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About me:

I am the Biodiversity Manager for the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Habitat Biodiversity Audit (HBA) partnership. Together we survey and record the wildlife habitats of the Warwickshire sub-region.



About the site:

The wetland meadow at the Haseley Gathering Ground is 2.8 hectares in size, and is one of three meadows designated as a Local Wildlife Site in July 2008. The land is owned by Severn Trent Water and managed by a local tenant farmer. The meadow is unusual for Warwickshire because it has been owned and managed by water corporations to protect and manage the local water supply for Warwick for the past 140 years. As a result, herbicides have not been used and the traditional management regime of grazing and cutting the meadows has remained largely intact.



Site monitoring:

The site monitoring and recording is being used to gather information to understand how the management of the wet grassland can be used to help improve the water quality while at the same time benefitting the biodiversity of the site.



Site location:



My ambassadorial role:

I see my role as raising awareness of the value of conserving semi-natural grasslands including floodplain meadows by; identifying and recording them; understanding the processes that make them flood plain meadows; how they can be best managed and protected.

Since I began the monitoring the site Severn Trent Water have taken an active interest in the project and are working with the tenant to better manage the site for biodiversity. The aim is to make Haseley Gathering Grounds a reference site for similar projects.

