

Case Study Westbrooke Grove Pond



"I often walked by the pond which appeared to be choked with weed and nothing much living in there. Since learning about the weed and working with the other volunteers to remove it I feel motivated to continue looking after the pond both for wildlife and for the community to enjoy."

Volunteer, 2010



Chalk Streams
of Lincolnshire

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Project location:

Westbrooke Grove, Caistor

Date:

September '09 - May '10

Cost:

The enhancement has been undertaken with help of the local community and contributions from;

- Environment Agency
- Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service
- Jonathan Newman
- Mick Crowe
- Jackson Shipley Builders Merchants

Site description:

A spring-fed pond in the middle of Caistor had become infested with New Zealand pygmy-weed, a non-native and invasive species that is very hard to remove due to its vigorous reproduction. Using the latest methods and a lot of community goodwill, the weed was treated and cleared from the pond, before more appropriate marginal plants were introduced.

Special considerations:

Treatment of the weed needed careful consideration so that it wasn't spread further downstream and that the herbicide did not affect non-target species.

Completed project:

- A weed-free pond with constructed marginal area for more appropriate plant species.

Benefits:

- An increase in floral diversity in an urban environment and a rejuvenated community area.

