

The Barton & Barrow Claypits HERITAGE TRAIL



As you continue along the footpath, the area to your right is the Pasture Wharf Nature Reserve. This is managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. This site used to be Thompson's Brickyard and later was owned by William Blyth before production ceased.

Pasture Wharf has an area of 4.3 ha and is fed by an inflow pipe from Hoe Hill Pit under the track. Nearly 40% of Pasture Wharf is great willowherb. To the north it also has areas of rough grassland, scrub and extensive reedbeds with small areas of open water. Hazel and ash are found along the western boundary. Willowherb is present in the north, suggesting that this section may be drying out. Birds, such as the bearded tit, pochard, reed and sedge warblers, water rail, and the marsh harrier have bred in the reserve. It also gets visits from wintering bittern.



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