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Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership *“What next?”*

Fens for the Future Partnership, 18 November 2016



Ouse Washes LP: Balanced Delivery Programme



Ouse Washes Landscape: Ecosystem Services

- Supporting Services:

- Habitat provision

- Provisioning Services:

- Biodiversity/genetic resources

- Water Storage & Provision

- Food production: arable & grazing

- Aggregates

- Regulating Services:

- Flood Prevention/Regulation

- Carbon storage & Climate regulation

- Water quality regulation

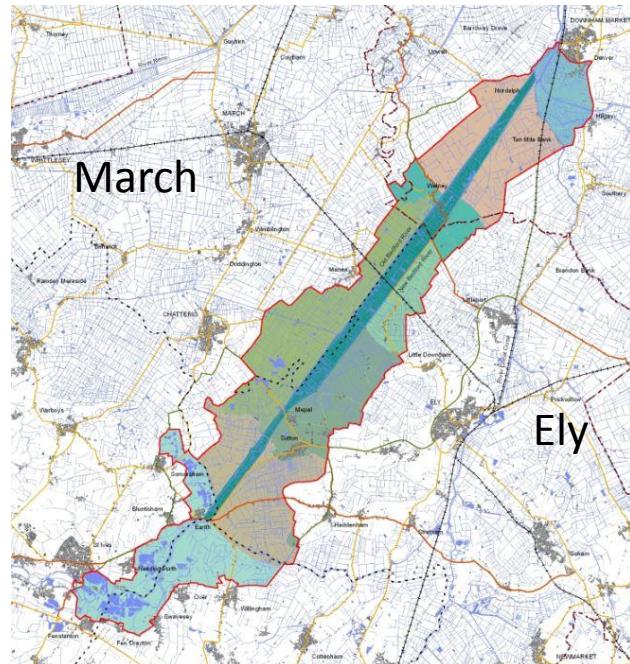
- Cultural Services:

- Heritage values: Drainage Engineering; Archaeology; Palaeo-environment

- Recreation/ Green & Blue open space provision

- Tourism economy (based on e.g., Wildlife & Waterways USPs)

- Sense of Tranquillity; Identity; ‘Sense of Place’



Downham Market

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Landscape – Landscape
Character Assessment
(2013)
Image by Sheils Flynn, for
OWLP

St Ives



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Ouse Washes Landscape: A people landscape?

... What about the people?



Image: Sunset over the Ouse Washes at Sutton Gault by Simon Stirrup – OWLP photo competition entrant



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Ouse Washes Landscape: A people landscape?

Landscape is about people.

"Landscape", according to the European Landscape Convention "means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors".

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Ouse Washes Landscape: A people landscape?

“The Fens as a landscape is the product of its people just as the people themselves are shaped by land”

Graham Swift



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Ouse Washes LP – What have we been doing?

