Long Mead Foundation

Registered Charity Number: 1196294

Report for the year ended

31 March 2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Long Mead Foundation

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Long Mead Foundation ('the Charity)
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the organisation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Report of the Trustees – Year ending 31st March 2026

Long Mead Foundation was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with The Charity Commission in England on 27th October 2021.

All Trustees have been in post throughout the period and have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by The Charity Commission in exercising their duties.

The objects of Long Mead Foundation are:

1. To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation protection and enhancement of the natural environment and in particular but not exclusively
    a. To undertake the conservation and enhancement of the biodiversity of the floodplain meadows along the Upper Thames;
    b. To advance the understanding of, and methods to, restore the ecosystems of floodplain meadows working with academic institutions, farmers and landowners;
    c. To advance education of the public about the natural environment, including nature-based solutions for climate-change, particularly in relation to floodplain meadows;
2. To relieve the needs of adults with learning disabilities and autism by offering nature-based activities.

Introduction

This year, Long Mead Foundation (LMF) and the community network it initiated, Nature Recovery Network (NRN), (whose activities it facilitates) passed several significant milestones towards its goal of achieving sustainable, scalable nature recovery efforts for rare floodplain meadows, of which only four square miles survive in the UK, as well as for associated floodplain habitats. We have shown, during the last eight years, that our vision of connecting experts with enthusiasts where they all live (rather than parachuting the experts in) offers a genuinely inclusive and sustainable model for local landscape protection and recovery. It also enables local people with their collective long-term knowledge of the land (including expert knowledge) to drive both small-scale and landscape-scale restoration in their local area.

Given the prohibitive cost for commercial growers of propagating meadow plants to the size that they will survive in the field, our project shows how, in the case of restoring floodplain meadows, community engagement is not only good for people but brings a higher environmental outcome.

In 2025, we were delighted to win the Oxford Climate Award for Biodiversity & Ecology for our work.

We also celebrated the 5th Anniversary of NRN, our bottom-up network of local people for nature recovery with a celebration on the Neyotts Meadow, the 30 acre meadow that we have leased from Oxfordshire County Council for community restoration. We celebrated with a photographic competition and exhibition, face-painting (with unique artwork depicting our rarest species), nature story-telling, music and an invertebrate hunt for our youngest members.

We took on leases of a further 80 acres of floodplain meadow around Swinford/Eynsham lock for direct community restoration. The acquisition of a greenhouse, funded by West Oxfordshire District Council, has enabled us to increase production of rare, slow-growing, priority species such as Devil's bit scabious and Great burnet.

We started 'Training the Trainers' in our inclusive community-based plant propagation and meadow restoration model. We also co-hosted a two day training course for Natural England advisors from across the UK.

In April 2025, we started our Black Poplar project. Only 7000 native Black poplars survive in the UK, of which only 600 are female. At the end of the 19th century hybrid Black poplars were introduced to the UK that grew faster and straighter for commercial use. At the same time, the Victorians allegedly felled female trees since they didn't like the fluff that their wind-borne seeds produced. True native trees can only be identified reliably through eDNA testing. Our first set of samples, sent off in June 2025 revealed 3 native trees, including one female that has only been recorded in four other places in the UK.

In Autumn 2025, we were approached by National Trust, BBOWT, Cotswolds Rivers Trust and Lower Windrush Valley Project to establish an Oxfordshire Black Poplar Project as part of SW-OX: Swindon to Oxford Landscape Recovery for Oxfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Training the Trainers

<u>Floodplain Meadows Training Course for Natural England</u>

In June 2025, we partnered the Open University's Floodplain Meadows Partnership in a two-day training course for Natural England advisors from across the UK on creating and managing floodplain meadows, in the context of a new Natural England grant being offered to farmers and landowners, specifically for floodplain meadows, in view of their importance for storing carbon and mitigating floods.

