

# Borough Hill Ancient Hill Fort, Daventry

## Conservation Management Plan 2015 – 2018



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## **Executive Summary**

This Management Plan for Borough Hill will drive excellence, continuous improvement and give strategic direction over the next three years to achieve our vision and Green Flag status to the benefit of all stakeholders.

Borough Hill is a large Iron Age Hill Fort to the east of the town of Daventry in the English county of Northamptonshire. It is over 200 metres (660ft) above sea level and dominates the surrounding area.

Almost the entire area of the hill fort is designated as a Scheduled Monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 as amended as it appears to the Secretary of State to be of national importance. The site is millions of years old and comprises of two Iron Age hillforts and a defended enclosure, two Bronze Age barrows, a Roman building complex and barrow cemetery.

Borough Hill is a rural site and provides passive and active recreation for a diverse range of uses. Many areas in the site provide a natural habitat for wildlife and it is intended that these will be further enhanced throughout the life of this Management Plan.

This plan takes a medium term strategic view of the site (until 2018) and outlines a number of ways in which the hill fort can further contribute to the community and wider social, health, well-being, environmental and economic renewal objectives.

The plan brings together a wide range of issues and information in one readily available document and where applicable aims to act as a signpost for other more detailed documents/policies which can be investigated by those involved with or interested in the site's management. The work plan is reviewed annually with the project officers to ensure that it remains up to date and reflects changing needs.

## **Partnerships**

Whilst this Plan has been written by Daventry District Council, it has been developed following consultation and partnership work with our key partners. Without the involvement of these partners, it would have been impossible for the Council to initiate and deliver the changes detailed within this Conservation Management Plan. The Council would wish to take this opportunity to thank our partners for their support.

### **Daventry District Council, Community Team**

The Community Team is committed to preserving and enhancing Borough Hill and network of green spaces. The team concentrates on community aspects on site and all future improvement projects, either full or partial. In each project, the team sees the process through from inception to completion, including identifying and securing funding, managing contractors on site and liaising with project partners.

### **Enterprise**

In June 2011, Daventry District Council and Northampton Borough Council jointly entered into a contract for some of their Neighbourhood Environmental Services to be carried out by Enterprise. This included the refuse collections, recycling, street cleansing, grounds maintenance and parks.

With regard to Borough Hill, Enterprise are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the site such as litter picking, leaf collecting, structural maintenance and the Ranger Service, whilst Daventry District Council remain responsible for the infrastructure of the site.

### **Daventry Museum**

Run by volunteers and housed within the Town Council offices, Daventry Museum holds a permanent collection of Daventry artefacts as well as many interesting items from Daventry's history donated or loaned by local people of the town. At the centre of the country, Daventry has a complex and unique history of people moving to and through the town and the museum's collection tells these stories and collects more contemporary stories and material to bring history up to date and keep it relevant to Daventry now.

### Aqiva

Aqiva are a communications infrastructure and media services company, operating at the heart of the broadcast, satellite and mobile communications markets. They purchased the old BBC transmission station and converted the building into offices.

### Friends of Daventry Country Park

Formed in 2000, the Friends of Daventry Country Park are an independent community organisation that has developed a strong working relationship with officers and although their work primarily focuses on Daventry Country Park, they are involved with projects and lead events at Borough Hill.

### Natural England and English Heritage

Due to the nature of the site, the Council work with Natural England and English Heritage to ensure site management is conducive to the needs to of the site to limit potential disturbance to the site's heritage. They are a vital source of advice and information including the Environmental Stewardship and future conservation projects.

### Mr Patrick White (farmer)

The council issue an annual licence to Mr White to allow his cattle to graze the site. Mr White is aware of the Stewardship arrangements and is keen to assist the council to maintain Borough Hill as a site of interest and heritage.

## **Site Details**

### **Location**

Borough Hill is located to the east of the town of Daventry in the English county of Northamptonshire. It is over 200 metres (660ft) above sea level and dominates the surrounding area.

Site Address: Borough Hill, Daventry NN11 4NB

Area: 166 Acres (137 Acres Monument site)

Grid Reference: SP58522 62093 (car park)

Owner: Daventry District Council and Arqiva

Planning Authority: Daventry District Council

Nature of Legal Interest: None

Access: There is free public access to the site with exceptions of the Arqiva site (private land).

### **Site Conservation Interest**

Borough Hill consists of the following habitat types; lowland acid grassland, woodland, conservation grassland and man-made surface.

### **Geology and soils**

The geology of this region of Northamptonshire is of middle Jurassic age, about 130 million years old. It consists mainly of Oolitic limestone with bands of clay.

