



Planning a Forest School Programme LO 2 - 2.2

Binbrook Primary School

Forest School Site

Three Year Management Plan



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History of the Forest School Site

Binbrook is a village set in the Lincolnshire Wolds', an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, approximately 12 miles South of Grimsby and 24 miles North East of Lincoln.

The woodland area is in the grounds of Binbrook Primary School at the edge of the school site, the woodland is adjacent to Orford Road with a high green metal fence on two sides leading to the corner of the triangular shaped woodlands.

Access to the site is through the school building and onto the field, therefore it is a secure site which prevents risks of dog walkers and unauthorised people in the school.

The site was initially developed for Binbrook primary school to deliver Forest School sessions. Sixty saplings were planted several years ago, forty of which have survived and the area around has been developed in order to deliver Forest School sessions. The school now travel to a bigger site to deliver the sessions.

Small pathways have been cut to allow the children to explore the area with a larger pathway cut out with a fire circle in the middle, this is used as 'base'.

Grid reference and map

Grid Reference: TF206942

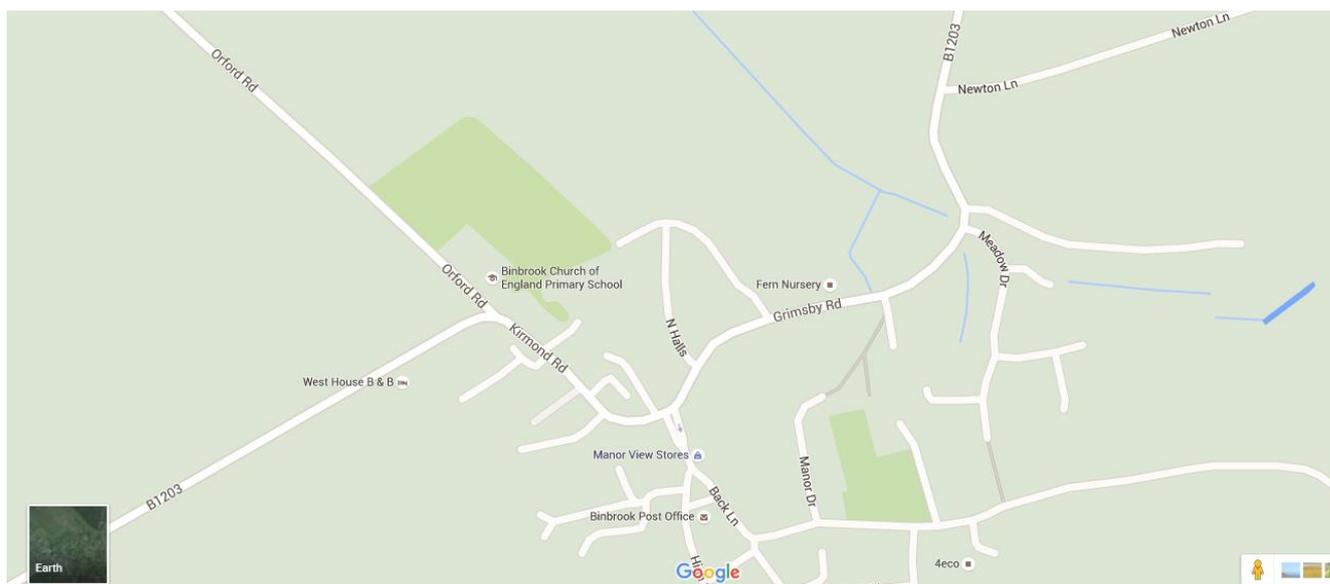
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520694

Y (Northing)
394232

Orford Road,
Binbrook
Market Rasaen
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LN8 6DU

Latitude
53.431068

Longitude
- 0.18490210



The woodland is approximately 1200 m²

Fauna and Flora Inventory

Fauna

Species	No of species	Management notes
Ant 	Quantity of.	Lots seen in all area of woodland. Ants nests identified by disturbed ground land causing lots of ants to move around, often carrying materials.
Beetle - common black beetle 	Quantity of.	Identified when moving, due to large black body. Seen in different areas of woodland. Children encouraged not to stand on.
Caterpillar - Poplar Hawk Moth 	Small quantity of.	Seen on leaves, small and green, no butterflies seen. Will develop wild flower area to encourage more caterpillars and butterflies.
Fly - St Marks? 	Quantity of.	Seen all around woodland, usually flying around.
Ladybird 	Small quantity of.	Seen on leaves, usually not moving around, until disturbed. Could introduce a ladybird house to encourage more ladybirds.
Slug 	Quantity of.	Seen in woodpile, usually after or when it's raining.
Snail - Land 	Quantity of.	Lots seen in woodpile, usually under logs or under large branches on the ground. Areas to be left to encourage natural habitat.
Spider Orb Weaver 	Quantity of.	Most common spider found in gardens and woodland. Builds a spiral wheel shaped web.
Worm - Earth 	Quantity of.	Usually seen in the ground or when moving around.

<p>Woodlouse</p> 	<p>Quantity of.</p>	<p>Lots seen under woodpile when logs are moved. Range of sizes. Areas to be left to encourage natural habitat.</p>
<p>Rabbit</p> 	<p>Evidence of.</p>	<p>Not seen but evidence of with burrow and small black droppings. Burrow left undisturbed.</p>
<p>Shrew</p> 	<p>1 seen</p>	<p>Identified by long nose, in wood pile, approximately 4 cm in body length. Areas to be left to encourage natural habitat.</p>
<p>Robin</p> 	<p>1 seen</p>	<p>Seen mainly flying around saplings in more open area, identified by red breast.</p>
<p>Pigeon</p> 	<p>2 seen.</p>	<p>Seen flying above trees, possibly going to and from a nest. No nests seen.</p>

Flora

Species	No of.	Management Notes
<p>Alder Tree</p> 	20 +	All healthy, in main wooded area.
<p>Ash Tree</p> 	10 + large 10 + small	Large trees healthy, some lining the wooded area along the large metal fence. Smaller saplings - half are healthy, some have been knocked down, presumably by grass cutters and the others do not look healthy.
<p>Birch Tree</p> 	10 small	All healthy, sited amongst other saplings, mainly in the centre.
<p>Cherry Tree</p> 	15 + large 20 medium 10 + small	All healthy except 4 small which are dying.
<p>Field Maple</p> 	10 + large 5 + small	Various heights and ages Large trees are healthy Small trees are not as healthy.
<p>Grass</p> 	Large quantity of.	All over woodland, various heights cut back from pathways regularly.
<p>Hawthorne Tree</p> 	10 + large	All healthy. Large trees are bordering the wooded area along the large fence.
<p>Hogweed</p> 	Large areas of	Large area have sprayed, so mainly in overgrown area, none in pathways.

Mushroom	 	Small quantity of.	Small and brown, found near wood pile on a wet day.
Rowan Tree	 	15 + large	All healthy, various heights.
Stinging Nettles	 	Large quantity of.	Found throughout woodland area, Fire circle and pathways cut back by grass cutters, needs to be cut back regularly, will be sprayed during school holidays.

Restrictions

The woodland area is relatively small and would easily be worn down with excessive use. This could also affect the natural habitat and cause damage to the natural environment.

This site was originally used by the Forest School leader in the primary school when he was first introducing Forest School sessions. It has not been used regularly since the school has found a larger location to deliver Forest School sessions.

The site is now being used by the pre school for small groups of children as the Early Years Manager is training to be a Forest School Leader. The site will be used more often in the future with slightly larger groups of children so the regular maintenance of the site will need to be scheduled and monitored in order to continue using it.