

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

# Pickering's Meadow



## Location & Access

**OS:** 121 • **GR:** TF 041 793 • 2.80ha (6.90 acres) • Freehold 1984  
**Habitat type:** Grassland

The reserve is situated to the east of Dunholme on Ashing Lane, a green lane that runs from the village bypass. The meadow is on the left side after 1.5 km (0.9 miles). A public footpath crosses the reserve. There is suitable access for disabled persons via the main gate and along the footpath. Cars may be driven some way along the lane.

## Description & Management

Gift of Miss Elsie H Pickering. This attractive old meadow with tall hedges extends from Ashing Lane down to the Dunholme Beck, which is lined with tall crack willows. Meadow flowers include common bird's-foot trefoil, cowslip, tufted vetch, fleabane, hedge bedstraw and great burnet. There is also a large colony of adder's-tongue with cuckooflower. There is a field pond in the south-east corner with water figwort, reed sweet-grass, brooklime and a resident pair of moorhens. The hedges contain 13 different trees and shrubs, including hawthorn, blackthorn, field rose, dog rose, ash, dogwood, purging buckthorn and field maple. An owl box has been erected near the central dyke.

The meadow is traditionally hay cropped in mid-July and the aftermath is grazed. Management has involved clearing the pond, stock fencing, hedge laying and some tree planting with native deciduous trees and shrubs, such as oak and guelder-rose.

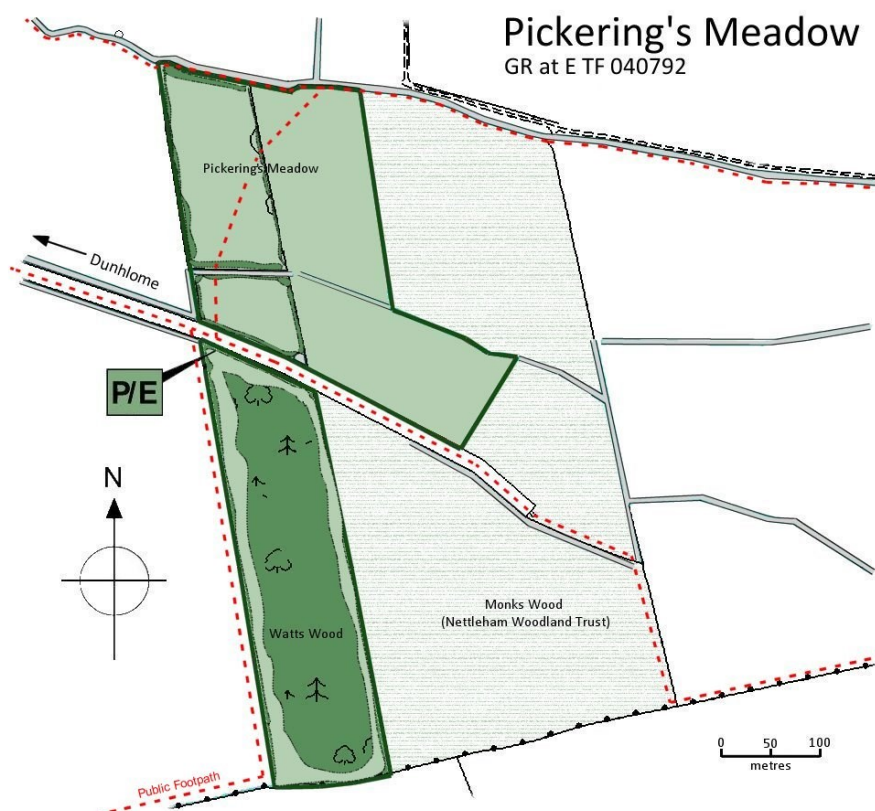
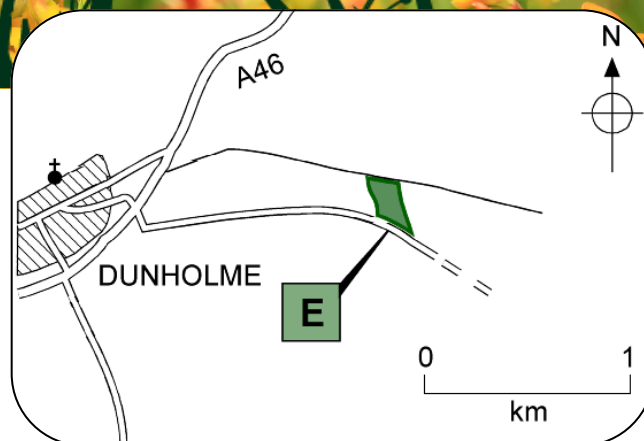
Adjacent to the meadow are Watts Wood and Monks Wood.

**Watts Wood** was planted over a period

of 20 years and was given to the Trust by Miss Elsie Pickering's sister, Mrs Watts, in 2005.

The local community group, the Nettleham Woodland Trust, began work to create **Monks Wood** in February 2009.

More than 20,000 trees have been planted. The land is owned by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and leased to the Nettleham Woodland Trust.



**P** Parking space   **E** Entrance   **H** Bird Hide