### **Archaeology**

The site is one of the most important in the county because of both the variety and the historical implications of the remains. Finds indicate occupation during much of the later prehistoric period, culminating in the great hill fort itself. The latter seems to be of two distinct phases, a large but slightly defended contour Iron Age fort, succeeded by a massively protected but much smaller fort at the North end of the hill. During the Roman period there seems to have been much occupation here and the known remains include a large villa and a number of burial mounds.

The site was designated a Scheduled Monument on 5 December 1928, providing protection against unauthorised change for this nationally important archaeological site.

A Higher Level Stewardship has been achieved for the site with objectives to provide well managed permanent grassland for the archaeological features and pastoral landscapes as well restoration of species rich, semi natural grassland to extend habitats of interest within Lowland Acid grassland.

### **Site Use**

The site is used by a variety of visitors for walking (including dog walking), bird watching, wildlife/plant interest and historical interest. Local orienteering group; Octavian Droobers also use the site for one-off events and a permanent course may be considered for the site.

The site is also used for cattle grazing as part of the Higher Level Stewardship conservation management.

### **Access and Signage**

Borough Hill has full, free public access to the entire site.

Arqiva own the buildings which are fenced off with no public access.

Entrance to the site is via the access road off Admirals Way, signposted with a brown tourist sign. The road is narrow and has a path in parts. The car park is located to the right, over the cattle grid and has a height barrier to stop overnight parking by larger vehicles. Vehicular access on the site beyond the car park is not permitted (except for works maintenance vehicles). The car park has 24 spaces and there are no facilities currently provided. From the car park, access to Borough Hill is by foot through gates onto the top of the hill or to the west side following the access road.

Foot access has been created from users through the old woodland areas. These paths are well used and kept clear all year round.



*Desire route leading from Muirfield Drive*

The site is served by public transport on Admirals Way with buses running to and from Daventry town centre.

Several miles of rough terrain footpaths are organised into two main routes allowing visitors into all areas of the site. There are no current restrictions relating to access for dogs, although visitors are asked to keep their dogs under control at all times.

Way markers and information boards are not erected on the site due to the Scheduled Monument designation and Higher Level Stewardship Agreement.

## **Site History**

Borough Hill started life in the Jurassic period 150 to 200 million years ago. No dinosaurs though, it was then in the ocean and the ocean was close to the equator in the tropics. Sand and sediment came out of the water to eventually form the sandstone and some limestones now known as Northamptonshire Sand.

Moving on 146million years, Borough Hill moved north to where it is today and was surrounded by newer rocks which formed the United Kingdom. This was followed by 2million years of ice ages alternately depositing clay on the hill and then removing it.

At the same time pre humans (homo sapiens) were moving in and out of the area and an Acheulian hand axe dating to approximately 500,000 years ago has been found in the hill together with another tool. It's likely the hill would have been bare grassland or tundra at that time. The last ice age was about 18,000 years ago and left a layer of clay on the hill that is still there, making the hill 660 feet high.

The next phase was Neolithic (4000 BC) when agriculture began to be introduced. Neolithic stone tools have been found on the hill including two stone hand axes which were discovered when the foundations to the BBC station were dug out.

There are Bronze Age finds (1000 BC) on the Hill and there is some suggestion that there was a Bronze Age enclosure, possibly a meeting place circling the hill. Finds included palstaves, socketed axes and a broken bronze sword.

Further Bronze objects recorded include two coins of Gallienus and Julian, a metal kettle and quantities of teeth and bones.

Two barrows have been uncovered, one east of the BBC transmitting station discovered in 1830 was noted as the most prominent, however later being noted that it was visible but inconspicuous in 1830 and no trace now remains.

The second Barrow located immediately south of the northern fort consists of a small roughly circular mound, much mutilated, with no trace of a ditch. It was excavated by Baker in 1823 after it had already been ploughed. He discovered a primary cremation accompanied by fragments of a large urn ornamented below the rim with a zig-zag pattern, possibly a Collared Urn, as well as fragments of at least two or three other urns and a small part of a patera of light-red ware.

The Hill fort, known as Borough Hill Camp and one of the largest found in Britain, can be assigned to two separate periods. At the north end of the hill is a small roughly triangular fort bounded by a massive bank and ditch but the whole hill top is surrounded by a much smaller bank and ditch. The relationship between the two defence systems has never been clear and most authorities have assumed that the northern fort was earlier and that the contour fort was added later. However, as the present survey indicates, it is more likely that the outer contour fort was the earlier defence and that the main northern fort was a later addition.

