## **Lincolnshire's Back Garden**

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Lincolnshire's Back Garden campaign poster

With so much to explore on our doorstep, Lincolnshire's Back Garden is part of our wider campaign drawing attention to the important wildlife all around us, whatever the season.

Many think of Lincolnshire's natural heritage as primarily arable and agricultural fields but there is more than meets the eye.

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The field margins, hedgerows and verges that patchwork Lincolnshire's countryside provide safe havens for wildlife. Beyond the fields and meadows, the Humberhead Levels offer internationally significant peat bogs and reed beds that are home to bittern, nightjars, marsh harriers and adders, as well as the bog hog beetle.

The estuary and coastline boast a variety of habitats from salt marshes to sand dunes, providing habitats for a collection of different species.

## Connecting people to natural heritage

There is so much to explore with Lincolnshire's natural heritage and we are looking to connect people to the nature that is on their doorstep, whether that is local green spaces, burial grounds and churchyards, verges or the river bank. There are plenty of havens for wildlife that you might walk past every day or are hidden from us.

We want to encourage applications for funding from all champions of natural heritage, particularly small, local and community groups with projects that help raise awareness of the wildlife and nature to be found close to home.

The Lincolnshire's Back Garden campaign promotes HLF's support for natural heritage and promotes opportunities for funding through our small grants programmes.

The Yorkshire and the Humber team are keen to work with groups who want to care for, share and explore Lincolnshire's fascinating natural world. Get in touch with the Yorkshire and the Humber team.

## Follow the campaign

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## Roseanna Burton, Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership Community Project Officer



A river-monitoring workshop led by the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

Safeguarding Yorkshire's natural heritage