

NETWORK GOOD PRACTICE CASE STUDY



Sharnbrook Castle Close Wildlife and Heritage Site

A project to enhance the wildlife and heritage value of a community owned County Wildlife Site and Scheduled Ancient Monument.

CONTACT

Richard Lawrence
Countryside Officer
BRCC
The Smithy,
Old Warden
Bedfordshire
SG18 9HQ

LEAD ORGANISATION

BRCC/ Sharnbrook Parish
Council

KEY PARTNERS

Local volunteers

FUNDING

Section 106 agreement
LHI

OBJECTIVES

- To improve the natural habitats and thus enhance their ecological value
- To conserve and enhance the heritage features
- To facilitate public access to the site for "quiet enjoyment"

OUTPUTS

- 4 community consultation events
- Completed 5 year Management Plan and work programme
- 15 volunteer tasks
- 1 local event
- 2 Training workshops for volunteers
-

BENEFICIARIES

- Parish Council
- The people of Sharnbrook
- Sharnbrook Community College
-

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

- Writing a management plan
- Setting up volunteer group
- Scrub clearance
- Installation of access path
- Hedge laying
- Wildlife surveying and monitoring
- Litter picking
- Interpretation

OUTCOMES

- 30 volunteers involved in tasks
- Increase in the area of grassland.
- Site opened up for the people of Sharnbrook to access.

TIMESCALE

2006 –2010