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Nan Sykes Memorial

It is proposed that the memorial to the late Nan Sykes will be placed to the west of the entrance gate at Silpho. Nan was a notable botanist and author of the Flora of North East Yorkshire. This is the field where the Nan inspired Cornfield Flowers project was with the help of other partners, continues to be undertaken by the Carstairs Countryside Trust

The proposed location is on a slightly elevated position from the track and bridleway affording some nice views across the valley.

The trust has recently resown the adjoining improved grass ley field to a species rich grassland within which an area is set aside to continue the work on the cornfield plants.

View from memorial site across the valley



The memorial will be visible from the adjacent bridleway which runs immediately adjacent to the proposed site. The wire netting and barbed wire agricultural fencing will be modified here and replaced by post and rail fencing so that access around the memorial will be safe and passersby can enjoy views across the valley.

Proposed memorial site



View from memorial site up the track and bridleway back towards Silpho



View from proposed memorial west towards Haggland wood



Current use

The land lies just outside the usable field boundary although the land owner owns up to the hedge to the north including the track and bridleway. Currently the land is covered with a mixture of nettles (Urtica dioica), Cow parsley (Anthriscus sylvestris), cocksoot (Dactylis glomerata) and meadow grass (Poa trivialis) and hogweed (Heracleum sphondylium).

We proposed to incorporate a small area of cultivation where we can grow some of the rare arable plants save from extinction by the project and also along with a dutch elm disease resistant elm the food plant of the locally found white letter hairstreak butterfly (Satyrium w-album)

It is proposed to use local North Yorks Moors stone, the memorial will include wording and a small carving of a cornfield buttercup (Ranunculus arvensis) one of the species that Nan rescued from local extinction

Sketch of proposed memorial



From: David Hargreaves

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Subject: Re: NYM/2024/0321, Field entrance located south west of Pond Cottage, Kirk Gate, Silpho

Date: 13 May 2024 09:29:29

FAO Mrs Wendy Strangeways

ref: Planning application NYM/2024/0321

Thank you for your letter of the 9th of May.

Apologies, the dimensions of the proposed memorial will be (L x B x H) 2.75m x 1.8m x 0.75m.

The planning fee was paid by BACS on the 30th April.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me

David

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