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About me:

I am the Northern Reserves Officer at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. My job is to look after the Trust's landholding in the north of the county, including management planning, practical work, community engagement and monitoring.



About the site:

Clattinger Farm is a 60.3ha nature reserve, designated as a SSSI and SAC on account of its exceptional unimproved lowland grassland habitat, which includes MG4 floodplain meadow. The focus of my study is Front Field, a meadow which hasn't been extensively surveyed in the past. Although this field supports good quality MG4 habitat, there are concerns over the development of species-poor communities on the field boundaries.



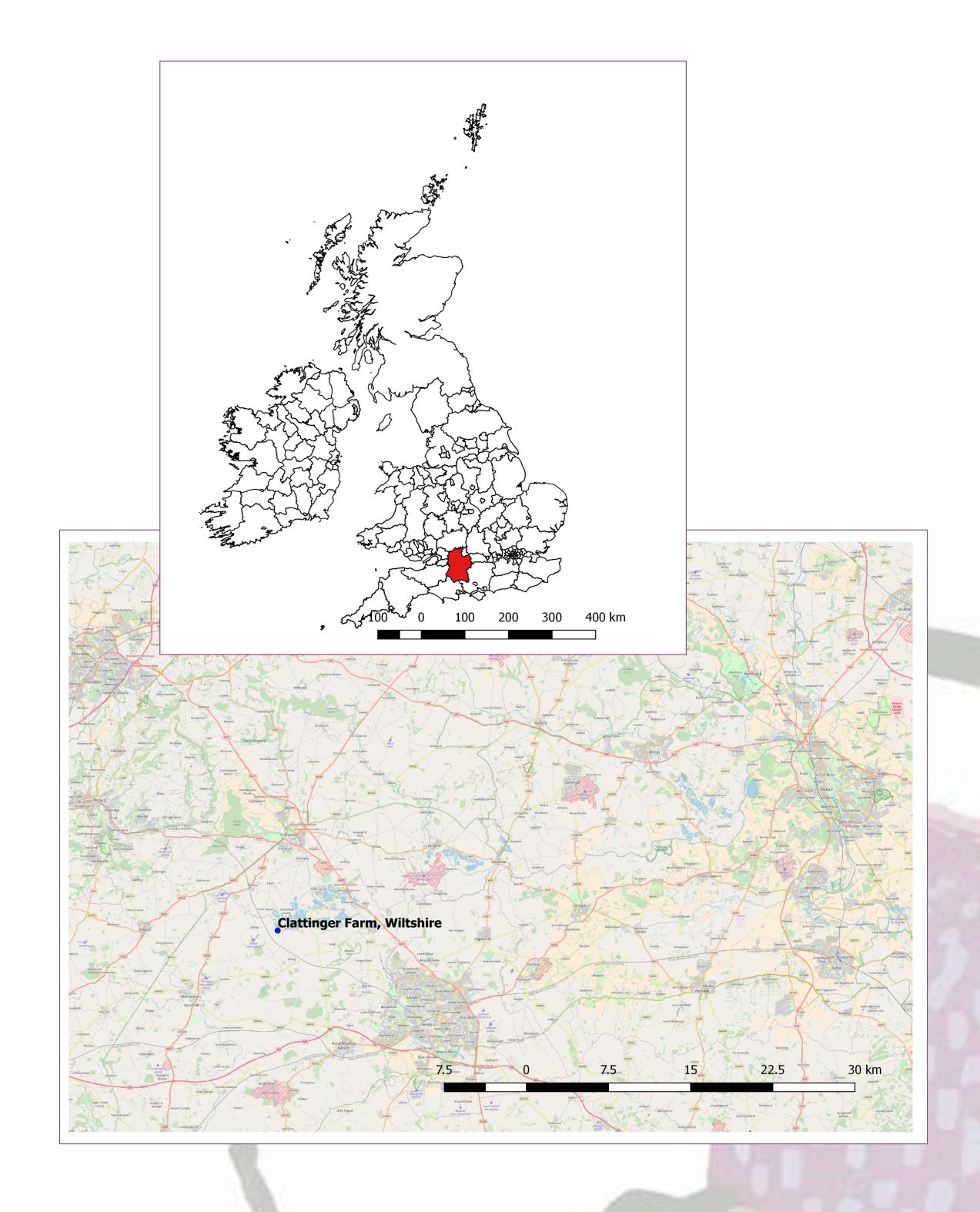


Site monitoring:

Fixed quadrat botanical survey and vegetation community mapping is carried out annually to identify any changes in vegetation composition and structure. Hydrological data from a dipwell and information from soil cores and samples is being used to interpret changes in sward composition on field boundaries.



Site location:





My ambassadorial role:

Advising landowners on appropriate habitat management already forms part of my role, but now I hope to be able to offer more specialist advice on floodplain meadow ecohydrology through site visits, workshops and guided walks. I am promoting my ambassador role internally, so that colleagues are aware of the skills we have in-house.

