

ANNUAL REPORT

LINCOLN CONSERVATION GROUP

July 2022 – June 2023



Chair's report 2022 – 2023 (Julian)

Another year on and another year of enjoyable and worthwhile conservation workdays, supporting wildlife organisations and community groups around Lincolnshire. Our group is now in its 30th year.

Arranging our varied programme of workdays / tasks is the most essential part of running our group and Jonathan continues to do an excellent job of discovering new worksites as well as including our regular and favourite ones. Huge thanks to him for all his work on this.

Our finances continue to remain healthy with another injection of funds from the Co-op Community Champions scheme this year and donations from Colin for our help managing Thurlby Wood. The funds cover our insurance and tool shed rental costs and ensure we can keep our tools in good condition. Thanks to John for continuing to keep our cash flow running smoothly and maintaining our financial records.

We continue to attract a regular stream of new enquiries and volunteers, who I add to our email distribution list. Clearly our website is getting plenty of hits from people searching for wildlife conservation opportunities in Lincolnshire and our publicity through our social media (Facebook and Instagram) hopefully also illustrates what our group gets up to. We also still print a limited number of paper leaflets, mainly for display at Whisby Nature Park. Thanks to Nicola, Jude, Julie and Danielle for their various contributions to publicity. A reminder that any members are welcome to post on our Facebook page about tasks enjoyed, or relevant items of interest.

LCG would cease to exist if it wasn't for the small team of regular volunteers who lead the tasks, keep our publicity up to date and help with all the other important 'back office' jobs. Huge thanks to all who get involved with that and of course the wider team of regular volunteers. If anyone reading this has ever thought of helping out further, perhaps by leading a task, don't hesitate to contact us.

Lincoln Conservation Group Committee July 2022 – June 2023

Chair	Julian Bartrup
Task programme organiser	Jonathan Hill
Treasurer	John Turner
Secretary	Nicola Farr
Publicity	Nicola Farr (website & Facebook), Jude White (programme leaflet), Julie Barnard (Facebook task advertising), Danielle (Instagram)
Tools Officer	Nick Dunnett

Task Organiser's report 2022 – 2023

Another good year of 'tasking' including visits to 3 new locations, South Witham Marsh, Wood Enderby (Wild Things Rescue sanctuary) and Wilder Doddington and re-visits to Hospital Plantation, (woodland in the Birchwood area) and Horncastle Community Woodland, that we last went to, at a guess over a decade ago.

We have our regular volunteers, those who manage more occasional outings and we also still attract new volunteers who have found the group by whatever means. Of course, being in the age of social media we are easy to find and good news tends to get talked about amongst Facebook groups and other social media sites.

If in your travels you see a site that you think would be nice to have a task at, please do let me know. Whilst we have our regular sites, a trip somewhere new is always nice and I am happy to hear suggestions from anyone.

If anyone fancies leading one of our tasks you will be more than welcome. You can approach any one of the current leaders in the group to make their interest known and will be guided through the steps that are involved.


What a great group we are to be part of and long may it continue.

Finance Report (John)

John has provided us with a detailed copy of our accounts (below).

This shows the donations from Lincolnshire Co-op and Colin Watkin.

Our main outgoings were for insurance, a new lock for the tool shed (which had become difficult to open and close), a new battery for our defibrillator (which was donated to us) and work gloves (including cut resistant ones for scythe sharpening).

<div>LINCOLN CONSERVATION GROUP Accounts 22-23</div>				
		Debit	Credit	Balance
	Balance brought forward			£3,323.12
14/09/2022	Tarps etc (Nick)	£14.00		£3,309.12
27/10/2022	Gloves (Nicola)	£49.10		£3,260.02
25/11/2022	Donation (Thurlby)		£50.00	£3,310.02
12/01/2023	Donation (Thurlby)		£60.00	£3,370.02
12/01/2023	First Aid Kit (Jude)	£47.46		£3,322.56
14/02/2023	Gloves (Jonathan)	£26.97		£3,295.59
14/02/2023	Allotment	£82.00		£3,213.59
14/02/2023	Insurance	£369.66		£2,843.93
13/03/2023	Tool store lock (Jude)	£266.42		£2,577.51
11/04/2023	Defibrillator battery (Nick)	£159.00		£2,418.51
24/04/2023	Gloves (Jonathan)	£23.97		£2,394.54
24/04/2023	Grant (Co-op)		£1,135.13	£3,529.67
	Balance carried forward			£3,529.67