Borough Hill Roman villa is located on the north tip of Borough Hill. The villa's remains lie within the ramparts of an Iron Age fortress which covers the summit of

the hill. The remains of the Roman villa were discovered in 1823 by the historian and archaeologist George Baker. The remains were not fully excavated until 1852 when local historian Beriah Botfield thoroughly excavated and recorded the site. Botfield employed an artist to make drawings of the site and these illustrations along with Botfield's notes, manuscripts and some of the antiquities found on the site are now kept at the British Museum.

Saxon settlers used the hill as a burial place and three burials have been found; one in a barrow and one in the villa. Jewelry and weapons were found with these but their whereabouts is unknown. Another possible burial was found in the northern fort in 1823 in a cist; a small stone-built coffin-like box, with a spear but no detailed record exists. There is some speculation that at least one of the burials dated back to the late 400's.

Danetre was a Viking Settlement made by the Danish Vikings invading England, which is how its name derived, albeit based on an earlier Brythonic name. These Vikings were led by Ivar the Boneless; all of Eastern Anglia was eventually taken over. Danetre, as it was known then, was a Viking stronghold.

After this the hill was presumably used for agriculture through the middle ages, most likely for grazing.

Danetre is mentioned in William Shakespeare's Henry VI, Part I, believed to have been written in 1591 refers to "the red-nosed innkeeper of Daintree".

In June 1645, Charles I army camped on Borough Hill on its way to relieve the siege of Oxford. Charles went hunting in the nearby forests. Parliament's New Model Army marching north from Oxford was instructed to engage the King's army. There was a minor skirmish at Daventry, however Charles was waiting for reinforcements and not ready to fight and he retreated towards Market Harborough stopping near Naseby to fight, resulting in the Battle of Naseby.



*Borough Hill before the radio masts*

Borough hill was also Daventry's horse race course. It's not known for sure when this started or where the course was but races were run from 1724 to 1742 around the earthworks.

Finally the land became private farmland when the open fields of Daventry were enclosed in 1802-4. Enclosure was the legal process in England during the 18th century that ended the ancient system of arable farming in open fields. The land was ploughed and extensively cultivated and has long since removed any trace of the inner earthworks from the surface.

At 7.30pm on the 27th July 1925 the Post Master General opened the new long wave radio transmitter; 5XX. As part of the opening celebrations the BBC's Director General, John Reith, read a poem written for the occasion by the poet laureate John Noyes. The old Dane Tree that Alfred Noyes named his poem after is an oak tree that grew on the summit of Borough Hill. Local legend had it that Danish settlers planted the tree there to mark the centre of England. Sadly the tree died and all that can be seen now is the remaining stump next to the original transmitter building.

In 1932 another new service opened from Borough Hill. The first short wave transmitters of the Empire Service were based at Borough Hill. Daventry called the world and was an important source of news during the Second World War and later during the Cold War.

On 26th February 1935, the powerful transmitters at Daventry were used for the first practical test of Radar. Receiving equipment was set up in a field near Upper Stowe

and a Handley Page Heyford bomber flew along a path between the receiving station and the transmitting towers. The aircraft reflected the BBC signal and this was readily detected using doppler-beat interference at ranges up to 8 mi (13 km). This test, known as the Daventry Experiment, was witnessed by a representative from the Air Ministry and led to the immediate authorisation to build a full demonstration system.

On 15 Dec 1944, two American USAAF B-17 bombers were returning from a successful raid on Kassel in Germany, where 334 planes had been targeting the town's railway marshalling yards and tank factory. As they dropped in height to land back at Chelveston Air Field, east of Rushden, they found their vision limited by the low clouds and were attempting a landing using radio beacons. As they passed over Borough Hill they collided with the wires of the radio mast on the northern end of the hill. One plane flew on through the wires and landed back at base but the other plane's wing reportedly struck the wires and it crashed on the northern tip of Borough Hill, killing all of the crew on board.

