



# Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

## Bio-Diversity

The Parish countryside has spectacular scenery, diverse wildlife and a unique landscape of rolling sandstone hills, meres and mosses. The nine meres in and close to the Parish were carved out by glaciers during the last ice age over 15,000 years ago. The most notable mere is Colemere. Colemere has several important designations, Local Nature Reserve, Site of Special Scientific Interest and RAMSAR Site. Many of these designations are due to the rare marginal wetland plants that grow around the edges of the mere, this is the only site in England where the rare Least Water Lily is found.

The Parish Council works closely with Shropshire Council regarding the management of Colemere and attends the Friends of Colemere meetings.

The Parish is within The Meres and Mosses and Nature Improvement Area (NIA) and was active in the Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS). They were two of the most ambitious and significant programmes in recent times for parts of north Shropshire and south Cheshire and ran from April 2012 until January 2018. Reports issued at the end of projects confirm and explain the Parish Council's and the community's commitment and involvement.

<http://www.themeresandmosses.co.uk/files/uploads/docs/M&M%20final%20evaluation%20final%20020118.pdf>

[http://www.themeresandmosses.co.uk/files/uploads/docs/MM\\_Report\\_FINALemailversion.pdf](http://www.themeresandmosses.co.uk/files/uploads/docs/MM_Report_FINALemailversion.pdf)

The Parish Council attended the LPS Parish Planning Conference held in Whitchurch and refers to the advice sheets when considering planning applications. The advice sheets are available on the Parish Council's website.

<https://www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk/planning-in-the-parish/>

One of the best bird-watching sites in Shropshire, Wood Lane Nature Reserve, has been developed in recent years on worked-out industrial land at Tudor Griffiths Group's old sand and gravel workings near Ellesmere. The Reserve is in the Parish. There is a Quarry Liaison Group which the Parish Council is a key member and monitors the development of the Reserve by Tudor Griffiths Group and Shropshire Wildlife

The Llangollen Canal flows through the Parish and the Council has worked with the Canal and River trust to identify improvements to the towpaths.

The Parish Council is a Branch of the Woodland Trust Tree Charter and will be committed to the Tree Charter aims.

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