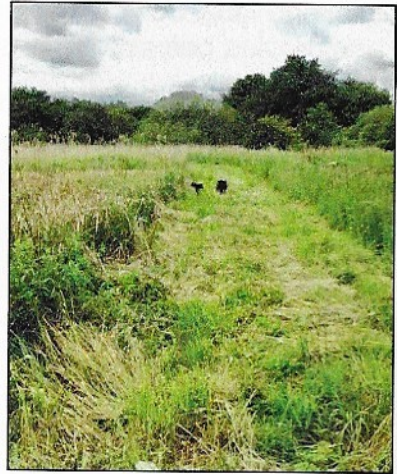


Town Estate Charity Annual Report 2019 - 2020

The main focus of Town Estate Charity (TEC) work during the past year has been to secure the Stewardship Scheme money for the management of Line Bank, which is a British Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Referred to commonly as “triple-ess-eye” this is a formal conservation designation. Usually, it describes an area that is of particular interest to science due to the rare species of fauna or flora it contains - or even important geological or physiological



features that may lie in its boundaries. SSSI sites often contain important habitats such as grasslands, parkland and woodland. Some even contain ancient woodland and ancient trees. In other words, these areas have high conservation value, and need to be protected.



The TEC jointly owns Line Bank with Polybell Estates. Because of its SSSI protected status, fishing and shooting are not permitted. Neglect of the area over many decades has resulted in the natural succession of dominant tree species. Off-road vehicles have damaged the bridleway; fly tipping spoils the area and there are disease threats such as ash dieback. The aim is now to restore this important wildlife habitat so that it can be rightly described as ‘a Misson Jewel’.

Line Bank SSSI is one of the best remaining example of eutrophic open water, marsh, open water and base-poor fen communities in Nottinghamshire. Whilst it is dangerous for people to swim in the deep ponds, this area supports an unusual wildlife diversity and is species rich with fenland insect fauna such as butterflies within the rough grassland area.



It also supports a variety of bird-breeding population notably Red Listed species such as the Turtle Dove, Willow Tit, Song Thrush and Tree Sparrow. The Marsh Harrier would be supported if the fenland can be restored as it can be seen in the area and is thought to breed on the adjacent SSSI.

The Fen Violet is rare specialist species and has been noted on Line Bank in several historical records but this has suffered a massive decline in population due habitat loss as a result of the draining of wetland. The Management Plan includes the reintroduction of Fen Violet if favourable conditions can be achieved.



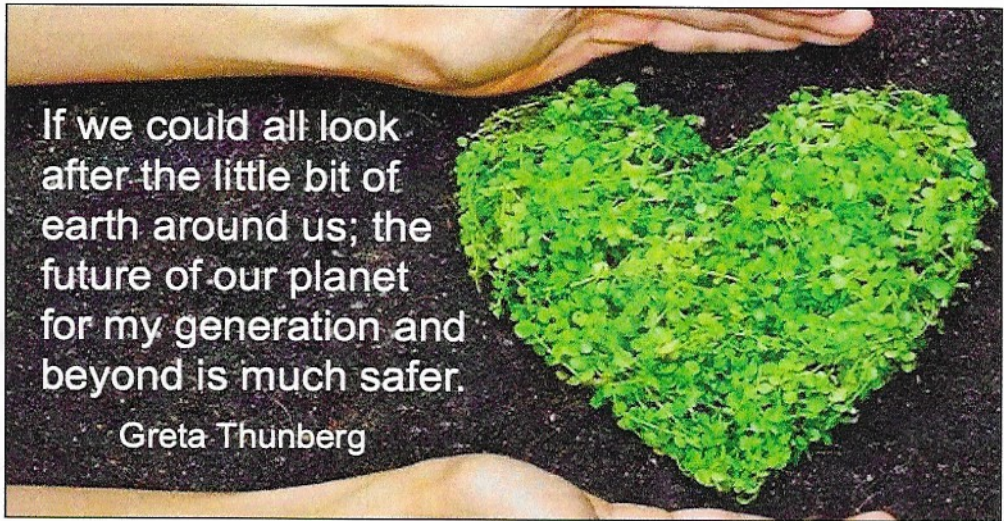
With the support of Polybell Estates, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, the Forestry Commission, and Natural England, TEC managers commissioned a Woodland Management Plan. This was needed to make application to the Rural Payments Agency for a Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship grant. This has been successful and it will provide an income to implement the plan over a five year period to include thinning the trees throughout the area, especially around the water bodies, and clear felling to restore the open fen and grasslands to allow natural regeneration. Initially, the public bridleway needs to be cut back to maintain a 3m access which will hopefully be done later this year. A further ongoing application is in progress, for a Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier Grassland management grant for the remaining land on Line Bank.

TEC received a donation of £5,000 from Tunnel Tech North towards future village projects such as the VE Day Celebrations; Project 2020; Village Park and Playground, and the Pinfold restoration. A transfer of £1,000 was made to Misson Community Association.

This year, TEC Managers have agreed to work with Dr Mandy Walker and neighbourhood improvement volunteers keen to raise funds for and deliver a number of physical projects, within the remit of the Town Estate Charity and for the benefit of the inhabitants of Misson of all ages. Project 2020 Trees is a pilot initiative which aims to plant commemorative trees and/or hedging and provide a bench in the Pinfold.

Misson Parish is a rural community surrounded by astonishing natural beauty. All of the photographs within this TEC report have been taken within its boundary.

Jayne Watson
Chair TEC
July 2020



A copy of the annual financial statement can be found on the MPC website, www.missonparishcouncil.org.uk, under the Town Estates Charity tab and the Parish notice boards. If there are any questions in relation to this report or any other Town Estate Charity matter, please contact Sue Scott, TEC Secretary at dsm28@btinternet.com or tel : 01302 711887.



The Town Estate Charity (charity number 259585)

Income and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2020

Income	Amount £
Donations	5,000.00
Grants	1,000.00
Bank interest	16.96
Total Receipts	6,016.96
Payments	Amount £
Administration	280.00
Maintenance	10.54
Grants	1,000.00
Total payments	1,290.54
Surplus for the year	£4,726.42
Balance of funds @ 31st March 2020	£46,288.51