<u>Inclusive Community-Based Plant Propagation and Meadow Restoration Course</u>

We successfully completed a six-month pilot project to share our model of inclusive community-based plant propagation with other local groups. Partly funded by Sustainable Charlbury, we ran weekly sessions for Charlbury Land and Nature Group as well as staff from

Oxford Preservation Trust and their volunteers who are Headington residents. Through the season, we taught the group of around 15 participants the skills of creating and managing floodplain meadows, as well as creating zero miles compost and identifying and hand-propagating a range of floodplain meadow plants and grasses. We also taught them how to tailor activities for a diverse community, including children, people with learning disabilities and autism and people with physical and mental health challenges, and elderly people.

The idea of the pilot was that the groups would hand-propagate plants that would be managed at Long Mead through the season, while the groups sought out a site and gathered a group of volunteers to continue to hand-propagate plants in their own communities the following year. In October 2025, 1000 rare floodplain meadow plants of 0.5ltr – 2ltr size were planted out in the Mill Field on the Evenlode River in the centre of Charlbury as part of the restoration of that meadow. Both the Charlbury and Headington communities have gone on to develop their own plant propagation in the 2026 season. The Charlbury Group now have 22 local people propagating meadow plants on their own site in 2026.

The project also deepened our partnership with Oxford Preservation Trust and facilitated their adoption of our bottom-up network model as a regional NGO, which had started with discussions in the 2024-2025 season.[1] With their staff and volunteers, who are Headington residents, joining our training course during the six month season, they have been able to set up an inclusive community plant propagation and meadow restoration group in Headington, to help restore and co-curate the Marston Meads, which are close-by.

Advice on Floodplain Meadows

We continued to give advice and support to a wide-range of large and small farmers and landowners, including Blenheim Estates, Magdalen College, University Parks and Oxford Preservation Trust. This has included contributing to a management plan for Combe Meadow for Blenheim Estates, carrying out a Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report for Magdalen College, Oxford and supporting and advising Oxford Preservation Trust after a tenant farmer used herbicide on a species-rich meadow. Following the incident, we mapped 150 individual plants of different species, using our precision GPS, to track their survival over time and we supported OPT in reporting the incident to Natural England. In the event, 60% of the mapped plants survived. In March 2026, we gave a presentation on managing and

[1] Our experience has been that environmental NGOs tend not to be well-connected into local communities, with engagement often limited to the duration of a short-term grant. This has meant that local communities have been left to manage projects over the longer-term without the financial or human resources and, sometimes, without the expertise to do so. The conventional model of NGO community engagement tends to involve inviting individuals to volunteer on the NGOs nature reserves, which may be miles away from the volunteer's home. Our vision is one of co-curation, giving communities a greater sense of 'ownership' of the restoration process of the land on their doorstep. So, instead of inviting individuals to work for the NGO anywhere in their landholding, the NGO seeks out the experts and enthusiasts living in the communities bordering particular areas of land and collaborates with them as a community, taking advice from the local experts and giving the communities an experience of co-curation. OPT has taken up the challenge and plans have developed further through the 2025-2026 season.

restoring floodplain meadows to the Yarnton and Pixie Mead Commons Association – a consortium of about 25 owners. Yarnton and Pixie Meads constitute one of the largest contiguous areas of the rare Great burnet – Meadow foxtail (MG4) meadows in the UK. They are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) but are in poor condition, in need of restoration. At the meeting, we discussed taking on the grazing license as a means of starting the process of restoring them.

Meadow Restoration and Plant Propagation[2]

In the 2025 season, we started community restoration of the 50-acre Swinford Meadows, belonging to the Oxford Preservation Trust. We planted 300m of hedge with around 45 volunteers and ran a hedge-laying training course over two days, with similar numbers, in partnership with the Oxford Conservation Volunteers to lay 40m of 20-year-old hedge.

We also began the experimental restoration of Changeable Furlongs - 20 acres of ex-arable land, which we have leased from Smiths of Bletchingdon for community restoration. We are planning to compare a passive restoration process with the conventional interventionist approach on the two halves of the meadow. Both sides have been put back into meadow management with an annual hay-making and grazing. In Changeable Furlongs West we have, in addition, spread seed taken in green hay from Long Mead and planted over 1000 rare plants that have been hand-propagated to 0.5ltr - 2ltr size by the community. Our experience, over the last 8 years suggests that the conventional method of merely sowing seed to restore meadows provides only a 'background canvas', with the rarer and slow-growing plants failing to establish from this method. Planting out established plants gives a much greater chance of enhanced species-richness in a shorter timeframe. On average, we have around a 70% success rate with our established plants in the field.

