



# Hinksey Trail Regeneration Project

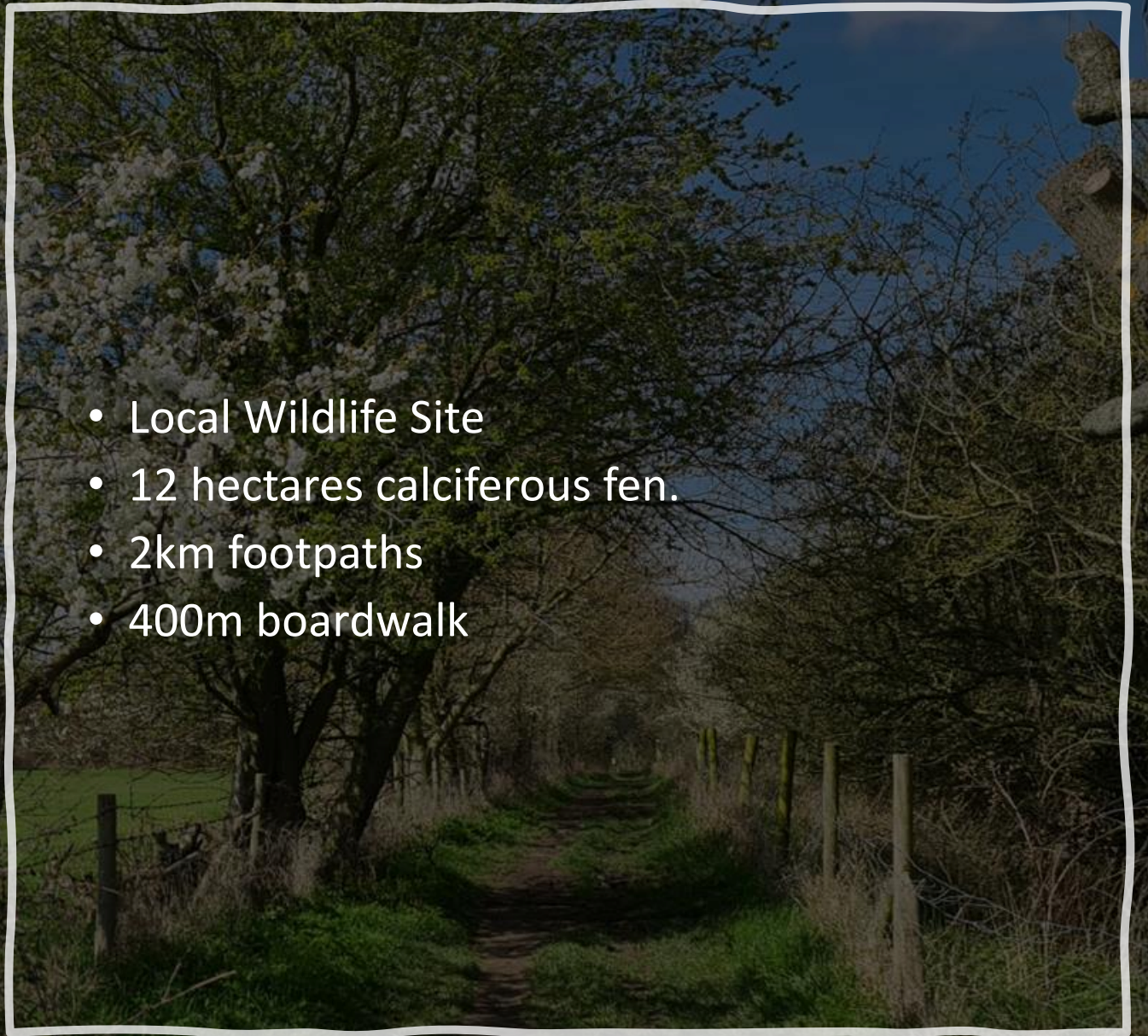
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The evolution of a local volunteer  
conservation group



# The Site

- Local Wildlife Site
- 12 hectares calciferous fen.
- 2km footpaths
- 400m boardwalk



# 2020 – original aims

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- repair broken boardwalk to allow continued public access during lockdown
  - cut back vegetation
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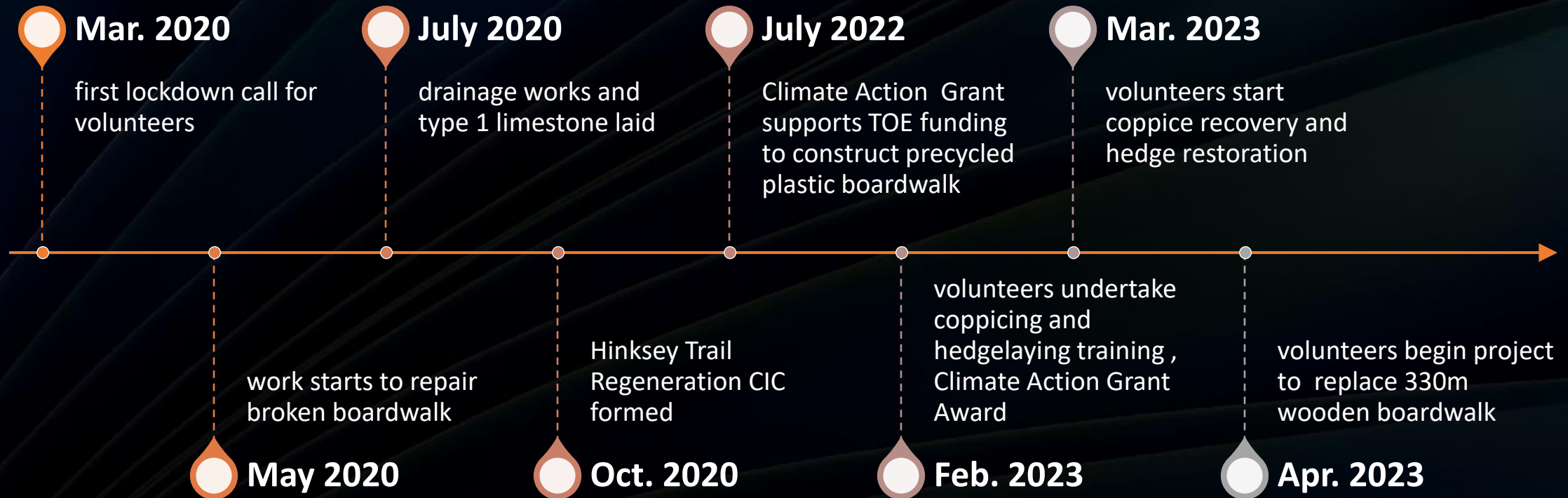
# 2023 – new aims

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- Replace all remaining boardwalk with new sustainable timber construction method
  - Start laying overstood hawthorn to create new hedges
  - Restore coppice
  - Re-route existing paths to allow for grazing
  - Expand reserve to add 2.5 hectares of mixed woodland
  - Embark on 10-year programme of woodland management
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# Timeline



# The Volunteers

- 18 Active members
- Ages 35-69
- Sessions on Thursday and Saturday mornings
- Strong social side to the group
- Keen to expand conservation knowledge and project scope
- Advocates for nature



# Lessons learned

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- Sociability as important as labour
  - Share achievements on WhatsApp on a sessional basis
  - Encourage people to develop skills at a pace they are comfortable with
  - Provide professional training to expand scope of project
  - Build strong relationships with other groups (e.g. FHT)
  - Gain confidence of funding partners
  - Use social media to get buy-in from local people
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# Social Media

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- Facebook group 455 members
  - Instagram 714 followers
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