Lincolnshire Wolds landscape and its special features by helping ideas become a reality for farmers and community groups. The maximum grant available is £1,000, with applications decided by the LWCS officers, ensuring a quick and efficient turnaround for applicants.

The **Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)** aims to sustain the social wellbeing and economic viability of communities within the Lincolnshire Wolds, along with seeking to conserve and enhance the local characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape and land use. The SDF is for applications between £1,000 and £10,000. All applicants are encouraged to source additional grant aid and in-kind support wherever possible to ensure that the SDF can benefit as many projects as possible. Decisions on SDF applications are made by the Joint Management Group (JMG), which is comprised of the LWCS’s key funding representatives.

Between the SGS and the SDF, over £23,724 of grant funding has been awarded to applicants during 2018-19. These projects brought in over £67,434 in cash and voluntary contributions this financial year, with over £91,158 spent in total on projects within the Lincolnshire Wolds. As ever, the ongoing contributions that both grant schemes bring to the Wolds are invaluable in maintaining a thriving, high quality landscape and supporting local communities and businesses.

The AONB Partnership (JAC) has agreed that both grant schemes should continue to be run during 2019-20 under the guidance of the Lincolnshire Wolds JMG - visit [www.lincswolds.org.uk/looking-after/grants-and-community-projects](http://www.lincswolds.org.uk/looking-after/grants-and-community-projects) for further details.

"Believe that something is worth doing and your belief will help it come to pass. (Anon); Your belief in our project and financial help has inspired us to save and improve this historic building for future generations of this community. Many, many thanks."

Sustainable Development Fund recipient
Here are just a few highlights from the 14 successful projects supported by the SGS this year:

- **Biodiversity Benefits** – 1,300m of hedgerows were restored, with over 5,000 hedging plants established along the Bluestone Heath Road to help define this well-loved historic route and connect the adjoining hedgerows and small plantations.

- **Community Enhancements & Promotion** – the LWCS has supported many parish and community groups in their desire to improve their lot! This has included help in renewing village seating, access improvements to a churchyard, defining a public dog walking area, installation of a bespoke cycle rack and promoting the Horncastle Churches Festival.

- **Research and Educational Opportunities** – support for investigative work has helped two of the Wolds heritage community groups to continue their research of the historic landscape and how it has been used over the centuries.
The four successful projects supported by the SDF this year were:

- **Reading Rooms** – from humble origins as the meeting place of the Foresters Friendly Society in the 19th century, the Reading Rooms at Binbrook had seen a gradual decline in use and had fallen into a poor state of repair. As a listed building, specialist advice was taken, and work carried out to bring the building back into use as a warm and dry community space. The building is now providing an important community hub, serving as the headquarters for scouts, cubs, beavers and a meeting place for the Art Group, Garden Club, Craft Club and occasional lectures by the local ornithologist.

- **Restoring the Rase** – the River Rase flows through Tealby, a village renowned for its watermills and listed buildings. A mill race had become heavily silted and was in need of a full-scale restoration. Works were undertaken to remove the silt, narrow the channel, introduce chalk and gravels (increasing the habitat for spawning trout) and stabilise the banks via a seeded coir roll (see also page 15).

- **Viking Centre Upgrade** – the Viking Centre at Claxby has been a hive of activity for many years, providing an ideal location and residential venue for educational and activity groups visiting the Lincolnshire Wolds. Over the years, people’s expectations of accommodation rose but unfortunately, the Viking Centre could not keep pace – not until now that is! Funding, via the SDF, West Lindsey District Council and others, has enabled a total refurbishment of the centre. Improvements from kitchen to showers, bedrooms to bike shed, have all been successfully completed; with a resulting increase in bookings and a sustainable future now in sight.

- **Village Interpretation** – the community of Welton le Wold are proud of their village – and rightly so! It has many of the key elements of the Lincolnshire Wolds all in one valley: the story of the glaciers shaping the landscape; the numerous chalk spring-heads that guaranteed a supply of water for their ancestors who farmed this valley; through to the present day community who actively look after the chalk stream. The LWCS has supported them via the SDF in their aim to create an attractive information panel highlighting some of the key elements that are visible today. The design is in the style of the LWCS panels that have been replaced over the past few years, helping to provide a strong and consistent identity across the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB.
Brinkhill History Group – Finding Heritage on their doorstep

The Brinkhill History Group was founded in 2002 to provide an opportunity for villagers to meet and help each other pursue their interest in local history. Since then, the group has designed an information board for the village, produced a book (Brinkhill, Portrait of a Wolds Village) and held numerous exhibitions in St Philip’s Church to communicate their findings.

These exhibitions have showcased the work done on the sourcing and transcribing of documents relating to Brinkhill, such as inventories and court rolls. Group members who used to live in the village have helped source over 500 photographs that illustrate life in Brinkhill, past and present. There is usually a story to tell with each picture and some of these have been captured as an audio-record.

The stories of the buildings and people of Brinkhill have been documented and the information is available via the group’s website. The group also has a computer-based archive and Facebook page. Social media has allowed the group to make contact with people all over the world who have links to Brinkhill. Stories, photographs and family histories have been exchanged via e-mail and copies of the book posted as far as New Zealand.

The group has produced an illustrated guide to the churchyard and also for the church kneelers. They have also found the identity of all the church rectors since 1245, and all of the lords of the manor since 1066. The history of the church and list of rectors form part of a permanent display in the church.

The history of the village has been investigated using archaeological methods and several test pits have been dug over the years. More recently, a field walk has been undertaken and finds identified with the support of the LWCS Small Grants Scheme. Initial findings indicate the continuous habitation of Brinkhill from prehistory.

A survey of the Brinkhill Boundary has commenced as part of the Council for British Archaeology East Midlands Parish Boundaries Project. The aim of the project is to map the parish boundaries and identify features of archaeological and historic interest. The results will be added to a database that will build up over time and will eventually cover the whole of the East Midlands.

So what of the future for the group? Well, there are more field walks and boundary surveys to do, plenty of documents to be photographed, transcribed and archived, more displays to stage and the website to be redeveloped. More photographs and documents will no doubt come to light, and people will continue to request or donate more information.

You can contact the group via:

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