

Hetton Bogs



The bogs 60 years ago



The bogs 30 years ago



The bogs today

Willow tree and leaves



Over the past 60 years the landscape of the bogs has changed a great deal. Originally it was marsh with reeds and grass. Eventually trees, mainly willow trees, grew there with drier areas covered with nettles and a few acid loving woodland plants. The trees have now grown much bigger and they are surrounded with a variety of different plants many of which are water tolerant. Occasionally the area gets flooded, mainly in winter or during heavy rain, but parts are now drying out. In 30 years the landscape here will have changed again, nothing stands still, there is always change in a landscape.