

Slate Pits



Wetland location: Accrington, Lancashire

When was it created: Spring/Summer 2018

Slate Pits Farm is an upland hill farm situated on the moorland fringe, with several species-rich grassland meadows. Along this particular field runs a small, unnamed stream, which provided an ideal opportunity to create a new wetland and help reduce flood risk to populated areas downstream.

In 2018, a series of ponds were dug in line with the stream consisting of three main elements: a small temporary flood storage basin, a reedbed area, and a permanent wildlife pond.

This wetland provides multiple benefits: natural flood management, water quality improvements, and increasing habitat availability and biodiversity. Viewing platforms have also been created so that our education team can run educational visits for local schools.

The new wetlands provide a home to a range of wildlife, from invertebrates and amphibians, to breeding wading birds such as lapwing, redshank and snipe. They can be an important refuge for threatened species such as ringed plover.

