



SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY TRUST



Restharrow Scrape Development Project

Before, During and After:



December 2018 Clearing scrub prior to the re-sculpting works.



Erecting the Barn
Owl box July
2019

Aerial photos of immediately before (showing the filled in archaeological trenches) and after





August 2019 before any re-sculpting
but showing the archaeological
trenches on the left

One of the archaeological trenches



September 2019



Checking levels and the dumper track
moving spoil onto the new bund

working on deepening and re-sculpting the old area of scrape



One of the deeper areas



The special tool for digging the deep perimeter



The beginnings of the new area to be dug



The V shaped island almost complete

Using the spoil from the excavations:



Building up the
bund next to the old
hide

Building the new bunds either side of the new path to the location for the new hide





September 2019 Immediately after re-sculpting and before rain filled the enlarged area



The view from the old hide before the erection of the new hide October 2019



Erecting the bespoke hide October 2019

The finished hide





Working on the blind next to the new hide
winter 2019



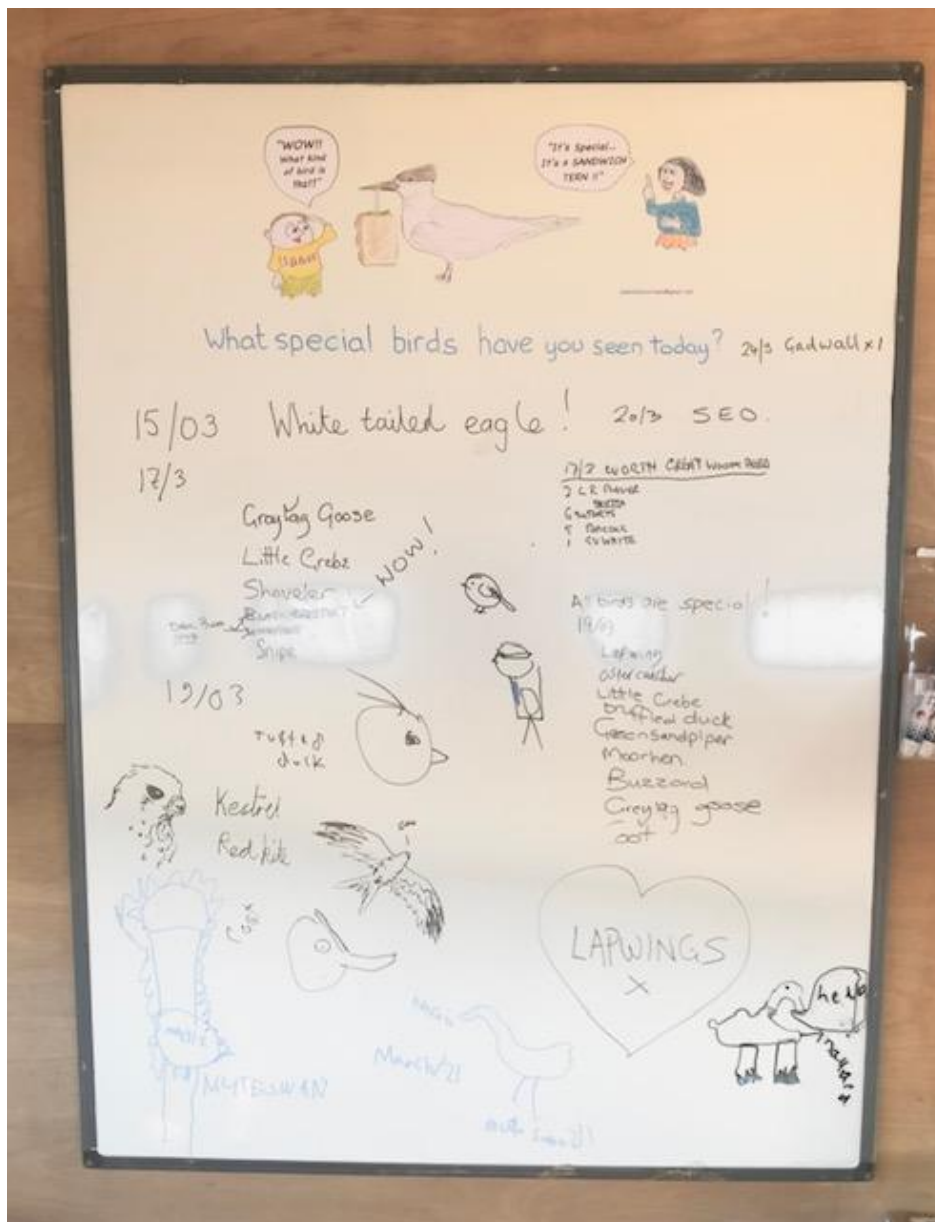
The new hide June 2021 complete with notices



