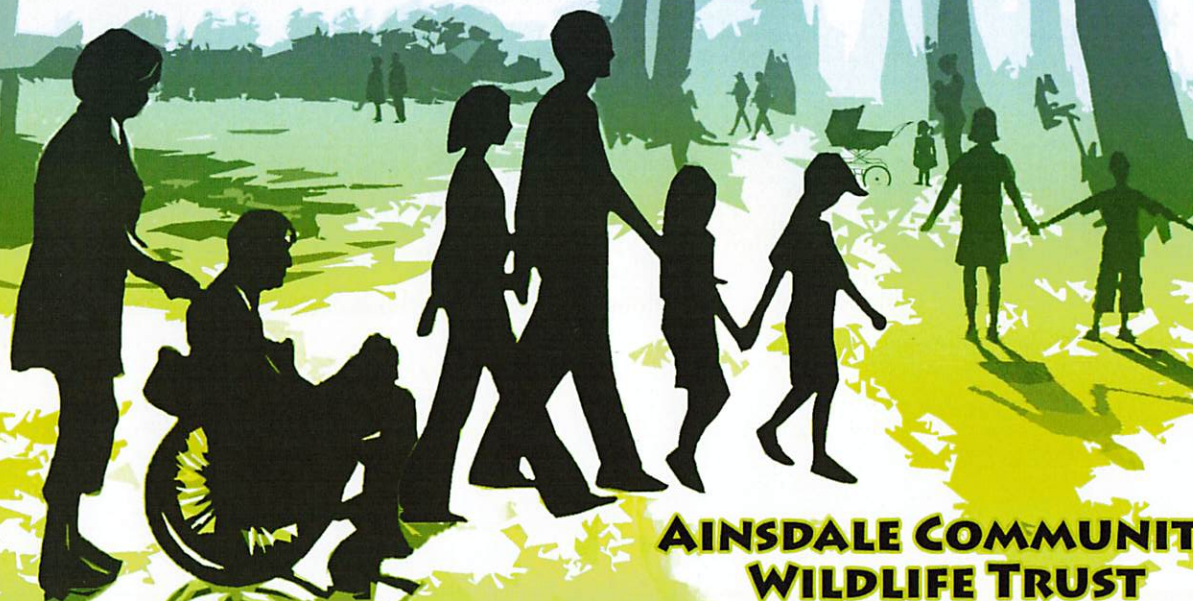


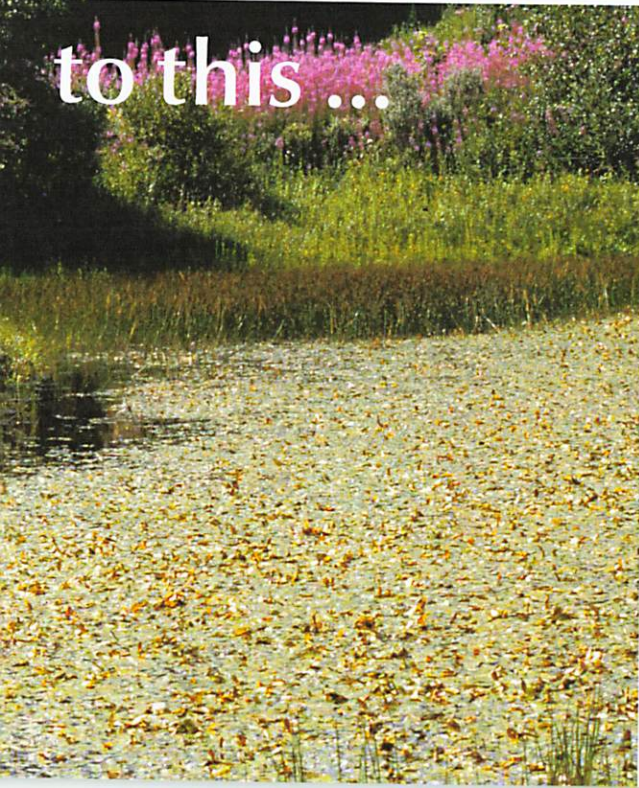


**AINSDALE COMMUNITY
WILDLIFE TRUST**

From this ...

