

## Course details

### Course title

Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: West Norfolk's wonderful peatlands

### Course code

Q00017665

### Course date

Start: 19/10/24

End: 19/10/24

### Number of classes

1 sessions

### Timetable

Sat 19th Oct, 10:30 to 17:30

### Branch

King's Lynn Branch

### Tutor

Guest Speaker

### Fee range

Free to £30.00

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

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## **Venue**

Friends Meeting House (King's Lynn)  
38 Bridge Street  
King's Lynn  
PE30 5AB

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

We will start off by examining how the peatlands in west Norfolk have formed, the differences between different types of peatland habitat (fens and mires) and the wonderful wealth of species that they support, before considering the factors that have caused their degradation and loss and the restoration techniques that are returning them to their former glory. Suitable for both beginners and those with an existing knowledge of peatland conservation and restoration.

## **Course description**

This course will focus on the chain of peatlands (fens and mires) that have formed along west Norfolk's Greensand ridge. We will explore how the unique geology of the area has helped to create and sustain these peatlands, using maps and geological samples to illustrate physical processes. Learn about the special wildlife that healthy, vibrant peatlands support and discover how humans have shaped and changed the landscape over time. Over the last 200 years the majority of west Norfolk's peatlands have been destroyed or damaged. We will examine the factors that have led to these losses and what can be done to reverse this damage. Using real, local examples, we will delve into the different techniques used to restore our peatlands, the importance of doing so and the amazing results that this work is yielding. The course will use powerpoint presentations, access to specialist texts, physical samples of materials to illustrate processes (geological samples, as well as plants and invertebrates), as well as discussion-based learning.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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