

## Case Study Ketsby Beck, Oxcombe



*"We contacted the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project about management of our chalk streams. The help they have provided has enabled us to improve the management for wildlife, not only of the stream, but springs as well."*

Landowner, 2007



**Chalk Streams**  
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**Project location:**  
Oxcombe, Lincolnshire

**Date:** March 2007

**Cost:**  
The enhancement was undertaken by Mark Vigrass Ltd at a cost of £2852.

**Site description:**  
The valley forms the headwaters of the Great Eau. The channel banks have not been managed for some time and willow scrub is now dominating at the expense of other species. Springs and seepages are prone to cattle poaching.

**Special considerations:**  
Work involved scrub removal. This could not be undertaken during the bird nesting season.

The springs and seepages present along the valley side need to be included in the enhancement plans.

**Completed project:**

- Removal of 244m of fence to allow light grazing by cattle to the bank top.
- Protection of vulnerable springs and seepages.
- Removal of over-stood willow scrub.

**Benefits:**

- Improved management of the stream banks resulting in healthier habitat for marginal plants, amphibians and invertebrate species.
- Protection of the valuable springs and seepage habitat from further cattle damage.