In March 2026, we took a lease on Bitterhill Field, from the Eynsham Consolidated Charities. This small four-acre field is the next piece in our connected floodplain meadow nature recovery network. It is closer to the village and is connected to it mainly by footpath. This will give greater access to our project to those who are less mobile and to school groups. Importantly, an area of the site doesn't flood which means that we can continue community activities in winter when Long Mead is flooding. We are planning to create a community tree-nursery here to propagate local provenance trees, including Black poplar. We are currently leasing the site but the Eynsham Consolidated Charities are seeking to sell it and so we are hoping to raise funds to buy it within the next year.

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[2] Since 2020, we have connected up around 500 acres of ancient and restored meadow along the River Thames around Eynsham and Pinkhill Locks by creating meadows in the fields in between them. In 24-25, we acquired leases on another 100 acres of land along the River Thames around Eynsham and Swinford for direct community restoration. It is well known that ongoing management is the most critical element in the successful creation of these rare species-rich floodplain meadows. Now, along with Long Mead Local Wildlife Site we have direct management control over 150 acres of land in the connected meadow network that we are in the process of creating. This gives us the opportunity of showing what 'good' looks like – in a situation where 75% of attempts to create wildflower floodplain meadows fail, according to research from the Open University. (*Recovering lost hay meadows: An overview of floodplain-meadow projects in England and Wales* Rothero, Tatarenko, Gowing, 2020).

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In September 2025, we took a lease from Oxfordshire County Council on the 10-acre monoculture willow coppice that stands in the middle of the Neyotts Meadow by Swinford Lock, in order to turn it into a species-rich wet woodland over time. Wet woodland is one of the UK's rarest habitats and provides for a range of floodplain animals. The willow coppice already hosts otter and water vole. Importantly, wet woodland is critical to flood mitigation and can play an important role in natural flood management.

The plan is to restore the woodland slowly over time so that instead of creating a new plantation, we create something more akin to a natural woodland with trees of differing ages, including enabling some areas to regenerate naturally. We also plan to grow Ash and Elm, in order to get standing deadwood (which is an important habitat for saproxylic organisms) earlier than would be normal in a new woodland. Some areas of the willow coppice will be kept to provide binders for hedge-laying and material for riverbank restoration and fencing as well as for community craft events.

In February 2026, we made a start by trying to determine the least invasive, most eco-friendly, way of removing some of the serried ranks of White willow. The decision to plant a willow coppice in a floodplain meadow was itself an error since vehicles cannot get onto the site in winter, which is the traditional period for coppicing willow. Despite scepticism from some quarters, we experimented with using recycled compost bags and putting them over the coppiced stumps and tying them with string. Within 4 months the trees had died. The acquisition of a woodchipper, funded by West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), will support our clearance efforts and the composted willow woodchip provides our zero-miles compost for plant propagation.

We have continued to create meadows for other landowners in our network (and to help with their ongoing management and restoration).

Our weekly plant-propagation group continues to grow. We now have nearly 50 members, including those of us diagnosed with learning disabilities and autism, those of us with physical or mental health challenges, as well as graduates seeking work experience, university students from Oxford Brookes and Oxford Universities, 6th formers, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme students, recent immigrants and retired people. Our long-term partners at Bridewell and FarmAbility continue to play a vital role in our ability to propagate over 7000 plants this year, including increasing numbers that are on the UK red list. We also planted out around 6000 hand-propagated plants of 0.5ltr – 2ltr size on Long Mead Local Wildlife Site, in the University Parks and in Christ Church Meadows in Oxford, with the support of students from the Oxford University Nature Conservation Society, as well as Oxford University and Christ Church College staff. Participants from our partners at Bridewell Gardens joined us to plant out in Oxford.

