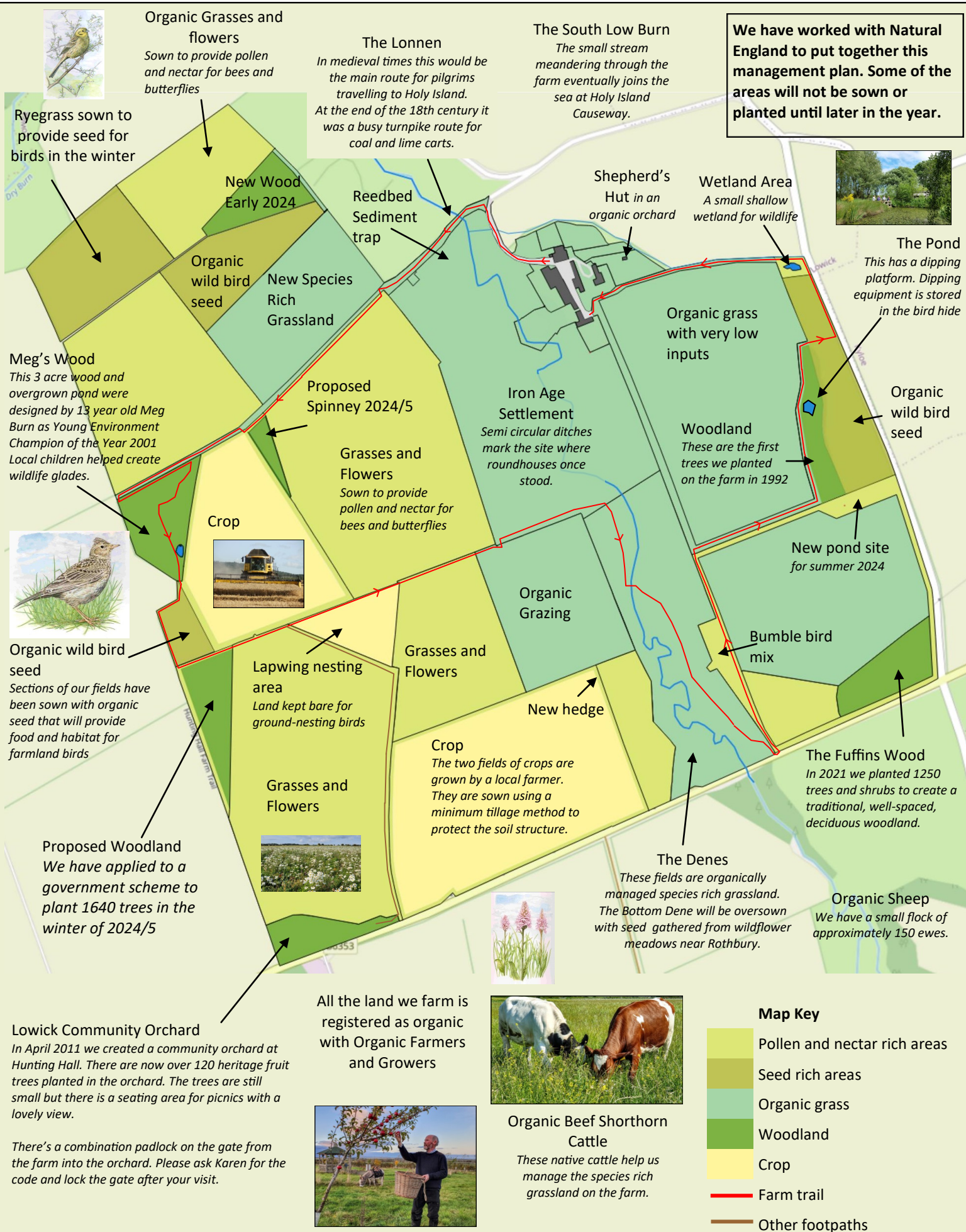




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The Pond Field Short Walk

Enjoy an easy circular walk of 1.4 km past a pond and small wood



The Farmhouse Orchard

Karen and Tom began planting this new orchard in 2014 for Karen's birthday. It has organic certification.

The Farmhouse

To the cottages

Barn Owl Box

Look out for the barn owl box in the ash tree, just beyond the cottage garden. No barn owls have nested here yet, though they do visit it.



Organic Grass

This field of grass is managed with 'very low inputs' which means that only a small amount of organic manure is applied in the winter. In early summer the flowering grasses provide nectar and shelter for invertebrates and an increased food supply for birds.



Hedging

This is one of the first hedges we planted on the farm with help from the Northumberland Wildlife Trust. In the autumn it is full of wild plums, crab apples and sloes.



Trees

Trees have been planted alongside the path by members of Berwick Wildlife Group and our holiday guests.

We've planted approximately 4500 new trees on the farm and more than 2000 to plant in the next two years..



New Hedging

We've planted over 3000m of new hedges on the farm. Look out for hawthorn, blackthorn, crab apple, hazel and dog rose.



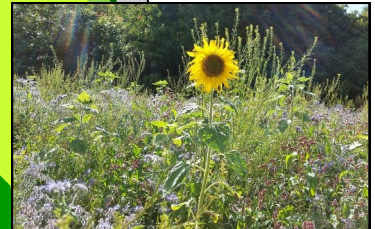
Wetland Area

The RSPB helped us design this shallow area of wetland. Its irregular muddy edges attract wading birds: oyster catchers and lapwing. You'll also see swallows and other small farmland birds catching insects from the surface. The water is very overgrown at the moment but we hope to clear it in Autumn 2024.



Pond Dipping Platform

There are lots of small creatures living amongst the broad leaved pond weed. Dipping equipment can be found in the hide.



Wild Bird Seed Mix

This area is sown with organic flowers to provide food and habitat for wild birds. Fodder radish, phacelia and borage attract insects in summer on which young birds feed and in autumn the area is rich in seeds.



History

This field was once boggy grassland. In 1984 Tom's father filled in the disused mill pond, drained and ploughed the field for arable production. A strip of land remained too wet to work so in 1992 Karen and Tom embarked on their first environmental project and created a small pond and woodland. Several youth groups have carried out wildlife conservation projects here and in 2011/12 a footpath, hide and dipping platform were built as part of the farm's Educational Access Scheme. In 2015 Tom restored the field to organic grass pasture.

	Organic Grass		Footpath
	Sown Wild Areas		Hedge
	Grass		Fence
	Water		Young Trees
	Woodland		Building or Structure
	Road		