



Owmbly - Practical conservation workday

Date : Friday 9th March – 10.30am – 2pm approx.

Location : Owmbly Beck - Meet at - Grid Ref: TA 07028 03955
(www.gridreferencefinder.com) – Directions document [here](#).

Details : This is a site that was worked on by the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project over 10 years ago, in 2006!

In 2006 12 wetland shelves were excavated, totalling over 500m of created wetland habitat. A variety of shelf design ensured that conditions were suitable for a greater number of marginal plant species and created a variety of different habitats for amphibians, invertebrates and water vole.

Since then it has very successfully naturalised but is in need of a bit of help. The success of the vegetation growth on the banks has meant that the stream is slowly being shaded all the way along. There has also been a slow build-up of silt, especially where the stream runs under a road and then turns sharply to the left.

The day will, therefore, involve removing some of the vegetation from the banks to allow light to reach the stream, and light raking of the stream bed to loosen the gravels and wash some of the unwanted silt away.

Please wear suitable clothing such as long trousers, long sleeved top and waterproofs, just in case! Suitable footwear is essential, either sturdy walking boots or wellingtons. Please bring packed lunch and a drink.

No previous knowledge or experience needed, just your enthusiasm!



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