

Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project

Interview with: Ken Green

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Summary

Ken Green has two roles for Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, as the voluntary Reserve Manager for Crowle Moors for thirty years and, since his retirement from teaching, in an employed role as North Lincolnshire Assistant Warden.

Early background, childhood in Sherwood Forest, early interest in wildlife – bird nesting.

Career as teacher

Work for LWT

Development of LWT's reserve on Crowle Moors, Plant species

Aim of LWT on Crowle Moors – regeneration of peat bog including bog-edge (carr) habitats

History of Crowle Moors

Hand peat graving on Crowle Moors – tramways

Peat fires, dangers of 'underburn'

Properties and dangers of waterlogged peat - loss of tractor

Bog 'oaks'

Warping & farming

Roman settlement identified from aerial photography

Objects found in peat bog

Flora & fauna on Crowle Moor reserve now

Managing the reserve – flooding, volunteers, sheep

LWT's education work & access

Personal view of habitat & atmosphere