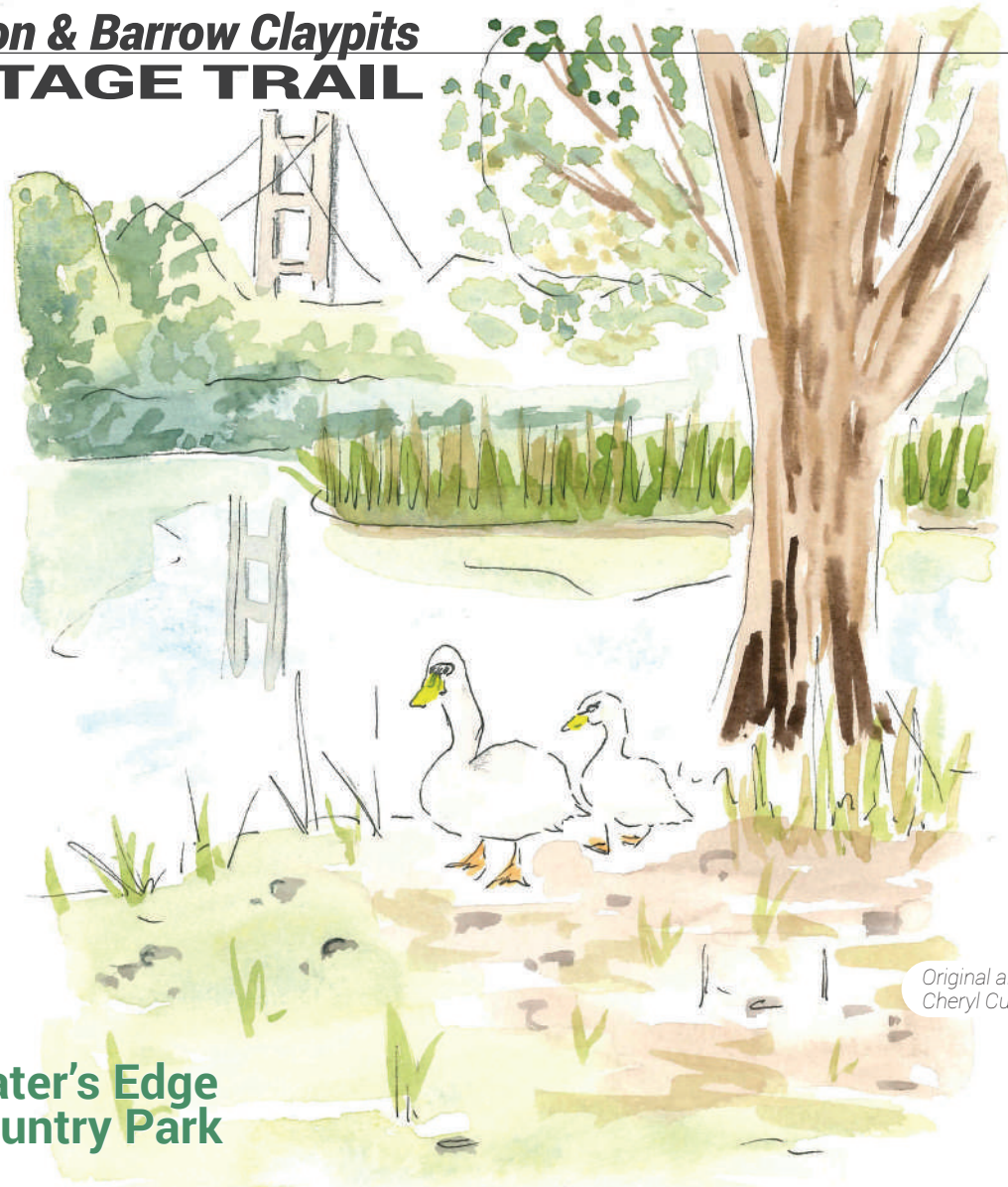


The Barton & Barrow Claypits HERITAGE TRAIL



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Waters' Edge Country Park is managed by North Lincolnshire Council. The site was home to the BritAg and MTM chemical factories. These closed in the 1980s, leaving the land on which they stood heavily contaminated with toxic waste.

The area underwent an astonishing recovery in the 1990s. The land was reclaimed, and gypsum beds were used to neutralise toxins and clay dug from an area south of Far Ings Road was used to line the ponds. This created other ponds at Far Ings.

Thousands of trees were planted to create a 44 ha haven for wildlife. The Waters' Edge Visitor Centre was built beside the Humber Estuary close to the magnificent Humber Bridge.

It is hard to believe that one of the most contaminated industrial sites in Europe is now a remarkable sanctuary for wildlife. This demonstrates how the most polluted areas can be transformed into natural wildlife habitats and contribute to the general well-being of local communities and visitors.

The Water's Edge ponds are fed from rainfall and by the Barton blow well. The water from the blow well runs down an old culvert beside Pasture Road. There is also an inlet from Canal Lake in The Pasture Wood Fishery ponds. The ponds in Water's Edge are interconnected.

Haste ye back!

We hope you enjoyed the Barton and Barrow Claypits Natural Heritage Trail. Tell your friends about it and revisit us soon.

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