

New book reveals the enchanting story of the Norfolk Broads

Broadland: Shaping marsh and fen by Tom Williamson and Alison Yardy

A captivating exploration of one of England's most cherished landscapes, *Broadland: Shaping marsh and fen*, is set to hit bookshelves this November. This new book offers readers an in-depth journey through the rich history, diverse ecology, and evolving landscapes of the Norfolk Broads, the only National Park in eastern England.

Broadland: Shaping marsh and fen delves into the unique wetlands that define the Broads, a network of over 200 kilometers of navigable waterways interspersed with shallow freshwater lakes. This stunning landscape, shaped by centuries of human interaction and natural processes, is home to an array of wildlife and is renowned for its tranquil beauty.

The Broads' landscape is a mix of wild, enclosed marshes and expansive, open fens that have inspired artists for generations. The authors trace the region's transformation from medieval peat-diggings to its current status as a beloved tourist destination and vital ecological reserve. The book also addresses the complex challenges of preserving such a dynamic landscape, where human influence has long intertwined with natural forces.

This comprehensive volume incorporates the latest research and technologies, such as Lidar and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), which have revolutionized the understanding of Broadland history. Contributions from local historians and researchers, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, bring fresh perspectives to the story of the Broads, making this book a must-read for both long-time residents and curious visitors.

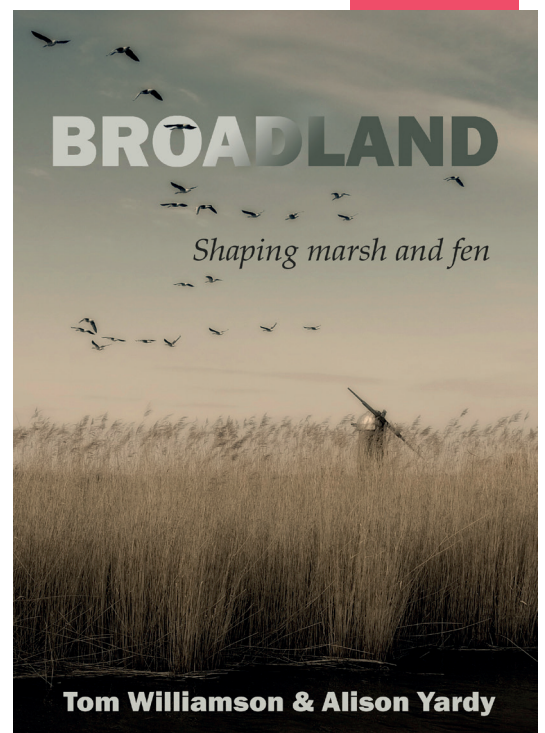
Broadland: Shaping marsh and fen is more than just a historical account; it is a call to appreciate and preserve a landscape that is constantly changing yet timeless in its appeal. As climate change looms, the book underscores the urgency of understanding the forces that have shaped Broadland and the need for careful stewardship to ensure its future.

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