

Friends of Bottesford Beck Newsletter



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Jan - June 2026

Beck and Path Improvements

The Beck Clean Up – Phase II

In the Autumn of 2025 we saw the Environment Agency work along the section of the Beck from Holme Lane to Messingham Road. The work carried out has greatly improved the flow of water along the length of the Beck. Unfortunately, desilting of the Beck was not carried out during this operation and we continue to monitor the situation. In places Reed Mass is still a problem.

The Bridleway/Path Cut-Back

In parallel with the Beck clean up during Autumn 2025, the Bridleway/ Footpath was given a Cut-Back on both sides of the path providing a safer and wider area to walk on. It was good to see the route being used by riders and their horses also. The overgrown weeds along the banks of the Beck have been levelled in places allowing a view of the Beck and its wildlife whilst maintaining the environment for the birds etc. We (FOBB) have previously asked NLC if they could provide us with an annual maintenance schedule, but this has never been issued to us. Having their schedule would limit our time spent complaining about the condition of the bridleway.

Purchases made 2026:

Water Testing Consumables.

Hardwood purchased for Woodland Nature Trail signs.

Donation + Coffee/ Biscuits to Men in Sheds for laser printing Signs for the Woodland Nature Trail.

Pending Project Work

(By Others)

Confirmation has been received from “The Assistant Director for the Environment and Public Protection” regarding pending action regarding the Reed Mass and Pollution in the Beck.

Proposed Additional Work

(By FOBB)

Throughout the summer months it is proposed to trim the shrubs which overhang the Beck from Lakeside to Messingham Road.

In addition, we hope to explore the potential to support Social Prescribing by promoting the Beck and its green spaces as the go-to location to benefit the health and wellbeing of the local community. A start on a Nature Trail has started on Wednesday 27th May 2026.

Overview of Work Done by FOBB during the First Half of 2026

This is a brief list of the various tasks completed from January to June 2026

Bags of litter collected: February-March 15 bags; 1st April 50 bags from Sewerage Works access road; Reported Fly-Tipping of white goods and tyres to Messingham Council. April: Bulky items removed from the Beck - Finger post, bicycle, 2 shopping trolleys, pipe, over 100mtrs of cable. Cleaned signs and benches along the Beck and cut nettles from around benches. May: Water Testing completed 12th May 2026. Work started 27th May on the Woodland Nature Trail. Design of various signs etc, are complete and being made.

The start point of the Trail is adjacent to Café Natura. Completion is expected to be before school summer holidays (weather permitting) and will be announced in due course.

Our website is now live (See contact details below) and Young Explorer Activity Sheets for the Woodland Nature Trail will be available to download from the site when the Trail is opened.

Welcome to the Bottesford Beck Linear Park
Supported by Friends of the Beck

Please help us to keep the Beck clean
Water is important for life. Clean water = LIFE.
Life for people, plants, animals, creatures, both in and out of the river.
Pollution threatens life. Please be observant. If you see anything that should not be in the Beck, check the zone it is in, and contact the appropriate telephone number below.

CONTACTS:
Bottesford Town Council: 01724 459057 (ext 248x)
North Lincolnshire Council: 01724 297000 (for public access, fly tipping etc)
Environment Agency: 0800 80 70 60 (incident hotline for water quality)
Sewer Team: 0800 783 4444 (outfall contamination/defects)

Please take your litter home and clean up after your dog

LEGEND:
Public Footpath
Restricted Access
Woodland Area
Natural Reserve
Watercourse

REPORTING ZONE 1: 1555 Meadow Lane Road to Messingham Church
REPORTING ZONE 2: Messingham Lane to Widdow Way 3155 (closed)
REPORTING ZONE 3: Widdow Way to Emmanuel Bridge / A18 (closed)

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