

Margaret Trigg - FMP ambassador for: Lincolnshire, Allington Meadows

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With a background in agricultural science and rural estate management, Margaret now works in land management for conservation. Her particular interest is the restoration and maintenance of grassland habitats, aiming to halt the loss of these diverse and beautiful ecosystems.







Allington Meadows, a SSSI extending to 4.1 ha, is an outstanding example of traditionally-managed grassland, supporting plant communities typical of alluvial, calcareous clay and loam soils. Comprised of five fields, the largest of which has ridge and furrow topography, the site is enclosed by mature hedges and bounded by Foston Beck on the eastern boundary.





I plan to take forward my FPM partnership ambassador role by:
> Sharing the learning and experience
I have gained by providing advice on
the science and management of FPM
sites to owners and applying it in the
preparation and on-going
management of agri-environment
schemes



Site monitoring focuses on the ridge and furrow topography and the associated potential, variation in NVC plant communities between the drier ridge and the wetter furrow. Quadrats have been positioned to detect of the presence and extent of any such variation. Data are also collected on site hydrology and soil characteristics. Organising Open Days, establishing volunteer groups and leading practical task days on suitable sites throughout Lincolnshire
 Contributing to long term monitoring data