



## **EXCITING NEW PROJECT – NEWBALD BECKSIES & LITTLE BECKSIES**

Work is due to start this autumn to improve wetland habitats across these two sites in the village. At Newbald Becksies, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), the springs continue to flow, however areas on the site have become drier over recent years. Wetland flora such as bogbean & grass of parnassus are becoming scarcer. Through improving water management on site, to create wetter more favourable conditions, we aim to reverse this decline. The improved wetland will also benefit amphibians, birds and mammals including the nationally declining water vole.



Credit: Mark Coates

Adjacent to the SSSI the Little Becksies site has had very little management over recent years. We aim to target our habitat works, managing some of the mature willow trees through coppicing or crown reduction & thinning. This will let in light improving conditions for wetland ground flora. In the newly opened up areas, we will look to create pools and scrapes, increasing habitat diversity and creating new habitat for wetland plants and animals.

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