1. Promote Ouse Washes Landscape as a Destination

Promote unique & rich wetlands & heritage; waterways use



2. Strengthen Partnership Working, across land use interests

Conservation, Water Management, Agriculture, Recreation, Communities

3. Leave a legacy of Community Engagement

Skills Training; Volunteering; Access; Learning; Events

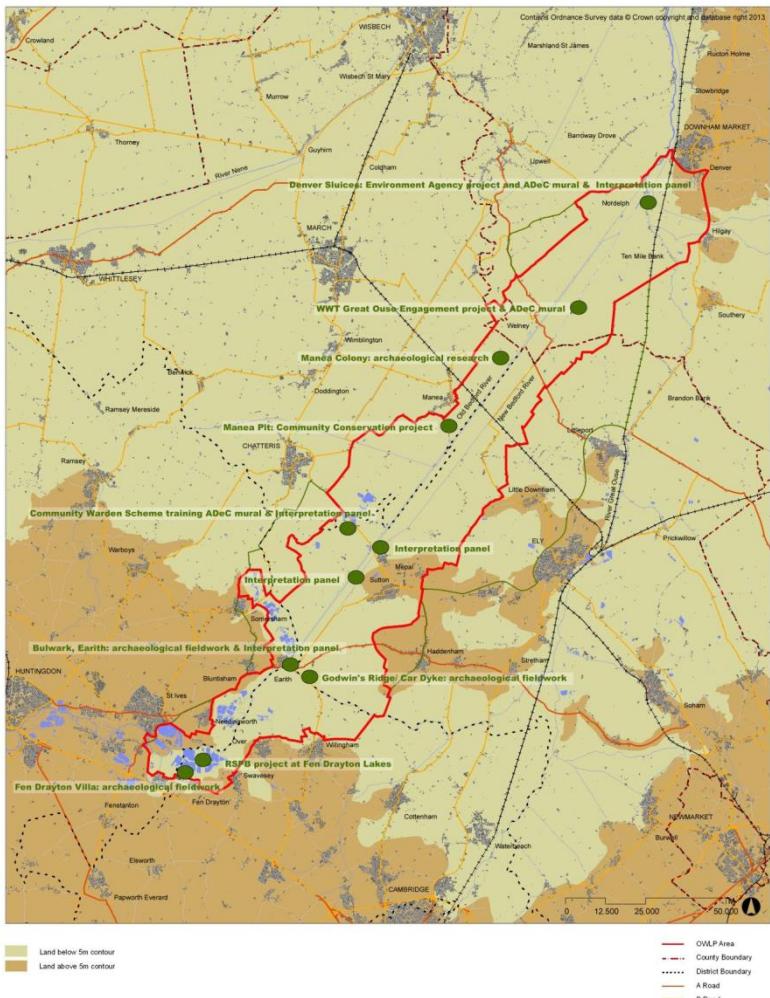


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Ouse Washes LP: key Natural Heritage projects



Map: Sheils Flynn, for OWLP



Great Ouse Wetland Engagement



Barn Owl Recovery



Wildlife Friendly Farming in the Fens



Species Identification & Monitoring



Community Warden Scheme

Ditch Management to the East of the Ouse Washes



Giving Nature a Home at Fen Drayton Lakes



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Ouse Washes LP: Conservation & Access



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Ouse Washes LP: Improving Access



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**Destination Denver:
improvements
to Denver
Sluice Complex**

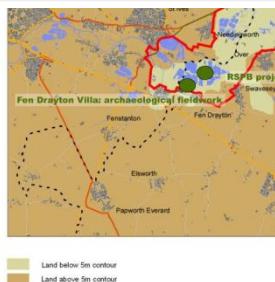


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Ouse Washes LP: Generating Resources



Tales of Washes, Wildfowl and Water



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Landscape Character Assessment

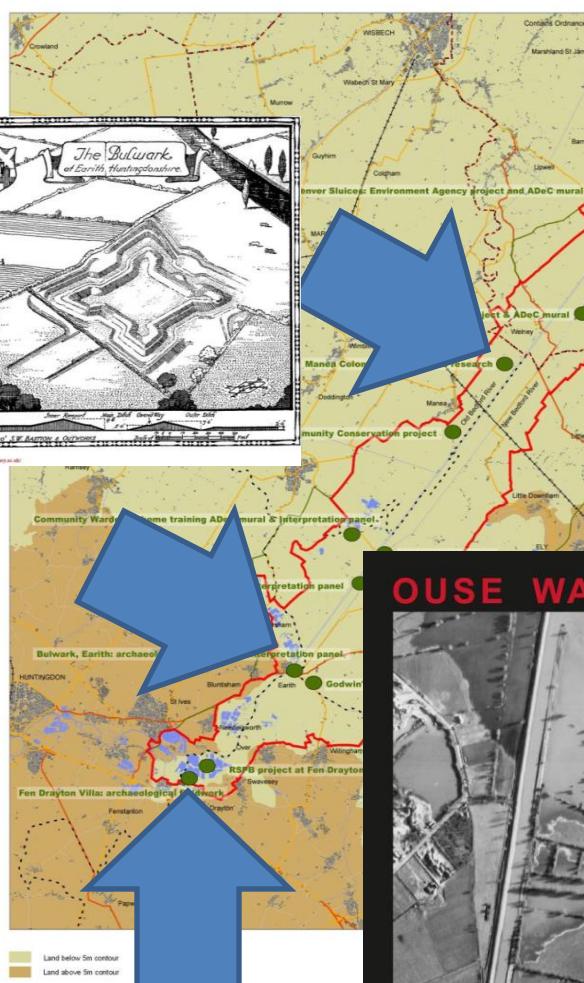
OUSE WASHES: THE HEART OF THE FENS LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

OW Project Locations
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Ouse Washes LP: Skills Training



Digging
Environment and
Ouse Washes
Community
Archaeology



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OUSE WASHLAND

ARCHAEOLOGY

JOIN IN AUGUST 10th - 21st 2015

HELP DIG THE PAST OF THE OUSE WASHES!

