

CASE STUDY: EAST HALTON SKITTER



OVERVIEW

Location	On the banks of the Humber between Goxhill and East Halton.
Team Members	Humber Nature Partnership (HNP), East Halton Parish Council, Humberside Police, Keep Britain Tidy, Able UK, North Lincolnshire Council and local residents
Duration	2020 - Ongoing

1. REASONING

East Halton Skitter is part of the Humber Estuary European Marine Site and is home to many designated features and protected species such as saltmarsh, Marsh Harrier and Curlew. The condition of the site was classified as “unfavourable – declining” due to off-roading vehicles, anti-social behaviour and rampant fly tipping. Not only was the condition a threat to the protected species, but there was also a public safety concern whereby local residents felt unsafe visiting the area.

2. APPROACH

- In collaboration, the police conducted regular patrols of the area and dealt with any off-roading vehicles.
- Working with Keep Britain Tidy and local residents, HNP co-created the East Halton RiverCare group. They conducted regular litter picks and notified the local authority when fly tipping had occurred.
- Litter removal was facilitated and aided by Able UK and North Lincolnshire Council.

3. OUTCOMES

Increased police presence resulted in a reduction in number and severity of off-roading vehicle incidents; and locals are able to enjoy the area once again. The East Halton RiverCare group has continued to operate in the area, removing over 5 tonnes of waste from site between 2020 and 2022 alone. The site is awaiting re-classification from Natural England.

