



#LoveLincsPlants



About the Project

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust is leading a project to preserve Lincolnshire's botanical heritage and inspire and train future botanists.

LoveLincsPlants is a 3 year project, running until autumn 2020. Inspired by Sir Joseph Banks, an 18th Century Lincolnshire naturalist who voyaged around the world with Captain Cook, the project aims to:

- Inspire young people to train as the botanists of the future.
- Train volunteers in traditional plant collecting and archiving skills.
- Preserve Lincolnshire's botanical heritage with a new collection of Lincolnshire plants.
- Introduce children to the importance of plants in the modern world.

As well as the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, project partners include the Natural History Museum in London, the Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union, Sir Joseph Banks Society and the University of Lincoln.

By the end of the project it is hoped that we will have supported at least fifteen 18-35 year olds in their first steps towards becoming botanists, helping to fill a skills gap in this area. We also hope to have collected, pressed and mounted approximately 4,500 Lincolnshire plant specimens, 3,000 of which to be kept at the Natural History Museum's British and Irish Herbarium, London, and 1,500 at the Sir Joseph Banks Centre, Horncastle, securing them for future analysis.



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Links:

Natural History Museum online herbaria:

<https://data.nhm.ac.uk/dataset/lincs-plants>

Sir Joseph Banks Society online herbaria:

<https://www.joseph-banks.org.uk/lip-plants/>

Link to online teaching resources:

www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-do/love-lincs-plants/schools



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