

Bainton and Ashton Nature Recovery Group.

- The group has not met since the last B&A PC meeting.
- There are no new projects in the pipeline.
- Sheepwash:
Questions for the PC: Is any work expected to take place this year to reduce the size of the bramble patch?
What signage is wanted for the Sheepwash area?

John Clare Countryside Verges Sub-group meeting 26th Nov 2025

Chaired and co-ordinated by Sarah Lambert, attended by Darren Sharpe Head of Environment PCC, Tony Cook PECT, Fran Payne Wildlife Officer PCC, Laura Osborne BCN Wildlife Trust, Julie and Cliff Stanton for Bainton and Ashton Nature Recovery and village reps from Glinton, Barnack and Maxey.

- Guidance notes have been produced by Sarah Lambert and Laura Osborne for bulb planting on village verges. Copy for B&A PC included with these notes.
- Advice has been circulated to Burghley, Walcott and Milton Estates for them to pass on to their tenant land managers re restoring damage caused by agricultural vehicles to protected verges.
- County Wildlife Site verges are re-assessed on a 5-year rolling monitoring schedule – Highfield Road CWS was surveyed in summer 2025 and had many positive indicator species. Report available end February. Bainton Green Road CWS will be surveyed in 2026.
- Darren Sharpe reported on the trial measures for Highfield Road, offered to B&A PC at the meeting called by Councillor Tighe and Susie Hall in November which was attended by Darren Sharpe, Frances Payne and Highways.
- The cut and collect machine used by Peterborough City Council for the County Wildlife Site verges is due for renewal and Darren Sharpe will investigate whether a different machine might be more effective at removing cuttings.