*The aim of the project
is to create a low dune
nature reserve that
can be enjoyed by all
including the elderly,
those with disabilities
and young people.*

to this ...



ABOUT US ...

ACWT is a Charitable Trust set up to protect the part of the Ainsdale dune system lying inland of the high dunes alongside the Birkdale Sandhills Nature Reserve (Sefton Council). The site is currently the playing fields of the former Ainsdale Hope High School which were originally created from levelled sand dunes.

The plan will link into the existing footpaths and dune network of the Birkdale Sandhills Nature Reserve which although magnificent for recreation and special scientific interest is not easily accessible for many, due to the rough and uneven nature of the land.

By creating this reserve we will be providing a safe environment for everyone to enjoy the richness of its existing plant and wildlife.

Communication with both schools and organisations will also ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy, and learn. This project will involve all areas of the community.

*This is Ainsdale's first
Wildlife Charitable Trust
and we hope that you will
give us your support.*

*It is our intention to
keep Ainsdale green for
the benefit of the local
Community and Sefton.*





Plans to be confirmed on receiving confirmation of size and location on site of proposed Nature Reserve.

“The Trust will provide the community with a nature reserve for all to enjoy”

MAIDEN PINK

(Dianthus deltoides)

This attractive flower is nationally scarce and Red-Listed as “near scarce” in Great Britain and “vulnerable” in England, meaning it is in danger of extinction. The County Plant Recorder considers the population at the Ainsdale Hope High School site is “the most extensive surviving in Lancashire”.



KNOTTED CLOVER

(Trifolium striatum)

A small annual clover, rare in the Northwest of England and dependent on short, open, drought-prone grassland.



BEE ORCHID

(Ophrys apifera)

While not listed as ‘notable’ the Bee Orchid is a spectacular feature of the old playing fields ... 31 flowering spikes being counted in 2014.

Dr. Phil Smith



Male Banded Demoiselle Dragonfly



WHERE WE ARE UP TO ...

The Trust campaigned and lobbied to restrict the proposed housing numbers as part of Seftons consultation period for the Local Plan, highlighting the ecological value of part of the site. The Trust had instigated three surveys which provided this information.

The Government Planning Inspector, deliberating accepted that an ecological buffer would most likely be needed and reduced planned housing from 243 to 120 provisionally. This is subject to a further survey by Sefton Council prior to the development moving forward.

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A UNIQUE PROPOSAL

As building on the Green Belt and elsewhere are topics of concern across the country, Ainsdale's Community Wildlife Trust have developed an alternative plan, aided and supported by environmental professionals, to be presented to Sefton Council. It will both compliment and highlight the importance of the environment in Ainsdale.

ECOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

The Trust will recreate a low dune habitat of high conservation value. The variation in land conditions of this area brings an opportunity for a wide variety of plant and wildlife to thrive, some are rare. The planned development will provide additional habitats for further plant and animal wildlife to flourish, while protecting existing habitat allowing nature to be enjoyed by all.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

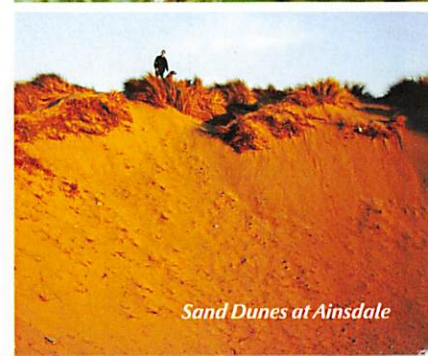
The Trust will provide the community with a nature reserve for all to enjoy and appreciate in their own way creating a sense of wellbeing within the community. The development will provide a return to the original low dune habitat ensuring easy access for everyone.

AINSDALE COMMUNITY WILDLIFE

TRUST was established in September 2013 to protect the environmental richness of Ainsdale.



Gatekeeper Butterfly



Sand Dunes at Ainsdale