The University of Cambridge, in partnership with the Ouse Washes Landscape Project, has a rare chance to explore fields around the Civil War Bulwark earthwork and the Roman Car Dyke.

You can help the Cambridge Archaeological Unit excavate three trenches to explore these monuments, learning new ways of exploring the past, excavation techniques and recording any finds and objects that may be found.

If you would like to do some digging please register your interest in advance by calling ? for further information). Ideally, we would like you to join the team for at least three days, but shorter stays are possible (open to anyone over 14 years old, but under 18 must be accompanied by an adult).

Visitors are welcome and there is no need to book in advance. The excavations are open each day until 4pm, with daily site tours at 11am and 2pm. We are located next to a public footpath, but rough ground means this may not be suitable for baby buggies or wheel chairs.

For further information, visit www.?????.com

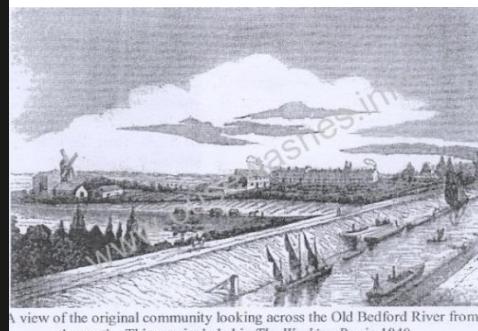








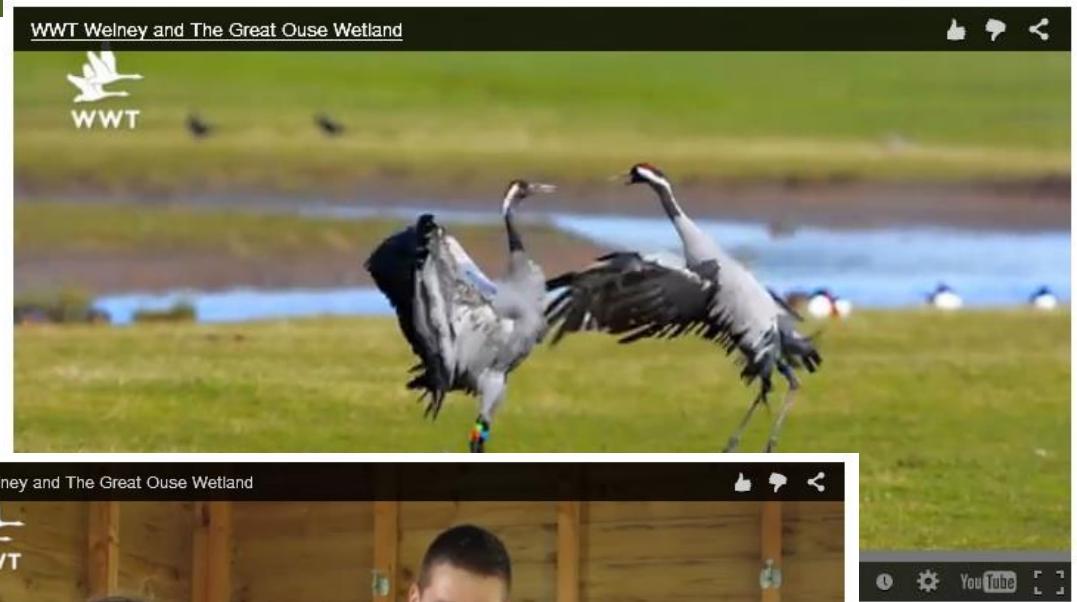




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Ouse Washes LP: Volunteering & Skills Training

Great Ouse Wetland Engagement



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Ouse Washes LP: Events & Outreach/ Learning

Words on Water Poetry Readings, Fen Speak



*Old Riverport St Ives
Discovery Day*



*Prickwillow Engine
Museum Fun Day*



A fortnight celebrating the Ouse Washes Landscape & Communities!