Health and Well-Being

We can now say with some conviction, after 6 years of experience, that our pioneering therapeutic model of bringing diverse groups of people together to restore meadows has had multiple benefits – and more significant benefits than the conventional model of taking

people with mental health challenges or with learning disabilities and autism into nature in their isolated groups. We are delighted that in 2025 our local-term partners at Bridewell Gardens (Mental Health Charity) have started joining us on a Wednesday with their participants. For the participants, getting to know the Long Mead NRN group while still being supported by Bridewell staff, enables them to have a familiar place to continue volunteering once their term at Bridewell comes to an end. We are delighted to be able to continue to support Bridewell by providing them with plants to propagate for us on their own site. FarmAbility, our other long-term partner continues to join us monthly and to propagate plants on their own sites in a small way.

Feedback from participants suggests that by bringing everyone together in all our diversity, in a project of local and national significance, 'the whole is much greater than the sum of the parts' and everyone benefits from the diverse interactions. One of the unanticipated benefits is a strong social network that has evolved from working all together, which is now providing support for individuals back in the village and in their own homes. Our experience shows that collective efforts to build nature recovery networks also build community networks. Diversity is a critical element of both.

In January 2026, we devised a simple system that enables even our non-verbal participants to give us feedback on their experience at Long Mead. At the beginning and end of each session, we ask participants to take a flower that represents their mood and put it on the blackboard: Happy as an Oxeye Daisy, OK as a Marsh Marigold or Sad as a Devil's bit scabious.

In the 6 months January to July 2026, based on 21 sessions, the data suggest that, on average, our participants feel happier after having participated in a plant propagation and meadow restoration session on Long Mead than they did before. 37% reported feeling happy before the sessions and 81% reported feeling happy after the sessions.

Outreach

Our outreach has continued to grow in 2025-2026 with our Director Catriona Bass giving a record number of guided visits, conference presentations and talks, including to the Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre Conference, Ashmolean Natural History Society of Oxfordshire, Wild About Kennington, Charlbury Garden Society, West Oxfordshire Field Club and as well as meadow restoration advice communities, landowners, farmers and institutions. We also continued our local community partnerships with the Eynsham Beaver Scouts, Pinkhill Scouts, Girl Guides and Bartholomew School. (See appendix).

Part-funding has been secured to purchase a fully electric buggy with towing capacity, that will greatly improve accessibility to our sites for all our volunteers, including those with mobility issues as well as making our plant propagation work more efficient and less physically demanding.

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Research

Our research projects and publications are growing apace. Professor Kevan Martin and Catriona Bass contributed to a new study on Oxford University's Wytham Woods published by Oxford University Press in November 2025. Linda Losito, our beetle expert, with her husband Bob Cowley published a paper in the British Journal of Entomology and Natural History, on the diet of kestrels based on the pellets collected from below Long Mead's kestrel box, by the plant propagation group. (Losito L, Cowley B, *The importance of beetles in the diet of kestrel (Falco tinnuculus) and little owl (Athene Noctua)*. Brit. J. Ent. Nat. Hist. 38: 21 – 25, 2025).

Our invertebrate research has been extended this year with the inclusion of 2 more surveyors, enabling us to study more species. This enhances our mission to create an indicator species-list of the ancient meadows and to compare it with meadows at various stages since starting restoration. Our goal is to understand the extent to which invertebrate diversity increases with botanical diversity and over what time-period. This year, we were able to study bees, butterflies and moths, flies, beetles, spiders and hoppers.

We have offered advice, support and training for fourOxford Brookes Masters students, two of whom based their theses on our project. One of them has gone on to start a PhD on floodplain meadows with our partners at the Open University. We have also had a full season of surveys, including water-quality monitoring, bird surveys, botanical surveys and water-vole surveys. We are very grateful to our local experts who not only undertake the surveys for us but also train local enthusiasts as part of our mission to develop, over time, a cadre of trained local people with the skills and knowledge to protect and restore the land around them.

