



Keep the date free -
Wednesday 12 June

See how the sparkle is being put back into a wildlife wonderland

Something special is happening at Hoveton Great Broad. But in recent decades it lost its sparkle - with an influx of pollution and algae turning the once crystal-clear waters into a murky brown lifeless soup.

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On Wednesday June 12 we are hosting a special day to show interested parties around the Broad to see the work carried out so far since we began in 2016- and to discuss our vision and plans for the future, before the next work phase starting this autumn.

The £4.5m scheme, the biggest ever carried out by Natural England using partnership funding, will benefit wildlife, including fish, plants, insects and birds.

Man made the Broads, when he dug out peat for fuel. Now man is providing a helping hand that will support Mother Nature in repairing the damage herself and make the Broad buzz again.

It involves scintillating science and ground-breaking techniques which will make temporary changes for the long-term benefit of the Broad, its wildlife and the visitors who savour the natural beauty.

During our day-long drop-in we will take you on a guided walk around the Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The tour includes the site of a planned new viewing platform to give visitors a better elevated view of the birds, butterflies and dragonflies that call the Broad home.

We would be proud to host you for a walk, talk, and buffet lunch. The event runs from 10am. Meet at Salhouse Broad car park to be taken to the Broad by boat.

To book your place please email chris.terry@naturalengland.org.uk or call Chris on **07500 854356**.

If you cannot attend or would like to be added to a list of contacts receiving updates about the project please let us know.

They include:

- A third phase of dredging sediment and using it to bolster banks starting in October.
- Reducing algae by helping water fleas, which eat it, to thrive. It will mean relocating the fish that eat the fleas starting in February.



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