

Boyland Common
Parish Council Report 21st August 2025

In early July we had an email from Ben Newton of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust asking for permission to collect seeds from the wildflowers on the Common. We are proud that there is a wide diversity of flora on the Common, and permission was readily granted.

A second seed collecting visit was made at the end on July when Ben Newton was joined by a 'Wilder Landscape' advisor named Robert Smith.
It's good to know that we can support the biodiversity on other sites.

On 14th August we had an email from our 'Owl Man' Chris Batey who has been unable to carry out his usual checks in this area so far. He will let us know if he manages to do a late check

However, he did have news of a male Barn Owl which he had previously ringed at the site in 2022. Sadly this Owl was found next to the site on 10th May this year, having been hit by a car, and it had to be euthanised.

Chris pointed out that if there was a female incubating eggs at the time, she would have had to abandon them at that stage.

It is hoped that a new pair are already established in the owl box.

Following an email from Amanda Garnham, the District Council Community Enforcement Officer, the gates, locks and chains at the Common were checked on 20.8.25 and found to be all in good order.

In answer to an enquiry about ditch maintenance on a County Wildlife Site, the enquirer was directed to 'County Wildlife Site Regulations' available on the internet. If wishing to undertake any work on ditches on a County Wildlife Site it is essential to consult with the local authorities first and obtain permits before proceeding.

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