

About the Reserve...

- A rich mosaic of wildlife habitats covering 77 hectares (190 acres) of lakes, riverside, meadow, reed bed, scrub and woodland
- Up to 160 species of birds each year, with about 70 species breeding
- Top site in Cambridgeshire for breeding nightingale (29 singing males in 2010)
- Traditionally managed flower-rich meadows with Yellow rattle, Common spotted orchid and swathes of Meadow buttercup
- 176 species of fungi, 543 species of moths
- Designated Site of Special Scientific Interest



- 10 km of nature trails, integrated into a much larger network of footpaths and Ouse Valley Way
- Two hides and many viewpoints
- Easy access to the most popular areas for those with disabilities
- Visitors' Centre for information, events, refreshments, sales, and a friendly welcome!
- Many opportunities to help in habitat management, wildlife monitoring and as Voluntary Wardens
- Managed by Huntingdonshire District Council Countryside Services, supported by The Friends and the local community

What's in it for you?

SOCIAL &
EVENTS PROGRAMMES

REGULAR NEWSLETTERS

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR
MEMBERS ONLY



.... **AND HELPING PAXTON
PITS' WILDLIFE!**

Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve
working with
Huntingdonshire District Council



JOIN TODAY

Friends of Paxton Pits
Nature Reserve



...helping to make *Paxton Pits*
a better place for wildlife
and people!

What do we do?

Our recent achievements include:

- Committing funds (£5K) towards the project to restore Great Meadow to wet grassland to support wild flowers, birds and invertebrates
- Funding a replacement boardwalk (£4.7K) for the heavily-used *Meadow Trail*
- Playing a key role in securing the phased extension of the Reserve to 700 acres by 2017
- Encouraging and supporting volunteering on the Reserve - voluntary effort equivalent to **five** members of staff during 2010
- Renting three moorings to create The Friends' *River Viewpoint*

Our future plans include you!

With your help we will...

- Work with HDC and other organisations to implement the major extension to the Reserve
- Fund visitor facilities on the extended reserve (*e.g.* hides, viewpoints, signs)
- Organise and support events on the Reserve - *e.g.* *Nightingale Festival*, *Family Fun Day*
- Support the Voluntary Warden service in recruiting and retaining members to staff the Visitors' Centre
- Improve wildlife habitat by funding tree surgery required for hedge/woodland restoration

Who are The Friends?

The Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve is a charity registered in England and Wales (No. 1125221) and is funded entirely by its membership and fund-raising activities

The Friends:

- raises money to fund priority projects on the Reserve
- improves wildlife and facilities through Reserve management
- helps enhance visitor enjoyment
- encourages interest in the Reserve
- helps volunteers and supporters get involved
- promotes and supports the Voluntary Warden Scheme

**Membership costs just
£8 for Joint/Family membership, or
£4 for single membership**

Joint/Family membership is for two adults at a single address. Children of members are automatically included. Please make cheques payable to Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve. Completed forms and remittance should be handed in at the Visitors' Centre, or sent to the Membership Secretary: Mrs Marilyn McDonough, 8 Lakefield Avenue, Little Paxton, St Neots, PE19 6NZ



Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Membership Form

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Please enter **two** names for family/joint membership.

Member 1:

Title	Forename
Surname	

Member 2:

Title	Forename
Surname	

Address	
Postcode:	Phone:

New member: Renewing member:

I enclose my/our subscription of: £

Plus a donation of: £

Making a total of: £

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Through Gift Aid The Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve can claim an extra 25 pence from the Inland Revenue for every £1 you give: and it

doesn't cost you a penny more!

I would like all subscriptions and donations I make to the Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve today and any payments I may make in the future to be treated as Gift Aid unless I notify you otherwise. I confirm that I am paying income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount you may claim each year.

Please tick here:

Signed	Date
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