

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

# Greetwell Hollow



## Location & Access

**OS:** 121 • **GR:** SK 996 725 • 13.1ha  
(23.90 acres) • Leasehold 2001

**Habitat type:** Grassland and scrub

The reserve lies on the eastern edge of Lincoln, off Outer Circle Road. Cars can be parked at the adjacent shopping arcade or the surrounding streets with consideration.

## Description & Management

Greetwell Hollow is an interesting wildlife haven and geological site. At one time it was mined for ironstone and quarried for limestone, and there is still an extensive quarry face to the east of the nature reserve.

Much of this quarry, and the southern part of Greetwell Hollow, are notified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for the historically important exposures of the Lincolnshire limestone formation.

The limestone grassland of the valley supports a fine range of wildflowers including century, greater knapweed, and bee orchids.

The scrub provides excellent habitat for wintering and nesting birds such as thrushes, linnet and whitethroat.

The stream that flows through the centre of the reserve supports wetland plants and attracts wintering snipe, moorhen and heron.

In the rough limestone grassland and hawthorn scrub you may find traveller's joy, a scarce plant in the area, as well as dwarf thistle and field scabious. Bullfinch is a characteristic bird of this area.

Management of the reserve has concentrated on maintaining good paths, providing gates and stiles.

## Greetwell Hollow GR at E SK 996724

