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North Yorkshire, Bishopthorpe Ings**  
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### About me:

I work for the Freshwater Habitats Trust and my interest in Floodplain Meadows arose, after doing a research project on them as part of my Countryside Management degree.

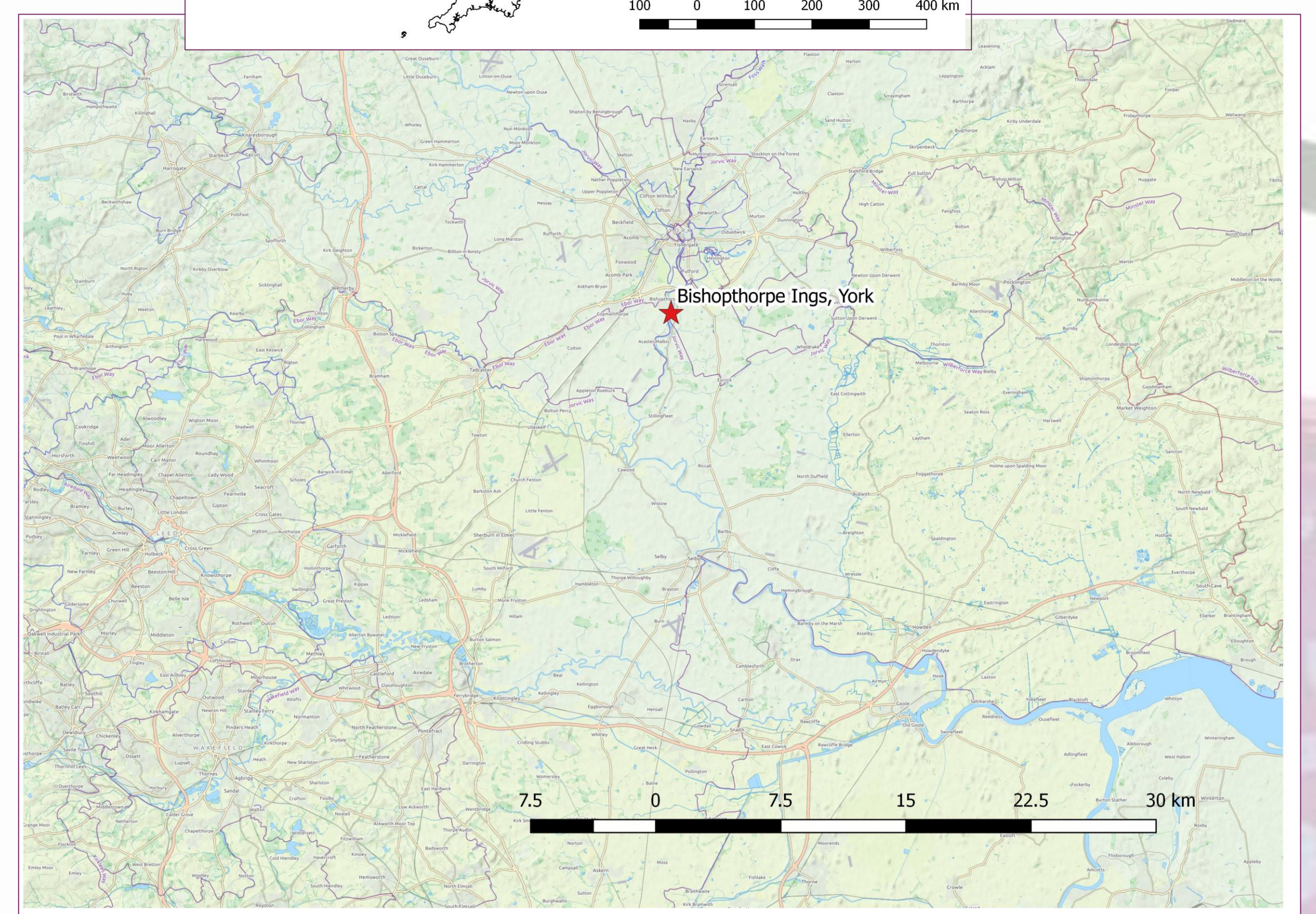
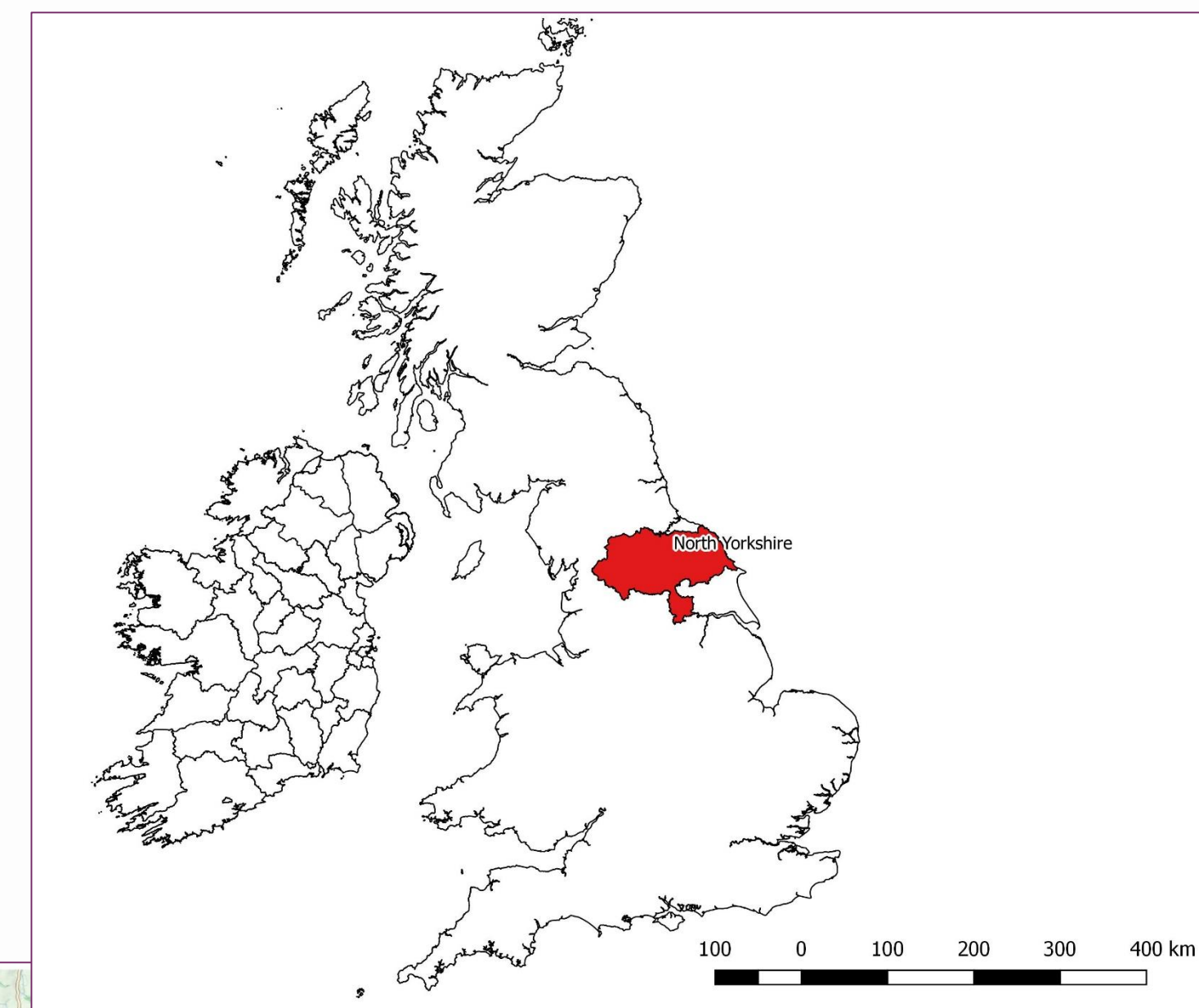


### About the site:

Bishopthorpe Ings is situated on the western bank of the River Ouse, three miles south of the City of York. The 15.5ha meadow, which is designated as a Site of Importance to Nature Conservation, comprises of a series of fields dissected by internal boundary hedges and ditches.



### Site location:



### My ambassadorial role:

In my area I hope to continue to monitor Bishopthorpe Ings and work with the landowner and local farmer to improve the site, which has suffered from years of neglect, on a long term basis. I'd also like to be able to help other landowners in the area to manage floodplains along the River Ouse.



### Site monitoring:

I have carried out vegetation surveys, taken soil samples and installed a dip well, which I'm monitoring on a weekly basis. I am also keeping a record of flood events, including putting down a sedimat, and liaising with a local farmer to carry out management on the site.