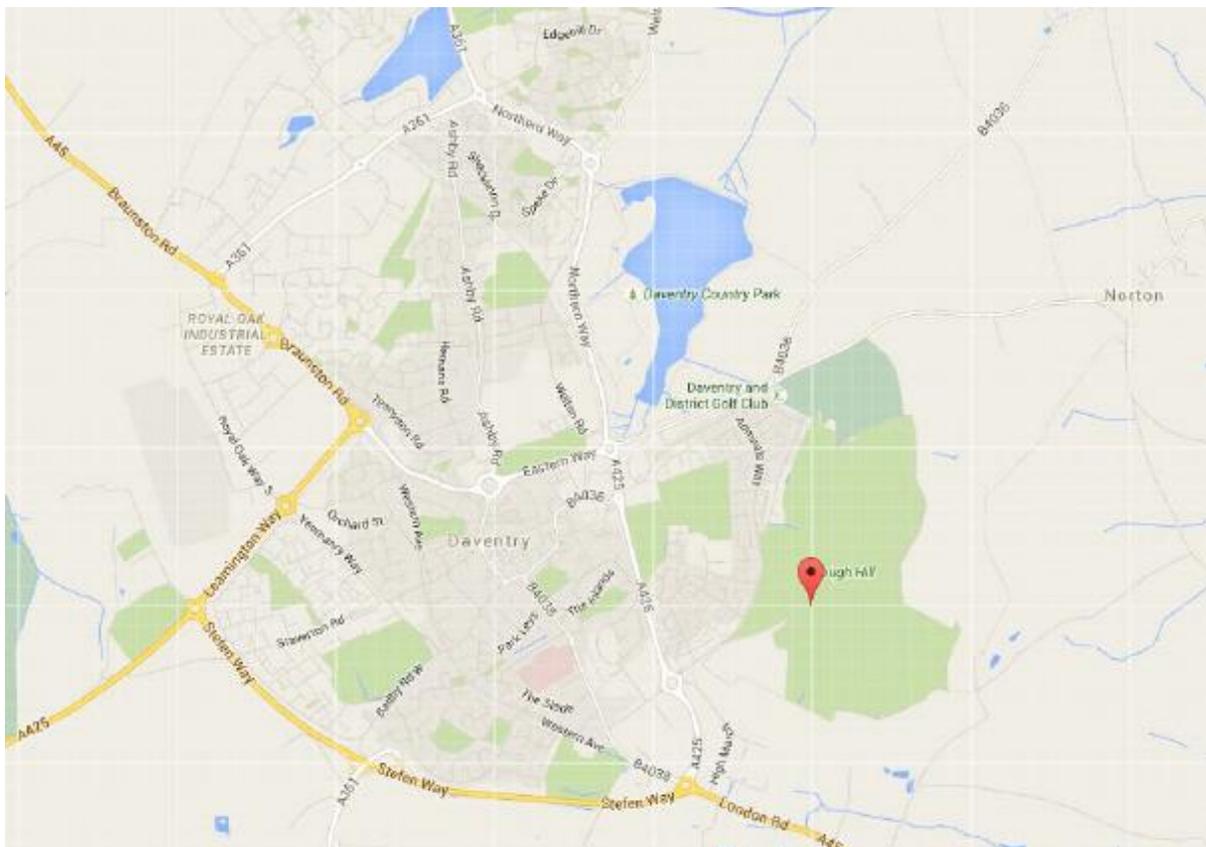
On Sunday 29th March 1992, the BBC ceased their broadcasting from Daventry; 500 of ex-Daventry staff and their wives were invited to attend the closing down ceremony. The one remaining modern transmitter in the East Hall was still broadcasting until 12.30pm when it was switched off for the last time by Bill Bird, a member of staff over 49 years. The closing down ceremony was also accompanied by speeches by Stanley Unwin (who had been a wartime engineer at Daventry) and the Town Mayor. Two of the 500ft aerial masts that had sat on top of Borough Hill were later demolished, leaving one remaining mast as can be seen today.



*Borough Hill's remaining mast.*

Daventry District Council took over management of the site and obtained the Countryside Stewardship Scheme from 1 October 1995 until 30 September 2011 and reclaimed from 1 October 2011 until 30 September 2021 under the new Environmental Stewardship Scheme – Higher Level. The main purpose of the Scheme is to ensure good management of the site’s environmental and archaeological features to conserve them for present and future generations.

## Location Map



## Landscapes and Facilities

### Landscapes and Habitats

The top of Borough Hill is acid grass land and as such is nutrient deficient and heath like; characteristic vegetation of gorse and coarse grasses. The side land is woodland with areas of open grassland on the outskirts of the Southbrook Housing estate.

Habitats include badger sets and rabbit warrens and foxes hunt the site. In the winter months the mouse and field vole runs are visible in the grass stems. Sightings of stoat and weasel have been reported on the site with no evidence of a habitat. Birds include the blue woodpecker, carrion crow, jackdaw, rook and a couple of buzzards have been seen hunting the area. There are a huge variety of insects including dung beetles and dragon fly.