OuseFest Fun Day in Manea



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Ouse Washes LP: Community Development

Community Heritage Fund: 27 Community Projects granted



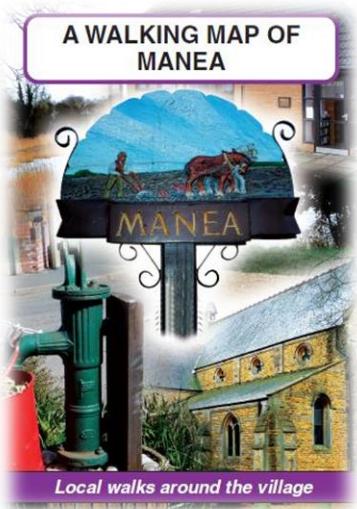
The Catching, Cooking & Eating of Eels Installation by The Field Theatre Group



Elements of the Landscape – Pete Johnstone photography



'The Merry Wives of St Ives'



New signage and walking map by Manea Action Plan Implementation Group



Restoring navigation to the historic Forty Foot River / Welches Dam as a WATERWAY FOR ALL

Video production to detect leakage in the Forty Foot Drain & heritage promotion



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Ouse Washes LP: Impact

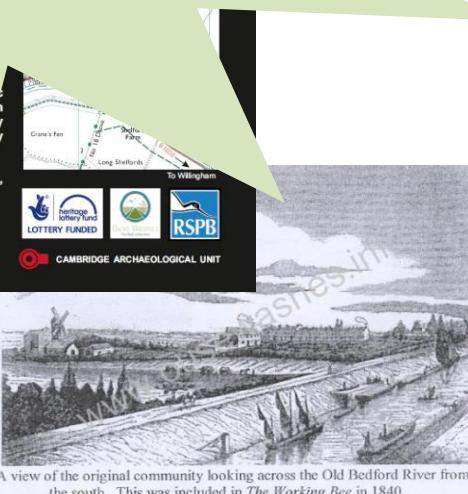


People trained: c. 900



Digging Environment and Ouse Washes Community Archaeology

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[british-excavations.info](http://www.british-excavations.info)



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Ouse Washes LP: Impact

Community Heritage Fund: 28 Community Projects



Volunteers : c.600

Hours volunteered: c.12,000

*The Catching
Eating* - a site specific installation by
The Field Theatre Group

New signage and walking map
by Manea Action Plan
Implementation Group



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Ouse Washes LP: Impact

Words on Water Poetry Readings, Fen Speak



*Old Riverport
Discovery Day*

Learning activities: c.300



Beneficiaries: c.13,000



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Environment & Communities!



OuseFest Fun Day in Manea



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Ouse Washes LP: What next?



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Ouse Washes LP: Partnership working



