

## East Bridgford Wildlife and Biodiversity CIC

EBWB was established in 2005 with objectives to:

Formulate strategies for biodiversity maintenance and enhancement, wildlife conservation and management.

Establish a database of wildlife information, current status and change.

Identify opportunities for wildlife creation and recovery.

Provide wildlife guidance to the Parish Council, planners, landowners and residents.

Publicise importance of local biodiversity and wildlife.

Forge links with adjacent parishes where wildlife habitats cross administrative boundaries.

**Mission:** *To achieve a sustainable environment for people and wildlife in East Bridgford*



Yellow rattle



Springdale Wood—central path



Springdale Wood—open day



Bridgford Street Meadow

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Community Woodland

Managed by Local People



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## SPRINGDALE WOOD EAST BRIDGFORD

Springdale Wood lies between the Medical Centre and Springdale Lane It was purchased in by Woodland Trust as one of 250 'Woods on Your Doorstep' to mark the Millennium and planted in November 1999 by local residents. The objective is to create a mixed canopy tall woodland dominated by ash, birch, cherry and oak, an under canopy of hazel, rowan and other woodland shrubs, and a ground layer of appropriate flowering plants. To achieve this, vigorous and oppressive goat willow is being coppiced in rotation.

Since the beginning, Woodland Trust has not had resources to manage Springdale Wood and, in 2011, a local community group, 'Friends of Springdale' was established by East Bridgford Wildlife and Biodiversity Community Interest Company to take on responsibility for managing the wood on a regular basis. The

Friends have carried out practical woodland management tasks every autumn, winter and spring, focusing on control of willow, but also removing non-native plants so a woodland characteristic of this part of Nottinghamshire can develop.



**Common spotted orchid**

### Community Managed

So successful has local management of Springdale Wood been that in 2016 responsibility for caring for the wood was transferred by Woodland Trust to East Bridgford Parish Council on a 999-year lease.

### Site Acquisition

Springdale Wood, comprising 1.41 hectares (3.5 acres) was planted on former farmland purchased by Woodland Trust with financial support from Millennium Commission and Big Lottery Fund and others. A draft design for the wood was agreed with local people. The wood is planted with a mixture of native broadleaved trees, predominately ash, oak and cherry. A wide variety of woody shrub species are concentrated on the boundaries and path edges.

### Management Strategy

Management follows standard lowland woodland practices to ensure development of a high canopy, broadleaved woodland. This requires control of fast growing trees and shrubs such as goat willow, dogwood and blackthorn. To facilitate this, and increase the diversity of the woodland age, structure and flora, the wood has been divided into 13 'Sections' that are managed according to a rolling programme detailed in the Management Plan. Infrastructure, including fences, gates and hedges and paths are inspected regularly and maintained if required.

### Public Access

There is a public footpath through one corner of the wood, but the public has open access at all times to enjoy the naturalness and tranquility it provides.



Friends at work



Hazel coppice

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