### **Threats**

The main threats to this habitat are degradation of and damage to ecological and archaeological features by;

Introduction of alien species

Disturbance, including vegetation stripping

Compaction

Recreational use, if not sympathetic to the site

### **Site Protection**

Borough Hill is registered with English Heritage and scheduled under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

## **Site Management**

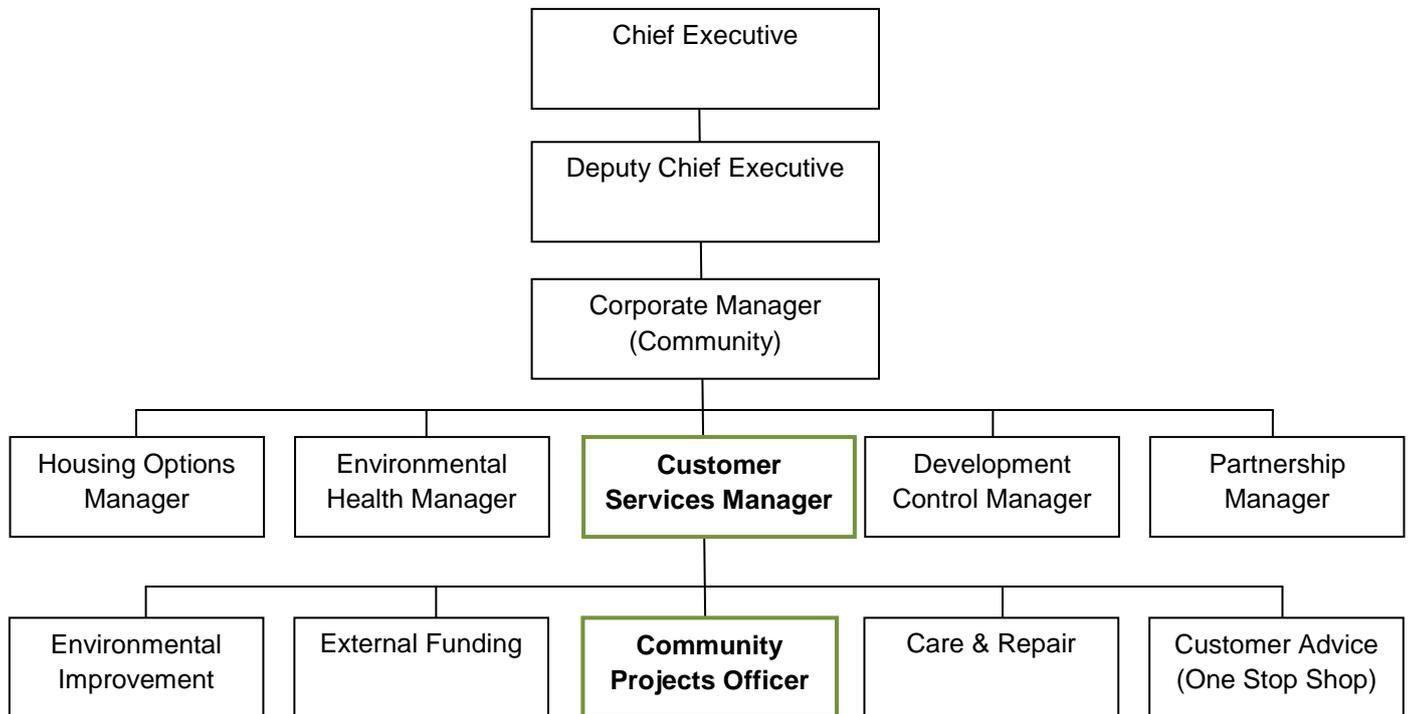
### **Aims and objectives**

- To provide a safe and clean environment.
- To operate to the highest quality standards of visitor services, estate management, staff and visitor safety and environmental sustainability.
- To develop the full recreation potential of Borough Hill without detriment to its essential landscape character and biodiversity.
- To maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the site through positive habitat management.
- Develop full potential, as a venue for environmental education, cultural and community events that are not of detriment to the ethos of the hill including events celebrating culture and the arts.

- To involve the community as fully as practicable in the management and development of the hill and providing opportunities for volunteer involvement at different levels.
- Broaden and enhance our customer offer with a view to retaining existing hill users whilst attracting new ones from the local community; encourage and provide opportunities for all people to get involved in site activities which improve their health and overall sense of well-being.
- To ensure the health, comfort and safety of all visitors and staff.
- Identify existing wildlife habitats and heritage features and ensure that they are preserved, managed and enhanced where appropriate.
- Increase awareness among existing and potential users of the opportunities on offer at the site through effective on and off site marketing methods, identify people's perceptions of the site and act on findings as appropriate.
- Increase awareness of the historical significance of the site for generations to come.