We also extended our mammal surveys from water voles and otters to include monthly bat surveys. After our mammal expert Bob Cowley found harvest mouse remains in the pellets of our barn owls, we surveyed for harvest mice on Long Mead in Autumn 2025 and found one nest. We are planning to set up regular harvest mouse surveys next season.

As of March 2026, we have submitted over 14,000 records to the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC). Ellen Lee of TVERC wrote "This is an exceptionally large number of records from a local wildlife group, and represents an extremely valuable addition to our knowledge of wildlife in the area. Their contribution of 6,442 invertebrate records is particularly noteworthy. Such large numbers of reliable invertebrate records from local experts are both important and unusual."

Dr Marco Campera, Senior Lecturer in Conservation and Biodiversity at Oxford Brookes University writes of the Long Mead model: *"The network is growing, and systems are in place for long term monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem services. This makes the project very exciting and has the potential for an impact at a local and national level."*

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Building sustainability

Our long-term mission has always been both to show the value of a bottom-up network of local people for scaling up nature recovery efforts but also to provide salaries for core people including local experts, in order to enhance sustainability and scaleability. This year we are making progress towards achieving that.

Until 2025, we have all been providing our time and skills, largely *pro bono*. However, while hundreds of us are happy to volunteer to get our hands dirty in nature, the CEO was left almost alone to deal with the escalating backroom work (comms, co-ordination, admin and accounting).

In Autumn 2024, we won a 3-year grant from the Oxfordshire Community Foundation's *Thriving in Nature Fund* to give us 20 hours paid work per week. We our first recruit to the post, unable to continue due to family reasons, we only started in earnest in March 2025. The grant is paying for experienced administrator Anna Parrinder, who lives in Eynsham, and who has taken on a good chunk of our administration, communications and co-ordination. It is also funding Kate Pritchard, who has 25 years experience as a therapeutic gardener and as a curator of botanical collections. She also has very fine fundraising skills.

A core grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment has also meant that we can fund some of the time of our entomologist surveyors, as well as those who are identifying species for us.

Further details of activities during the year can be found in the Appendix.

The Trustees are grateful for the hard work of staff members Anna Parrinder and Kate Pritchard, and to Catriona Bass and Jodie Baker who continue to work largely *pro bono*.

They also thank all volunteers at Long Mead Foundation and the Nature Recovery Network and the contractors, consultants and experts who have contributed to the work of its Thames Valley Wildflower Meadow Restoration Project.

The Trustees offer their thanks for the financial support from the multiple individual donations made to the Foundation and to their sponsors: The Open University and West Oxfordshire District Council, Natural England, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Community Foundation, Wild Oxfordshire, Vale of the White Horse District Council, Sustainable Charlbury, Midcounties Coop, Smiths of Bletchington, Oxford Preservation Trust and the Trust of Oxfordshire's Environment, without whom much of this work would not be possible.

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Approval of the Trustees

The Trustees of the Long Mead Foundation have approved these, the first financial statement for the period herein and is signed on their behalf by:

Signature redacted for security

M L Henson
Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities 2025-2026

TOTAL OPENING BALANCE	**52952.58**	BANK ACCOUNT	End Mar 25	52,939.51
RESTRICTED O/B	28078.81	BANK ACCOUNT	End Mar 26	**86,266.46**
UNRESTRICTED O/B	24873.77			

RESTRICTED FUNDS	O/BAL	INCOME	RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE	RESTRICTED c/BALANCE
Oxfordshire Community Foundation	12,604.84	19,870.67	21,569.43	10,906.08
Eynsham Parish Council	0.00	345.00	349.20	-4.20
Wild Oxfordshire	0.00	1,109.53	1,109.53	0.00
WODC 24-25Space	2,335.42	0.00	2,335.42	0.00
WODC25-26Space		18,029.31	10,519.00	7,510.31
Open University (FMP 25-26)	7,515.00	5,005.00	12,520.00	0.00
Sustainable Charlbury	5,678.04	0.00	3,782.30	1,895.74
Oxfordshire County Council 25-26	-1.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,999.00
Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE)	-32.49	12,000.00	5,658.32	6,309.19
WODC25-27	-21.00	538.60	517.60	0.00
Vale of White Horse 25-26	0.00	9,750.00	1,788.10	7,961.90
CAG - GBGW 26	0.00	500.00	150.20	349.80
TOTAL	**28,078.81**	**69,148.11**	60,299.10	**36,927.82**