The monthly children's Wildlife Explorers club in the new hide February 2022

and some of their artwork on the hide notice board March 2022





The interactive sightings board in the new hide March 2022



The conservation team at lunch in the old hide before refurbishment January 2020



Repairing the windows in the old hide January 2020



And after internal refurbishment February 2020



The refurbished old hide and new blind connecting to the bund January 2020



Preparing the shuttering for the new path January 2020



Helping with the laying of the new path

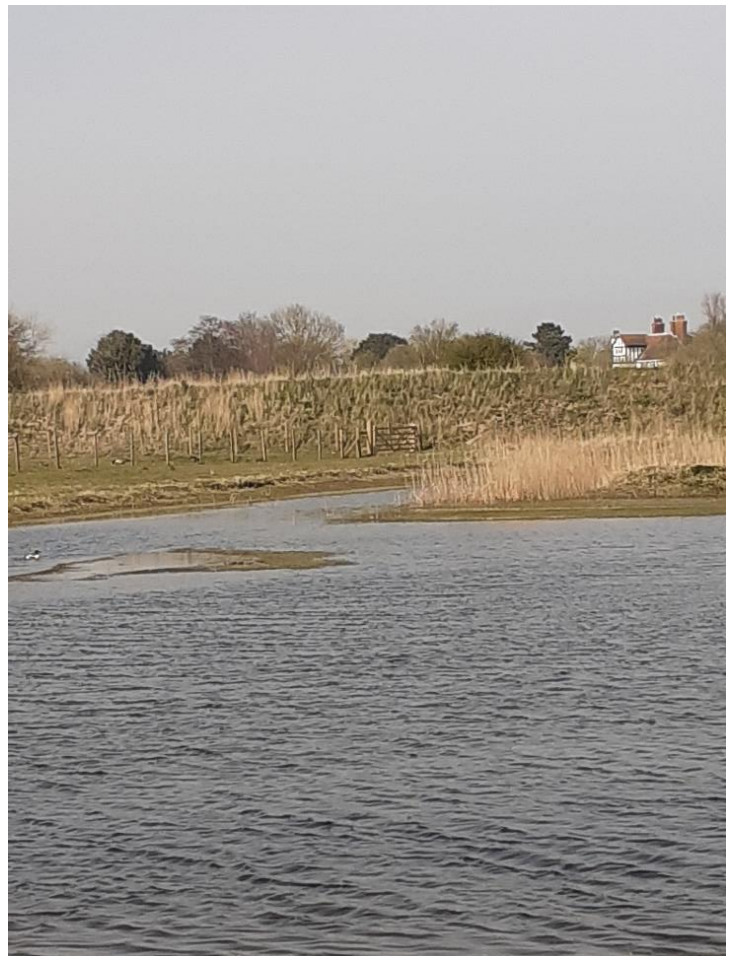
Fencing the path to the new hide



Fencing the
meadow area
and regular
maintenance
September
2021



The gate to the meadow area being erected September 2021



The fencing and gate from the new hide April 2022



January 2020 – two of the islands and lots of birds!



Poppies from the ancient seed bank growing on the recently built bund next to the road during the first Covid lockdown in Spring 2020



The Scrape in March 2020 with the
Barn Owl box

June 2020 taken from the
new hide



April 2022

from the new hide



and the old
hide





The entrance before
upgrade
July 2018

The conservation team removing old
fencing and clearing the ground for the
new car park area January 2020



The new parking bays and accessible kissing gate early March 2020



The car park markings late March 2020



The welcome board at the entrance to the Restharrow Scape Reserve June 2021

And April 2022



Fencing the entrance path February 2020



The path complete and bike racks and information board in place March 2020

Bike racks and information board in use by visitors April 2022





The bench at the corner to the new hide
newly in situ June 2021



Solar powered audio post April 2022



Audio post and bench April 2022



October 2021

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