Rosmini Centre



Borough Council of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk



Downham Market
Town Council



Fenland District Council



PRICKWILLOW
Engine Trust
The Museum of Fenland Drainage



Fen Skating
Association



Cambridge Archaeological Unit



Fens Museum
Partnership

Museums in
Cambridgeshire



Mike Petty

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HERITAGE
DOCUMENTATION



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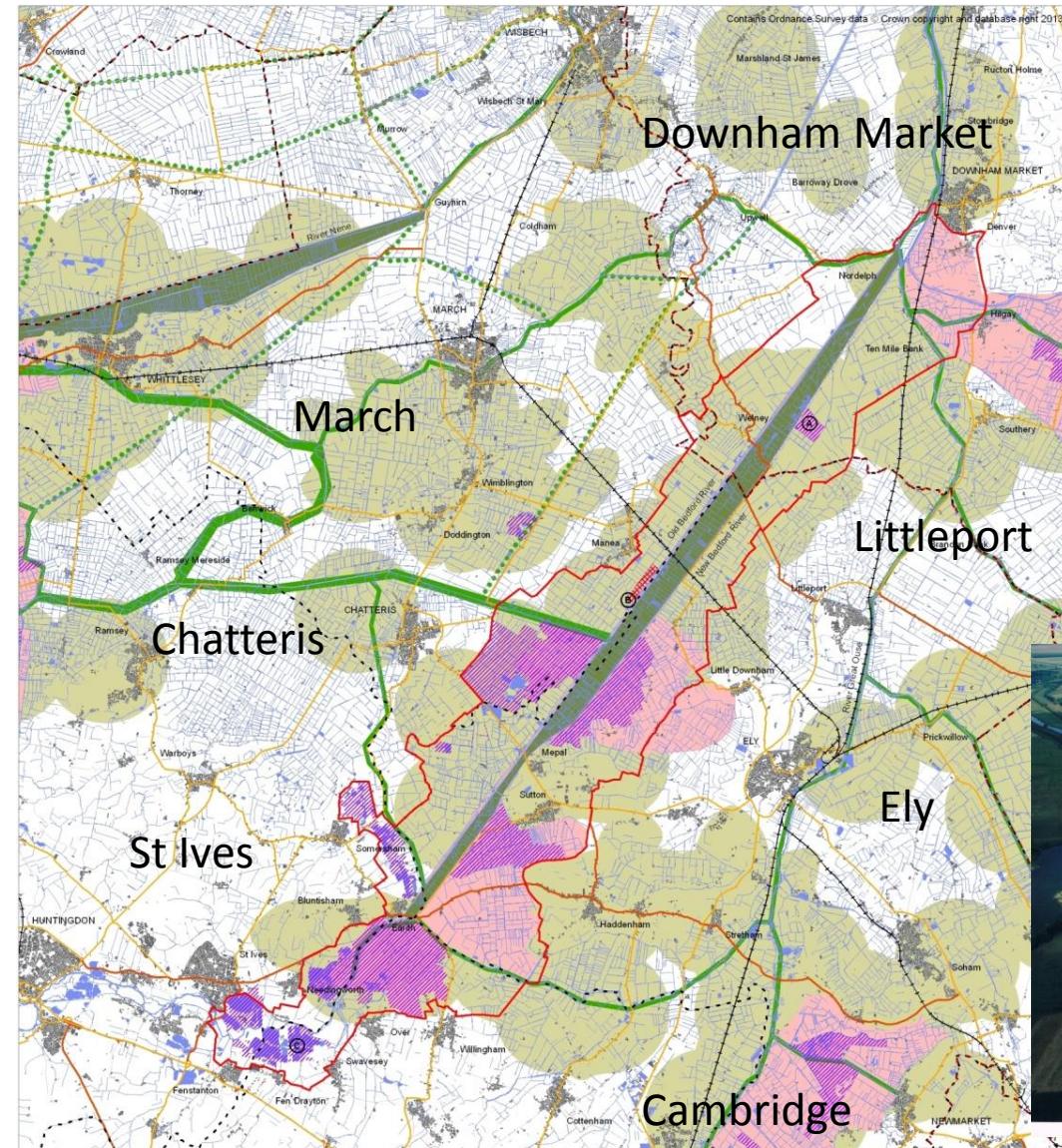
Ouse Washes LP: Landscape-scale thinking

Left: Enhanced Ecological Network:
Combined Great Ouse Wetland and Fens
for the Future Vision for the Ouse
Washes Landscape

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OWLP: Legacy Planning

- Secure Legacy for OWLP Outputs - *Ongoing*
- Continue Partnership for 2017 and beyond – *Ongoing*

Results of consultation at last week's OWLP conference; we asked:
'what should the partnership focus on next?'

- **Inspire local people** to get involved in their environment
- **Work with schools** to educate 'next generation' on local heritage
- **Disseminate information** about the area's distinct heritage and biodiversity
- **Organise events & outreach activities**

Quote from last week's 'people landscape' conference attendee:
"a unique landscape and community. Proud to be part of it"



OWLP: Legacy Planning

- **Secure Legacy** for OWLP Outputs - *ongoing*
- **Continue Partnership** after March 2017 – *Ongoing*
- **Secure Funding** to continue ongoing partnership work:
 - **Natural Heritage**: Black-tailed godwits - RSPB & WWT (European Commission)
 - **Natural Heritage**, ‘**Giving Nature and Edge**’ – many partners, including CACRE, MLC; NE; ADA; RSPB (HLF)
 - **Tourism**: Denver Complex Vision Implementation – EA & CACRE
 - **Tourism**: Project Hereward (OWLP-supported)
 - **Community Engagement**: EA Volunteer project – EA & CACRE
 - **Cultural Heritage**, Field Theatre Group – (Arts Council)



Ouse Washes LP: Legacy Resources



A screenshot of the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership website. The header features the partnership's logo and navigation links for Discover, Explore, Get Involved, and What's On. Below the header is a large banner image showing a cathedral silhouette at sunset with birds in flight. A caption below the image reads: "Cathedral seen from the RSPB Ouse Washes reserve. © Image by Takashi Kino; Entrant to 2015 CWLP photo competition". The main content area includes sections for "What's On" (Swan Feeds at WWT Welney, Design Icons at Ely Museum), "Explore" (Attractions & Places of Interest map showing locations like Boston, King's Lynn, and Peterborough), and "Get Involved" (Volunteer Hub, Funding Opportunities). A sidebar on the left highlights "The Archaeology of the 'Big Straight'".

Visit www.ousewashes.org.uk
for our **What's On Calendar**,
OuseNews, **Interactive Map**,
Volunteer Hub and **Downloads**



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