

*Boggart Hole Clough
Nature Conservation Group & Wildlife Gardening Club*



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This photo taken by Erin Dowd shows Rose Mason, Pete Milner, Frank Dowd, Amy Dowd and Sean Dowd constructing a second, experimental, sustainable **Seasonal Pond on the meadow's woodland edge**. This new pond/wetland scrape, besides conserving and utilizing water to increase biodiversity, catches water running off the meadow before reaching and flooding the ravine-edge footpath (near footbridge over clough below Fish Pond); this path, which has been a mudbath for years, is now drying out as a consequence of our work. The pond should require minimal maintenance: no artificial lining (e.g. PVC) will be used, so in the summer the pond may dry out - hence the name *seasonal pond*. The pond has several saturation levels thus potentially supporting a wide variety (marginal - marsh - aquatic) of wetland flora and fauna; we intend sowing e.g. Devil's Bit Scabious, Purple Loosestrife, Ragged Robin and Yellow Flag Iris wildflower seeds around the pond's margins and, if there is after all permanent standing water, planting aquatics e.g. Arrow Head, Bog Bean, Crowfoot and Hornwort. There is a long-term programme to spread the woodland slightly further onto the meadow to strengthen biodiversity, thus eventually this pond may be subsumed within the woodland. It will also provide an educational/recreational resource as a pond dipping/studies facility for use e.g. by local schools.

Restoring Boggart Hole Clough Ancient Woodland Biodiversity