

# **Park Ranger project development ideas**

## **Roundabout mini meadows**

Taking into consideration sightlines and traffic requirements this could be an excellent way to increase our biodiversity and provide pollinator plants for invertebrates



## **Brookes environmental consultancy module projects**

I have worked with this team on several occasions and found the work the students do and the data they provide incredibly useful.

I am looking at projects such as:

- Small mammal survey on one of my two meadows
- The benefits of nesting platforms on a lake
- Water quality and improvements to increase biodiversity
- Population density calculation of Cray Fish
- How to improve an old gravel pit to increase biodiversity

## **Invertebrate study**

I have a local nationally respected insect and spider expert doing a study on one of my meadows to gather data to support my request for site designation (see below)

<http://www.lawrencebee.co.uk/>

## **Site designation**

I am looking into having the Country Park designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). This can take up to a year to achieve but is worth it I feel

<https://naturenet.net/status/lnr.html>

## **Forest School**

I have been approached by a local Forest School teacher to run a one-off event on the Country Park. I have also discussed the prospect of creating a dedicated area to be used as a learning resource for Forest School practitioners

<https://forestschoollassociation.org/find-a-forest-school-trainer/#!biz/id/623c52bfece5da375234dbf5>

## **TOE Grants**

The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) are grant giving body that supports individuals and groups to increase biodiversity of their area. I will be looking to apply for funds to support the re-instatement of the two main meadows.

<https://www.trustforoxfordshire.org.uk/>

## **Water Policy**

As we are seeing an increase in users of the Lake and Country Park, I feel we need to have a document to show how we are going to manage the lake and our responsibilities to all users

## **Walking and Cycling routes**

I am looking to develop routes of various lengths for users of the site. These could be self-guided via an app, leaflet or having a map at the main entrance to the site. Some already exist so I will not be re-inventing the wheel, but filling gaps as needed

<https://www.localwalks.co.uk/local-walks-blog/witney-walk-route-map>

## **Running event at Country Park**

The lake main path is almost exactly one mile in length and this, as well as the meadows could be used as a community event with both fun and competitive races. This will, I am sure bring new users to the Country Park. Like the one below

<https://www.mccpromotions.com/e/sheffield-city-10k-3732>

## **QR codes**

I am looking to make use of QR codes to provide information such as routes (see above) and to minimise wastage with leaflets posters and signs

## **Geocache**

Witney has an active geocache network with several routes already in place. I would like to increase and develop this to make use of the Country Park

[https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC711YA\\_the-witney-wander-again?guid=86757ccf-6d10-4898-8039-dc0a99c6fde3](https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC711YA_the-witney-wander-again?guid=86757ccf-6d10-4898-8039-dc0a99c6fde3)

## **Open Day at Lake & Country Park**

I plan to have an open day in the same vein as the Wychwood fair with stalls and events for all users (very early days so little to show at the moment)