

Line Bank through the seasons

We've completed another season of management works in the woodland, fenland and grassland within Line Bank Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and we're very pleased with the results.

The bridleway has been opened up to allow light into the borrow pit ponds and create sunlit glades within the woodland where, over the summer Speckled Wood butterflies gather amongst the coppiced hazel and sweet chestnut.



The most spectacular show however happened over the autumn and early winter when an array of fungi sprang forth from the woodland floor, tree boughs and the increased amounts of deadwood we have been creating with log and brash piles.

All colours, shapes and sizes of mushroom were on display but the strangest looking example, growing on an oak leaf on the bridleway path, was this tiny

and aptly named fungus 'Dogs Vomit'!

Over the year ahead we are planning a series of guided walks through Line Bank to share the diversity of flora and fauna the SSSI has to offer Misson residents. The first spring walk will be led by Mark Speck from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. Mark will be looking out for, and listening to, the bird life the site is home to. If we're very lucky we'll hear the purring call of the now rare Turtle Dove which arrives in Line Bank in early May, having travelled around 4,800km and crossed the Sahara Desert from its winter home in West Africa. If you're interested in this event please contact the Town Estate Secretary to book a provisional place as numbers will be limited. You can contact Sue on townestate@missonparishcouncil.gov.uk

