

Can you help by becoming a “Pal of The Pightle”?

A “one off” donation or a small regular monthly contribution would be of great benefit for day to day running costs as well as the long term success of The Pightle, there for all of us to enjoy.

Please send this off to Mr Dave Jarrett, 3 Collingwood Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8JQ

Dear Trustee Dave, I would like to become a “Pal Of The Pightle”

Please accept a donation of £ _____ as a “one off” donation to help maintain The Pightle for the coming year.

Name. (initials and surname)

Date

Address and Postcode

Email address.

Please make cheques payable to ‘The Pightle Millennium Green Trust’.

If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution so that The Pightle trustees can claim back a tax contribution from The Government please read and sign below.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Signed..... Date

Why not set up a standing order for regular payments? This really helps our cash flow!

Here are our details for Internet banking:-

The Pightle Millennium Green Trust, Nat West sort code 60-18-23 account number 18820700

or

Please complete the details of your Bank below -

To: The Manager, Bank plc. Bank’s address and postcode

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Please debit my account..... Account number

the sum of £ on the (date) and thereafter every month until further notice.

Signed

Our Pals of The Pightle (PotP) Secretary will need to contact you to send newsletters and with news of events. In line with the GDPR Law 2018, please indicate below if you give PotP the following permissions (you may change these at any time by contacting the PotP Secretary)

By becoming a Pal of The Pightle do you give your consent for: (please tick if you give permission)

Your contact details to be stored securely by the PotP Secretary until you cease to be a PotP.

The PotP Secretary to be able to contact you by phone

The PotP Secretary to be able to contact you by email.

That The Pightle Trust may use pictures and/or videos taken of you/your family, in relation to Pightle activities for publicity, in press articles and/or on the Pightle website and/or via social media.

Where is The Pightle?

The Pightle can be found along the ‘Back Path’, which is an ancient Right Of Way footpath stretching from Eaton Ford to Eaton Socon Church. The footpath runs between the modern housing and the meadows running alongside the River Great Ouse. The Pightle is immediately behind Capulet Close and can be identified by the new fencing and the sign.

How to access The Pightle

Access is by foot only. There are stiles at each end of the field and a wide flat entrance, suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters, in the middle of the fencing opposite Capulet Close. *(Please do not park in Capulet Close)* Car parking is available near St Mary’s Church. From the church follow the footpath through the churchyard and northwards past the cricket ground. The Pightle will be found on the right.

Who are the Trustees ?

Peter Bradford (Chair) 07747807002
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Sam Smith (Secretary)
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Dave Jarrett (Treasurer) 01480 216065
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treeadmin@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk

Jeannette Cadney

Rosemary Chapman

Stewart Fairbairn

Julia Hayward

Mick Sutherland

How is The Pightle managed?

The Trustees ask advice from many groups about the management of The Pightle. Some of the groups include wildlife enthusiasts, fishermen, the Town Council, bird groups and interested local residents. There are groups who collect litter, cut the grass area a limited number of times each year, plant hedging and trees, trim the bushes and cut back overhanging brambles as well as groups of people who walk their dogs.

How to help by becoming a volunteer helper.

Generally, volunteers meet at 9.00am on Mondays for a few hours throughout the year at The Pightle. There are always some jobs to do. In the summer the grass paths need cutting as do the overhanging branches as well as litter removal. Autumn is the season for bulb planting and tree planting. In Winter paths need attention with woodchips as does the ivy being removed from some trees to avoid killing them. Spring? Well we just enjoy The Pightle, and prune the odd tree!

If you can't make Mondays there are several projects that you could become involved with throughout the week such as computer help with the newsletter or fundraising as well as sourcing specialist plants that you personally would like to see flourish in The Pightle.

You might like to be involved with the annual 'hay cut' in the late summer months. Or help organise educational trips around the Pightle.

If you would like to help and enjoy The Pightle as well as being part of its continual development contact one of our trustees -

Peter Bradford on 07747807002 or chair@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk
or **Barry Banks** on 01480 351908

Guide to planting trees in the Pightle Celebration and Memorial Trees

The Pightle covers some six acres of reclaimed land mainly in-filled with fly ash from the old Little Barford power station. By the very nature of the sub soil only some of the land is suitable for the siting of celebration & memorial trees. The Trustees would like to help families celebrate special occasions as well as commemorate their loved ones and create a pleasant environment for all visitors.

The Trustees actively encourage the planting of native UK trees as well as fruit trees. The trustees will supply a list of approved trees for purchase by individuals and arrange installation of all trees. Ideally planting should take place in the Autumn months with suitable ground preparation.

Details of the locations available can be obtained from our Trustee Tree administrator **Joan Foley** (treeadmin@eatonsoconpightle.org.uk).

Dog Walking

The Pightle is an ideal place to exercise both yourself and any dogs you may have. The Trustees DO NOT have a 'keep on lead' policy, BUT we do ask that you 'Pick up' after your dog wherever the action takes place. This is in the interest of hygiene and to protect our volunteers and school parties that work and enjoy The Pightle as well as other users of our facility. There is a bin which is emptied regularly at the Capulet Close entrance.

PLEASE DO NOT throw the plastic bags in our hedges and undergrowth. The plastic will be there for the next 25 years (Yuk!)

**The Pightle is there for you and others to enjoy.
Please wander round and enjoy our natural haven.**

THE PIGHTLE

Noun pightle (*Pron* Py-tul *plural* pightles) A small piece of enclosed land, often by a hedge

<http://www.eatonsoconpightle.org.uk>

The Pightle is a semi wildlife area of some 6 acres, situated between Eaton Socon Cricket Club and the Ouse Meadows and borders the river Great Ouse. Access to the Pightle is from the long 'back footpath' that runs from Eaton Socon Church to the Riverside Park in Eaton Ford.

The Pightle was purchased by several residents in 1999 with the vision of this land being enjoyed for ever by all local residents of our community, whilst preserving and encouraging wild life and natural growing flora and fauna.

The Pightle is a registered charity (No 1070648)

The Pightle is NOT 'Council owned' but managed by a group of local residents called Trustees who meet regularly and organise the AGM. We rely on the generosity of local residents to help fund the day to day upkeep of the Pightle (see ***How to become a Pal Of The Pightle***). A team of volunteers meet weekly to maintain the pathways and general maintenance (see ***How to help by becoming a volunteer helper***). The Pightle is managed and over the years we have set aside certain areas for specific purposes. For instance, we keep the river bank mown for your enjoyment of the river, the rare Black Poplar (*Populus nigra*) has flourished well in the Pightle, a small cider apple orchard has been planted as a result of a generous donation from a resident, fritillaries are growing in a small dedicated area, celebration and memorial trees are encouraged (see ***Guide to planting trees in the Pightle***) and several Oak trees have been planted in a specific area as well as two areas in 2020 being dedicated to new wild flower meadows.