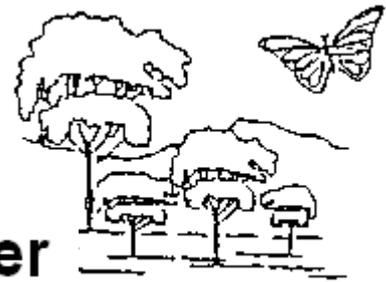


*The objects of the Society are to protect the natural landscape and wildlife habitats of the Yare Valley south and west of Norwich, principally between Harford and Bowthorpe. We oppose any development that would detract from its natural qualities and support projects which would preserve the valley for the benefit of all.*



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### **Norwich Local Plan**

The Norwich Local Plan has been completed by the City Council. It did not include Bartram Mowers as a site for development. The Plan has been sent to a government Planning Inspector who checks it for Legality and “soundness”. Before it was sent Bartram Mowers requested that their site should be included but we and other interested parties were not informed of this request from Bartrams.. The City Planners slipped up by not correctly informing us of our right to comment. Since then in co-operation with the City Planners the following letter has been sent by the Society objecting to the inclusion of the Bartram's site as a recommended development site in the finalised Local Plan. The following extract from our submission will give an indication of our approaches and also show the complexity of present day planning procedures.

### **Extract from the society's submission**

“It is our understanding (from para 182 of the NPPF in particular) that the Local Plan is a matter for the Council, and the Inspector should only intervene where it is necessary to do so to make the plan “sound”. There are four particular tests listed: Positively prepared, Justified, Effective and Consistent with national policy and we cannot see on which grounds it [the Bartram Mower's site] is being considered for inclusion in the plan. The Society's view is that that the plan without the proposed development of this site meets all these tests.”

### **Other submissions**

Colney Parish Council, Cringleford Parish Council and the Eaton Residents Association have all written their objections to the inclusion of the Bartram Mower site and we are very grateful for their assistance. The full submission from the society may be read on our website or obtained from the Chairman at tel: 01603 455237 at 42 Bluebell Road.

### **Newsletter by email**

If it is at all possible we are asking all our members to receive their newsletters by email. We have about a hundred of our members doing so and this is a big saving for us in printing and postage costs. We do not disclose your email address to any other society member or generally as we use the “bcc” [blind carbon copy] facility. Please send your email address to our newsletter editor Mrs Jackie Marquart at [jackiebmarquart@gmail.com](mailto:jackiebmarquart@gmail.com)

### **A new project by the Society**

A report on the Yare Valley Society Summer Nature Trail and Picnic

We awoke to a beautifully blue-skied sunny morning on Wednesday 27 August and eventually set off to meet at the car park on Colney Lane to greet the 24 arrivals booked for the 11 am start of the Summer Nature Trail and Picnic.

Once names were ticked off and the children were equipped with pencils, discovery sheets and collecting bags, three of us started out on the pre-arranged trail. Those present were very capably guided. Interested children and adults alike had their attentions drawn to the wide variety of trees, vegetation and insect life along paths through the wood leading to the river. Two other society members took a shortcut to the YVS Memorial to Elaine Tucker facing the Broad, close to the Bridge. They set up a table with information about the Society, membership forms and copies of "The Yare Valley Walk" booklet to sell, accosting passers-by with aplomb! When all parties had finished examining the river and playing "Pooh-sticks" we set off together to enjoy an alfresco meal, beside the Sainsbury Centre. It was delightful to eat lunch with our fingers, exchange information and chat in an informal and relaxed way. The children should be praised here for their courtesy and charm. A happy time was shared by all.

The route back led to an area with good hunting for insects close to the large oak tree and then past the horizontal totem pole, which was also a source of great interest to the children. Passing the edge of the broad a large sleepy looking terrapin was spotted and we then crossed over the bridge and returned to the car park. In addition the Society gained three new members. We are very grateful for the effort and preparation and organisation of this event put in by five of our committee and an additional assistant.

### **The Annual General Meeting**

#### **New Committee members**

At the last Annual General Meeting three new members of the committee were elected. They are Mrs Ann Livingstone who lives in Cringleford and Dr Graham Martin from Colney. Cringleford and Colney which are parishes where the valley of the river are particularly under threat from over development. Mrs Jackie Marquart is the editor of the society's newsletter. Her email address is jackiebmarquart@gmail.com. We are very pleased to have these extra members on the committee.

#### **Subscriptions**

We would like to remind members who pay annually that the subscriptions for 2014 are due and we would be very pleased to receive your subscription payable to the Secretary Mrs Hilary Hann, 18 Bluebell Road. Thank you.

#### **Material for newsletters**

We always welcome information about our area for inclusion in the newsletter. Often there are things happening of which we are unaware such as the unwanted intrusion by foreign plants or the sighting of unusual birds or animals.