



Madeleine's Patch

The vision: To create a wildflower meadow nature reserve and wildlife corridors within the middle of the farmed Fenland landscape.

The start: 1.3 acres of arable field, two drainage ditches and an ambitious vision.

And now: A maturing wild flower meadow, 625m of hedgerow, wildlife becoming more abundant.



February 2018



Summer 2020



Electro fishing (doesn't harm the fish) in the drain adjacent to the Patch



Mammal identification workshop October 2018

Camera traps have been used on the Patch and HQ to spy on the wildlife in their day to day life. Hold Ctrl key and click on the pictures to watch some fantastic videos!



625m of hedgerow planted by volunteers on & around the Patch



Yellow rattle is a semi parasitic plant, growing off the nutrients from the roots of nearby grasses making them less vigorous, giving more delicate meadow species a chance to grow



Birds, such as this yellow wagtail have been seen feeding on the abundant insects



Insects are enjoying the abundant nectar from a wide variety of native flowers

Madeleine's Patch HQ

4.4 acres with ponds, orchards, hedgerows and plenty of wild spaces less than 700m from the Patch acts as a source for wildlife to spread from. It also serves as a base for training courses and education activities.



Newt survey and identification training has been carried out for new ecologists, under licence for handling great crested newts



Grass snakes feed in the many ponds



Several species of dragonflies and damselflies breed in the ponds



A snout-nosed moth, one of many moth species



A wide variety of plants, including this marsh orchid, grow in the mosaic of habitats



A photography workshop was held in summer 2019, the first of many practical workshops that will run



Cowslip



Many aquatic invertebrates, like this great diving beetle, can move between water bodies



Mistle thrush



Wasps & bees appreciate the variety & abundance of flowers



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The Future:

Talks are underway for schools to use the reserve as a living classroom.

Writing groups are lined up to “Talk the Walk” in creative writing seminars and storytelling.



***In beloved memory of Madeleine Parnwell
who inspired this vision.***

In life Madeleine reached out with help to all and everything, and in her passing, Madeleine’s Patch bears testimony to the love she had for all living things.