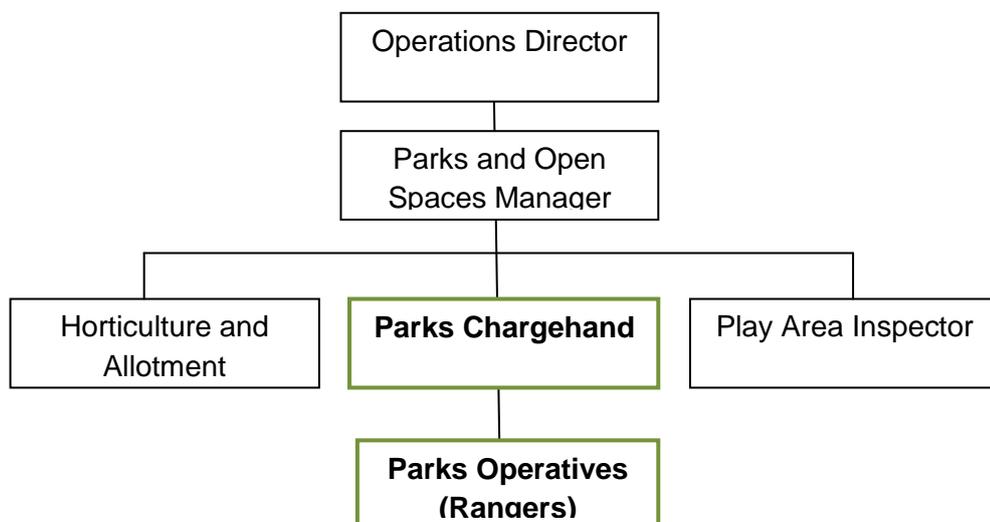
## Daventry District Council management

Daventry District Council is responsible for the infrastructure of the site.



## Enterprise Plc management

Enterprise are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the site such as litter picking, tree maintenance and the Ranger Service.



## **Maintenance Schedule for Borough Hill**

### **Litter and waste management**

Cleansing and litter control is undertaken by Enterprise. Two litter bins are located in the car park entrance area and are empty regularly alongside regular litter picks of the site and requested additional litter picks if and when required.

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) of enhanced powers has been formally approved by Daventry District Council and came into force on 1st December 2015. The new powers, which replace and add to powers previously provided for in Dog Control Orders, make the following offences:

- failing to pick up after your dog. This will now include all land to which the public can gain access including agricultural land
- failing to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer - this allows Council officers to direct that a dog is put on a lead when it is causing nuisance and/or danger to other persons and their dogs
- failing to exclude dogs from designated children's play areas
- failing to keep dogs on leads in the designated dogs on leads area around the Visitor Centre/Café in Daventry Country Park
- failing to provide at the request of an authorised officer the means to pick up after a dog

Historically the site has not suffered adversely from fly tipping. However, fly tipping is the responsibility of the Enterprise and the Rangers are aware of reporting procedures to ensure that any fly tipping is addressed immediately. PCSOs are also required to report any incidences that are supported by reporting procedures. Fly tipping is an area of priority for the Enterprise and systems are in place to support the swift removal of tipped items.

The site has an open car park and occasionally abandoned vehicles have been recorded. When abandonment of a vehicle does occur it is the responsibility of Enterprise to remedy the situation. They are aware of reporting procedures, ensuring that any abandoned cars are addressed immediately. PCSOs are also required to report any incidences which are supported by reporting procedures. Abandoned

vehicles are also an area of priority for the County Council under the ELVIS scheme (End of Life Vehicle Impound Scheme).

### **Grounds maintenance and conservation management**

Grounds and conservation maintenance is delivered by the ranger service, student placements and volunteers and they are responsible for

- site monitoring and inspections
- conservation management of habitats
- tree and landscape maintenance
- reporting and repairing damage/vandalism
- assisting members of the public

The Rangers and Enterprise regularly patrol to monitor the site and carry out inspections with any issues raised to be remedied as soon as practicably possible. Any customer reports and comments are also actioned with the site visit and repairs and maintenance completed.

Borough Hill has been subject to anti-social behaviour and arson in the past and the Council and Rangers Service have forged supporting links with Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire Service. Following discussions, the Council have informed Northamptonshire Fire Service of the importance of the monument site to ensure any incidents of arson are dealt with efficiently without damage to the landscape and grassland.