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	O/BAL	INCOME	UNRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE	UNRESTRICTED C/BALANCE
Donation		15,556.56		
Gift Aid		3,736.39		
Grant		1,000.00		
Outreach (Consultations/talks/visits)		1,100.40		
Meadow Restoration/Plant sales		13,148.17		
Other Income		120.21		
			8,041.82	
Transfer of overheads to core			4,552.71	
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME	**24,873.77**	**34,661.73**	**3,489.11**	**56,046.39**

TOTALS (Restricted and Unrestricted)	**52,952.58**	**103,809.84**	**63,788.21**	**92,974.21**

EXPENSES

EXPENDITURE FROM RESTRICTED FUNDS	
OFFICE/ADMIN	3,201.01
COMMS/ENGAGEMENT	1,334.06
PERSONNEL	19,175.68
OVERHEADS	4,552.71
PLANT PROP	6,800.48
RESEARCH	6,101.13
RESTORATION	19,134.03
TOTAL	60,299.10

EXPENDITURE FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	
OUTREACH/COMMS	38.97
OFFICE/ADMIN	262.00
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	310.56
RESEARCH	2,058.19
SITE COSTS/REPAIRS	560.50
TRAINING	3,784.80
RESTORATION/PLANT PROPAGATION	1,026.80
OTHER	
UNRESTRICTED - TOTAL	**8,041.82**

TOTAL EXPENSES	**68,340.92**
OVERHEADS From grant income	4,552.71
Total Expenses inc overheads from grant income	63,788.21
TOTAL C/B	**92,974.21**

Variance against Bank Closing Balance:	6,707.75
which includes:	
Income Accruals:	
CAG Contract	£500.00
TOE Contract	£6,194.68
	£6,694.68
o/bal carried over variance	13.07
	£6,707.75

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Appendix: Details of Activities during 2025-2026

Training the Trainers

- Inclusive community plant propagation and meadow restoration pilot training course - weekly six month course for 2 communities and staff and volunteers of Oxford Preservation Trust
- Two day training Course in floodplain meadows for Natural England advisors from across the UK, in partnership with the Open University - Floodplain Meadows Partnership 10.06.25 - 11.06.25

Meadow Creation/Restoration, Tree Management Advice to:

- Pixey and Yarnton Meadows Commons Association
- Oxford Preservation Trust
- Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Manager
- West Oxfordshire District Council
- Eynsham Parish Council
- Magdalen College
- Christ Church College
- Oxford University (University Parks)
- Regular botanical surveys for local landowners in partnership with the Corallian Group

Talks and Conference Presentations

- Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Oxfordshire Group AGM - 07.06.25
- Wild About Kennington 19.06.25
- Charlbury Garden Society 26.06.25
- Autonomous Youth Collective 25.06.25
- Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre Conference 20.09.25
- Ashmolean Natural History Society of Oxfordshire 02.09.25
- Witney Eco Forum 09.10.25
- West Oxfordshire District Council - Health and Well Being Symposium 23.10.25
- Oxford Preservation Trust 30.10.25
- West Oxfordshire Field Club - 07.11.25

Academic/eNGOMeetings/Presentations/Guided Walk-Talks

- Oxfordshire County Council Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Facilitator of grasslands groups). 01.04.25
- Harcourt Arboretum Meadows Day 28.05.25
- Oxford Natural History Museum Late Night 06.06.25

- Witney Eco Fair 09.10.25
- Oxford University Environmental Change Institute Field Visit 15.10.25
- Pixey and Yarnton Meadows Commons Association AGM 03.03.26
- Annual Eynsham Parish Meeting 24.03.26
- Oxfordshire Community Action Group Long Mead Guide Walk - Talk 25.06.25

