

Upper Millpond LNR

The Wildlife Trust have managed the Upper Mill Pond as a nature reserve for more than 20 years and during this time the reed bed and wet woodland have matured significantly, so much so that work was required to enhance the developing reed bed by creating some more open water.



A recent partnership project between the Wildlife Trust, Environment Agency, and neighbouring land owner has achieved just that with spectacular results. The Environment Agency first installed a temporary bridge onto the reed bed and then their 18-ton excavator spent two weeks on site, the drivers expertly opening up a couple of large ponds which will be used by the large numbers of mallard and teal that the site attracts and hopefully even the occasional bittern. The banks of the ponds were profiled in such a way to maximise the benefits to wildlife including otters and voles and excavated material should provide nesting banks for kingfisher.

The timing of this work in November 2006 coincided with work being done at the adjoining Holyland Wood. Access works through the woods are approaching completion and these include a recycled plastic boardwalk through the reed bed to the edge of the Millpond giving access to all to observe the wildlife on Pembrokeshire's first Local Nature Reserve.