### **Park Watch**

Following incidents of anti-social behaviour and vandalism at locations across the County, the Council, the Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership and Northamptonshire Police began the Park Watch Scheme. The Scheme encourages the local community to work together with the partnership to provide an effective communication network to report and tackle issues of crime and anti-social in our local parks and open spaces by encouraging members of the scheme to report any crimes, anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity they may witness or come across.

## Byelaws and Legislation

Daventry District Council Byelaws for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces includes Borough Hill (copy available on request).

There is other legislation that enables enforcement action to be taken. Officers regularly patrol the site and have powers to issue on the spot penalty fines for issues such as dog fouling and the dropping of litter.

Legislation	Relevance to green space	Responsible organisation
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)	Dog fouling, fines and disposal.	Daventry District Council
Crime and Disorder Act	Community safety e.g. anti-social behaviour and 'sight lines'.	Northamptonshire Police Daventry District Council
Disability Discrimination Act (1995)	Access and participation for disabled people.	Daventry District Council Enterprise
Occupiers Liability Act	Health & safety of visitors.	Daventry District Council
Health and Safety Act 1974	Health and safety of visitors and workers.	Daventry District Council Enterprise
Road Traffic Act (various)	Illegal access by motorcyclists.	Northamptonshire Police
Environmental Protection Act (1990)	Litter, fly tipping and abandoned vehicles.	Daventry District Council Enterprise

Public Rights of Way: There are no public rights of way across or within the site.

Opening hours: The site is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Covenants: An annual grazing agreement is available for the site.

Designations: An area of the site is scheduled under the English Heritage Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

## **Policy context**

### **National**

In developing a plan for the hill it is important to understand the current political and policy context in which the Council and Enterprise are operating. These national strategies set out a framework for the future management of open spaces and help to determine aims and objectives for the hill's future management. A number of current publications and policy guidance notes are outlined below.

#### Localism Act (2011)

The Localism Act (2011) has created powers for local government and local communities, alongside wider public sector reforms to help achieve a Big Society, the devolution of powers to local authorities, the opportunity for communities to create their own Neighbourhood Plans and the right to bid to retain community assets and run public services means that local decision making is now even more important than ever for the natural environment. There are opportunities for communities and local councils to benefit enormously from the natural environment on their doorstep and also to enhance it for the benefit of future generations

#### Protecting and improving people's enjoyment of the countryside policy

Everybody should have the opportunity to access, use and enjoy England's natural environment and outdoor spaces. Being outside in nature benefits people physically and mentally. Access to the countryside and other 'green spaces', like village greens, helps people get these benefits. It also helps improve people's understanding of the natural environment. By protecting and improving access, we can help more people enjoy the countryside.

#### National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework was published on 27 March 2012. This is a key part of reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible, to protect the environment and to promote sustainable growth. The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development through the three dimensions of economic, social and environmental roles.

## **Local**

This Plan complements the wider strategic context of other Council plans, policies and initiatives. It seeks to achieve the objectives of the strategic framework by translating those that are appropriate to the hill. Plans, policies and procedures listed below can be supplied on request or are available on our website ([www.daventrydc.gov.uk/your-council/strategy-policy](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/your-council/strategy-policy)).

Daventry District Council Corporate Strategic Plan 2014-2017

The Daventry Master Plan

Community Strategy

Public Spaces Protection Orders

Tree Policy

Environmental Services outputs and objectives

## **Finance**

The daily maintenance of the site is undertaken by the Council and Enterprise and budgets have been set to enable repairs and maintenance of the site as required. The council will consider activities to generate income for the continued development of the site, including obtaining grants and funding and working in partnership with local businesses.

## **Marketing**

Marketing of Borough Hill is predominantly through word of mouth and positive experience. Many visitors live in the district or local area and visit to enjoy the site regularly for dog walking and for fitness and leisure.

The Council actively markets Borough Hill through the website ([www.daventrydc.gov.uk](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk)); the pages include information on the site. In 2015 the council took ownership of the Borough Hill Facebook page and is working on building likes to help disseminate information and share stories and photographs.

The Council are also using TripAdvisor as a tool to collect user ratings and feedback and further promotion of this is necessary. The Council finds this information useful and will be incorporated into the annual feedback and user satisfaction reports to highlight areas for concern and compliments.

The Council works well with the local press and the councils' communications team to deliver proactive press releases helping to promote the site and activities taking place.

We understand that promotion of the site and an effective marketing is vital in bringing new visitors and users to the site.

## Community involvement

The site is highly valued by the people of Daventry district and further understanding of the heritage of site needs to be promoted which is being incorporated into the website and leaflets available. It is important to the Council that local residents fully understand the site and the reasoning for many decisions made with the site.

