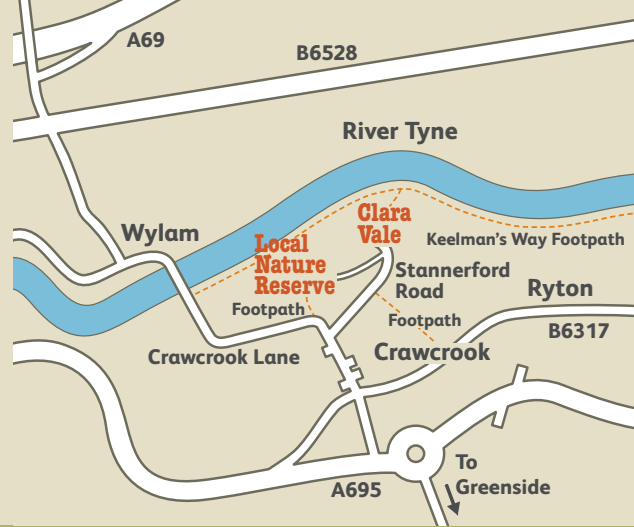


Clara Vale Local Nature Reserve is situated on the site of the old Clara Vale Colliery, on the banks of the river Tyne.

The reserve, which is run by volunteers, covers an area of approximately 7.5 acres. Although a small reserve it contains woodland, wetland and meadow areas.

There are many different plants, insects, mammals and birds to be discovered on a short walk through the reserve.

The reserve can be linked to other paths to enable you to explore the surrounding area.



How to find us

Driving: Follow the signs to Clara Vale and as you enter the village take the first left signposted 'Clara Vale Recreation Ground'. The car park is at the end of a track before you enter the gates to the recreation ground.

Walking: Follow the footpaths to the village indicated on the map.

By bus: On arriving at the village, walk up the hill as if heading out of the village and turn right following the direction of the sign 'Clara Vale Recreation Ground'.

Clara Vale Conservation Group

Clara Vale Local Nature Reserve is managed and maintained by volunteers through the Clara Vale Conservation Group.

The day to day maintenance of the reserve is met by voluntary contributions. Your support helps us to:

- Buy bird seed for the feeding station in the winter months
- Maintain the bird hides
- Buy tools to help manage the habitats

You can support our work by donating online at cvcg.org.uk



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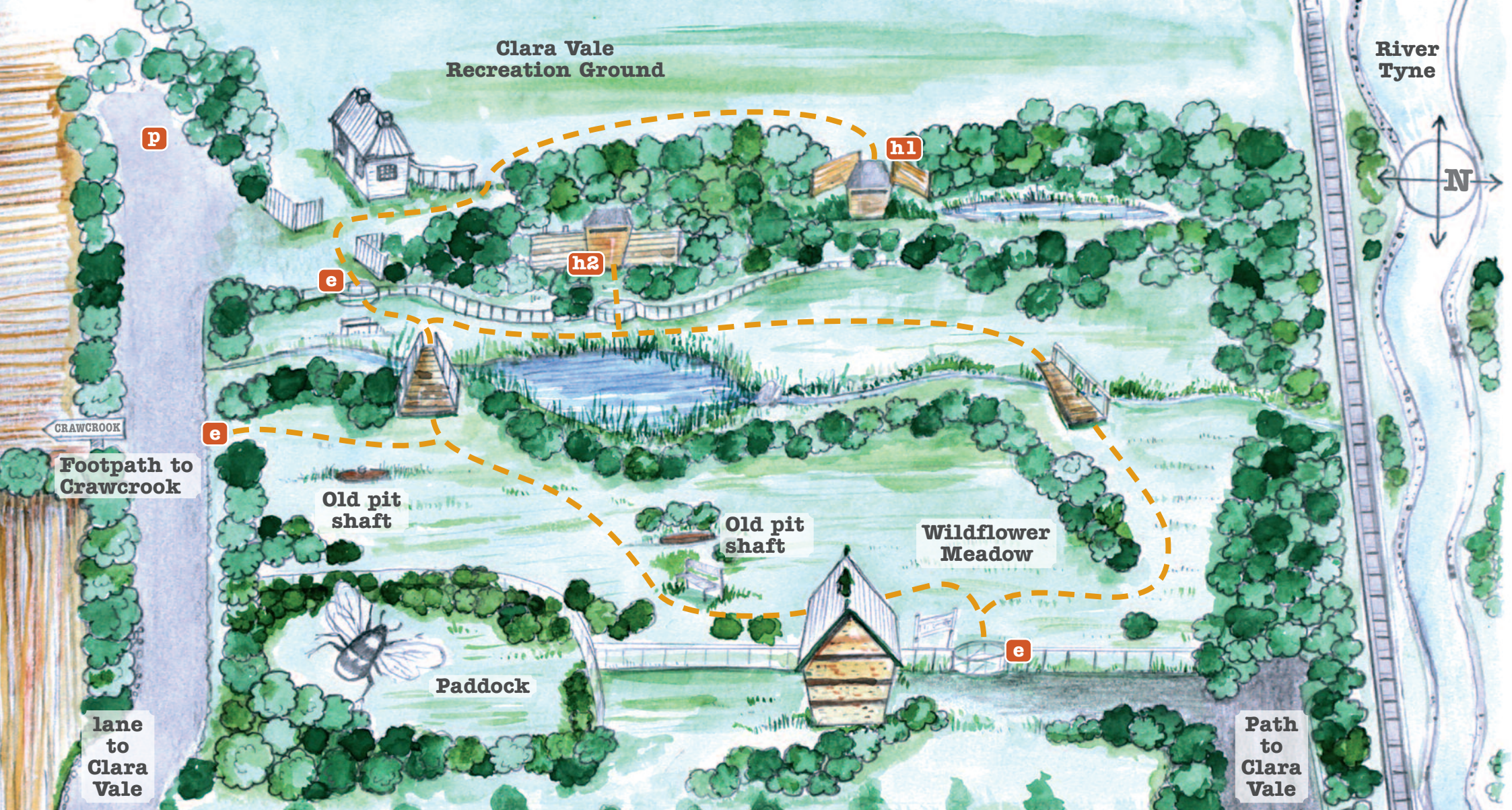
A guide to discover more in our reserve



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Key to map

- p** Car park
- e** Reserve entrances
- h1** Alex West bird hide
- h2** Woodland bird hide

Please note: keys to the bird hides can be purchased from Thornley Woodland Centre 01207 545 212

Spring

Around the meadows and hedgerows in spring there are pink orchids, yellow rattle and orange-tip butterflies.

Summer

In summer, blue meadow cranesbill and purple knapweed. Red admirals and speckled wood butterflies abound. All year there are yellowhammers, bullfinches and goldfinches.

Autumn

In autumn rose hips and hawthorn berries attract the thrushes and blackbirds. Ponies graze the meadows.

Winter

From the hides in winter, watch kingfishers, herons, nuthatches, woodpeckers, squirrels, deer and lots more.

Explore the ponds

In spring see frogs, toads, moorhens with chicks and golden marsh marigolds. In summer, yellow iris, purple loosestrife and blue-green and red dragonflies hover and dart.