Our Vision…

To restore and maintain the unique coastal grazing marshes landscape in these three project areas with their mosaic of damp wildlife-rich grasslands and distinctive water courses, archaeological sites and historic buildings.

This will be achieved by promoting a thriving mix of arable and pastoral farming, by creating new opportunities for visitors and residents alike to explore, learn from and enjoy this unique environment, and by encouraging a renewed sense of pride in the local area.
About the Project

Lincolnshire’s coastal grazing marshes once occupied an area of 90,000 hectares of low-lying land between the Wolds and the coast from the mouth of the Humber to the edge of the Wash at Gibraltar Point. Whilst much of this has been ploughed for arable crops, what remains is able to support a unique landscape, wildlife and cultural history.

The need for partnership working to address the threats that economic, social and environmental changes are having on this unique landscape have long been recognised.

Forming a Landscape Partnership has been significant in uniting a wide range of local communities and environmental bodies in the coastal grazing marshes to develop a suite of projects that will address these challenges.

Thanks to a £857,400 Landscape Partnership Grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, a three-year project to regenerate the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes is now underway. The project will focus on three target areas in East Lindsey around Burgh-le-Marsh, Saltfleetby and Anderby/Huttoft.

The project is being hosted by East Lindsey District Council with the Partnership also including English Heritage, Environment Agency, Heritage Trust Lincolnshire, Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England and the National Farmers Union.

Aims of the Project

• To protect and sustain the unique grazing marsh landscape and the natural, historic and cultural heritage that it supports.

• To involve local communities in the protection, conservation and management of the landscape and its heritage.

• To maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of the grazing marshes, especially for its wintering and breeding birds and for its important population of water voles and otters.

• To involve local people and visitors in discovering, exploring and celebrating its natural, historic and cultural heritage.

• To promote an increased take-up of agri-environment schemes that support environmentally sensitive land management.

• To increase opportunities for people to access the landscape all year round.

• To work with farmers, landowners and other organisations to promote and facilitate the restoration and good management of key wildlife habitats.

• To strengthen existing local character and create a sense of identity, a sense of place and community pride.

The Project in Action

• Landscape Enhancement Grants of between £2,000 and £20,000 available to farmers and landowners whose holdings lie wholly or partially in one of the target areas.

• Community Heritage Grants of up to £2,000 for projects that conserve historic and natural features or improve understanding of historic and natural environment.

• Community Conservation Grants of up to £2,000 available to carry out conservation and enhancement work to improve or create local habitats.

• A training programme designed to increase the capacity of local farmers and landowners to maintain viable stock farming and to attract young people into the industry.

• Free advice for farmers, landowners and community groups from professionally qualified project officers.

• Workshops and guides to help local communities discover the secrets of the grazing marsh by improving understanding of its natural and historic features.

• Events and collaborative projects to assist both visitors and local residents to explore the marshes by improving access and interpretation. Includes Marshes Month.

• Inter-generational oral history projects, art activities and other creative projects to promote the cultural history of the area.