Volunteers are always welcome to join the rangers and project officers with hill maintenance and events and this will further enhance user's knowledge and appreciation of the site.

Recent user groups include;

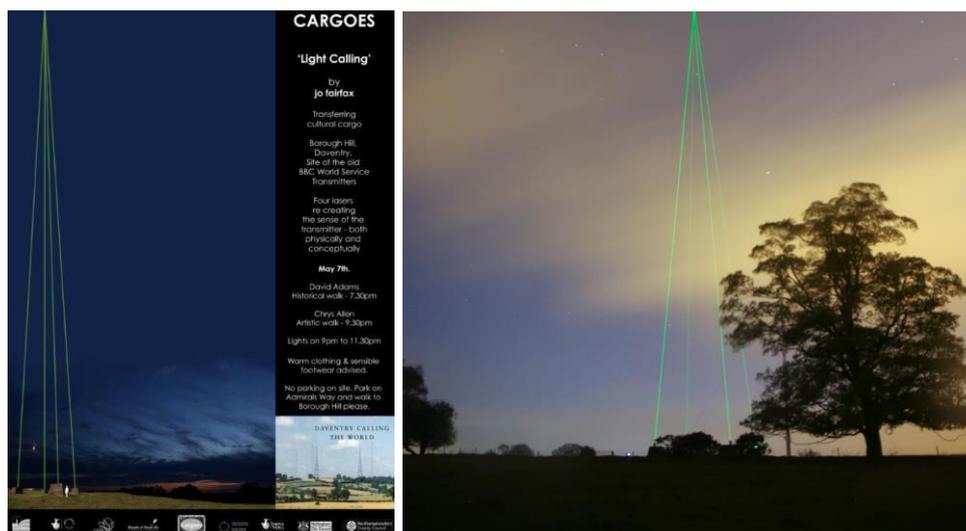
The Parker E-Act Academy

Danetre School

Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club

Wildlife Trust (Diptera (true flies) survey)

In 2012, Daventry District Council hosted an event to celebrate the heritage of Borough Hill by organising a laser light show "Light Calling". Light Calling was an ambitious new artwork that recreated one of the former 'A' and 'B' radio masts on Borough Hill to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the last BBC World Service transmission from Daventry.



The population of Daventry and the surrounding parishes use Borough Hill for recreational purposes mostly walking and wildlife watching and photography and are proud and feel a sense of ownership for the site considering the history.

Currently no visitor surveys are routinely asked as the site is unmanned however the use of Facebook and TripAdvisor provides some good reviews and feedback and we welcome comments through the Council's contact centre.

The site is mostly used for informative walks with local historians and wildlife groups as well as surveys by local schools, universities and wildlife groups although there is the potential to be used as a venue for small scale community events including fun runs, performing arts performances and sporting activities ensuring that any activities do not conflict with the current conservation management and is sympathetic to the site history and protection.

## Work Plan 2015 - 2018

The following work plan sets out the intended actions required to ensure that the site continues to improve from both a conservation and visitor attraction point of view.

The Community Team, in partnership with the Rangers will co-ordinate and lead on the implementation of the work plan.

As the plan is intended as a live document that is responsive to change, amendments are continually made and updated depending upon available resources and consultation with users and the wider community.

Ref	Objective	Measure	Phase/Date	Comments/Updates
BH01	Maintain HLS	Provide well managed permanent grassland for the archaeological features and pastoral landscapes.	Ongoing measure	Officers to monitor site usage and complete regular inspections of grassland.
BH02	Maintain HLS	Conservation grazing.	Ongoing measure	Continue to license grazing during specified months (1Aug-31Mar).
BH03	Site Heritage	Improve user knowledge of site heritage through information and events.	P1. Jan 16 P2. Jun 16	P1. Improve website and develop new information leaflet. P2. Install information board on site.
BH04	Conservation Management	Maintain existing wildlife habitats with minimal intervention.	Ongoing measure	Natural habitats are left undisturbed. Any work completed take into account habitat and avoid intervention and interference.
BH05	Maintain Partnerships	Work with Partners to develop the site for users and wildlife.	Ongoing measure	Continue to develop good working relationships with partners.

BH06	Site Heritage	Reduce incidents of vandalism and arson working with Police and Fire.	P1. May 16	Monitor incidents and reports with the Police and Fire.
BH07	Site Heritage	Encourage educational and survey visits.	P1. Sept 16	Work with local schools and universities to offer site as area for geographical and scientific study.