Corporate Volunteering

- Gigaclear - 14.01.26
- Graduates of DTU Copenhagen's Sustainable Leadership Course

Community Survey Training and Propagation Workshops

- Monthly Bat Surveys - April to October
- Bird Surveys monthly throughout the year
- Oxford Conservation Volunteers (OCV)/Community Meadow Restoration Day - 06.04.25
- Dawn Chorus Walk - 03.05.25
- Botanical survey- 04.05.25 led by botanist Camilla Lambrick
- Bird ID Walk - 10.05.25
- Pinkhill Scouts Plant propagation workshop - 21.05.25
- Community Meadow Restoration Day - 25.05.25
- Botanical survey workshop - 25.05.25 led by botanist Camilla Lambrick
- Eynsham Beaver Scouts meadow visit - 21.06.25
- Bartholomew School, Year 12 Work Experience, 11.07.25
- Community Meadow Restoration Day - 13.07.25
- Art / Science Botanical Drawing workshop - 21.06.25
- Botanical survey workshop - 29.06.25 led by botanist Debbie Lewis
- Summer Swift Walk - 30.06.25
- Learn to Scythe - Community Scything Day - 19.07.25
- Botanical survey workshop - 20.07.25 led by botanist Debbie Lewis
- Botanical survey workshop - 03.08.25 led by botanist Camilla Lambrick
- Community Meadow Restoration Day - 21.09.25
- Peace Oak Apple Day 11.10.25
- Bird ID Walk - 18.10.25
- Community Meadow Restoration Day - 19.10.25
- Community Meadow Restoration Day - 16.11.25
- University Parks - Community Planting 03.12.25
- Hedge-planting, Changeable Furlongs - 14.12.25
- Hedge-planting, Swinford Meadows - 11.01.26
- Bird ID Walk 07.02.26

- Orchard Pruning Workshop - 14.02.26
- Hedge-laying workshop in partnership with Oxford Conservation Volunteers 21.02.26 - 22.02.26
- Bird Surveyors Workshop 01.03.26
- Art / Science Invertebrates workshop - 07.03.26
- Butterfly Survey Training, led by Peter Philp, Butterfly Conservation - 22.03.26

Other events

- NRN 5th Anniversary Midsummer NRN celebration 21.06.25
- Nature Photography Competition April-June 25
- Autonomous Youth Collective Camp 21.06 - 26.06.25
- Eynsham Flower Festival - 04.07.25
- Fundraising Concert – Wolfson College – David Earl 13.07.25
- Oxfordshire Climate Awards - 17.09.25 Biodiversity & Ecology Winner

Partner Meetings

- West Oxfordshire District Council Nature Recovery Officers
- FarmAbility
- Oxford Preservation Trust Green Spaces Committee
- Go For It!
- Bridewell Gardens
- Oxford Conservation Volunteers

Partnerships

Key partners include:

- FarmAbility
  Ongoing long-term partnership with FarmAbility which dates back to its founding over 10 years ago. Monthly visits of a group of adults with learning disabilities and autism.
- Bridewell Organic Gardens (Mental Health Charity)
  Ongoing long-term partnership which dates back over 10 years ago. LMF supports Bridewell to propagate floodplain meadow species on their own site for planting out in the meadows that we are restoring in the landscape. They also join us regularly at Long Mead, bringing participants coming to the end of their time at Bridewell who can go on to volunteer with us.
- Eynsham Partnership Academy
  Sixth form end of year work experience. Students undertaking Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Eynsham Beaver Scouts
- Pinkhill Scouts
- Peace Oak Community Orchard

- Oxford Brookes University

Other partners include:

- Oxford Conservation Volunteers joined our community restoration activities.
- West Oxfordshire District Council
- Environmental Change Institute Master’s students
- Wild Oxfordshire - Oxfordshire Hedgerow Heroes Project
- Campaign for the Protection of Rural England - Oxfordshire Hedgerow Heroes Project
- Oxfordshire County Council - Local Nature Partnership - Nature and Health subgroup
- Open University - Floodplain Meadows Partnership
- Oxford Botanical gardens
- Local Wildlife Trust - BBOWT