



# Stockley Trail

The Stockley Trail is a 2 mile multi user trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The trail runs parallel to the River Doe Lea following the route of the former Glapwell Colliery branch line. The original section of trail was created in 1993 by Derbyshire County Council and has recently been extended as part of the land reclamation project of the former Bolsover South Tip. The Stockley Trail provides access to Peter Fidler Reserve, Carr Vale Nature Reserve and is served by many footpath links to local villages and other places of interest.



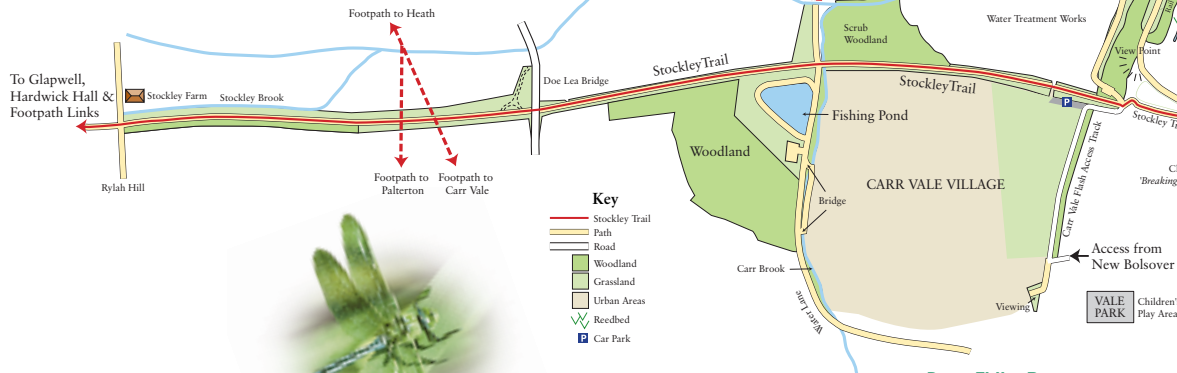
## Changing Places



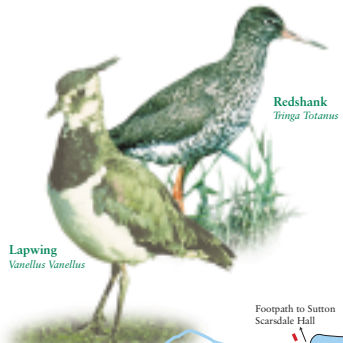
Sutton Scarsdale Hall

## Exploring the Wider Countryside

Stockley Trail forms part of a developing trails network in North East Derbyshire. In the future it is hoped to extend the Stockley Trail southwards to Glapwell and northwards towards Pools Brook Country Park. Along the trail a number of public footpaths have been signed to the surrounding villages of Carr Vale, Patterton and Heath and places of interest such as Sutton Scarsdale Hall owned and maintained by English Heritage and open to the public all year round. From Heath there is another footpath link to the Five Pits Trail, a 7½ mile multi-user Trail from Grassmoor Country Park to Tibshelf Ponds.



Emperor Dragonfly  
*Anax Imperator*



Redshank  
*Tringa Totanus*

Lapwing  
*Vanellus Vanellus*



Carr Vale Flash Nature Reserve

## Carr Vale Flash Nature Reserve

This Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Reserve originally formed by mining subsidence has recently been extended by the Changing Places Project. The new wetland habitat areas include open water, shingle banks and reedswamp surrounded by meadow and scrub.

These habitats attract a variety of wildlife. In spring, plovers and several species of duck come to breed. In winter, large flocks of Lapwing, Golden plover and gulls use the site. The meadow areas are also popular with butterflies and the pools attract dragonflies such as Black Tailed Skimmers and Broadbodied Chaser. Walkers access only from Stockley Trail and Peter Fidler Reserve.



Broadbodied Chaser  
*Libellula Depressa*

## Snipe Bog Nature Reserve

Located within the old colliery yard to the east of the River Doe Lea is an area of derelict land commonly known as Snipe Bog. This area contains two small ponds, reedbed and carboniferous limestone embankments colonised by rare calcareous plant species. With ecological advice from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Groundwork Creswell have improved access to this area whilst maintaining these diverse habitats.



Southern Hawker *Aeshna Cyanea*

## Access for All

Stockley Trail, Carr Vale Flash and most of the Peter Fidler Reserve provide a number of fully accessible routes and facilities for a wide range of user groups. Some physical constraints do exist but slopes have been eased where possible to improve access. These facilities were designed in conjunction with Access Bolsover.



Peter Fidler Reserve Former Bolsover South Tip

## Peter Fidler Reserve

The recently named Peter Fidler Reserve is situated on the former Bolsover South Tip. The tip has been transformed by Derbyshire County Council Consulting Engineers as part of the grant aided colliery closure reclamation programme.

The site contains a number of valuable habitats, including willow carr, reed bed, river corridor and neutral grassland along the disused embankment. Sensitive reclamation works have protected these habitats and created new ponds, woodland and meadows.

In the summer Dragonflies are on the wing in the Peter Fidler Reserve. Watch over the new pools for these fascinating insects. You will see Emperor, Brown Hawker, Common Darter



This is the new reed bed created at

and Southern Hawker with Common and Blue Tailed Damselflies.

These flying jewels are following in the footsteps of their illustrious ancestors discovered as fossils at Bolsover Pit in 1978 that lived 300,000,000 years ago. The first one created quite a stir both locally and nationally. It was named as a new species, *Erasipteron bolsoveri* (Gracefully winged of Bolsover) with a 20cm wingspan, it was larger than any living dragonfly and the oldest then known from the fossil record in the UK. A second find in the pit that year proved to be the largest fossil insect, named by the British Museum in 1980 as *Typhus alicululum* (Giant Dragonfly of the Dawn) with a wingspan of 50cm. The largest Dragonfly wingspan you

will see now during June to August is the 10.6cm of the Emperor.

The site has been dedicated to the memory of Peter Fidler, who was born in 1769 at Mill Farm, adjacent to Bolsover Tip South. Peter Fidler became a famous North American explorer and chief surveyor for the Hudson Bay Company in Canada.

The Peter Fidler Reserve comprises new pathways, picnic areas and viewpoints overlooking Bolsover and the Doe Lea Valley. The commemorative stone cairn installed on the reserve similar to his memorial at Dauphin in Canada. Access to the Peter Fidler Reserve is available for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

