Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project

Interview with: Ken Green

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Summary

Ken Green has two roles for Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, as the voluntary Reserve Manager for Crowle Moors for thirty years and, since his retirement from teaching, in an employed role as North Lincolnshire Assistant Warden.

Early background, childhood in Sherwood Forest, early interest in wildlife – bird nesting.
Career as teacher
Work for LWT
Development of LWT’s reserve on Crowle Moors, Plant species
Aim of LWT on Crowle Moors – regeneration of peat bog including bog-edge (carr) habitats
History of Crowle Moors
Hand peat graving on Crowle Moors – tramways
Peat fires, dangers of ‘underburn’
Properties and dangers of waterlogged peat - loss of tractor
Bog ‘oaks’
Warping & farming
Roman settlement identified from aerial photography
Objects found in peat bog
Flora & fauna on Crowle Moor reserve now
Managing the reserve – flooding, volunteers, sheep
LWT’s education work & access
Personal view of habitat & atmosphere