

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society
Reg. Charity No. 268104

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29th March 2012

Dear Member,

URGENT 'APPEAL FOR FUNDS'

You will no doubt be aware that much of the land known as "Thrift Farm" is now being offered for sale by the owner Bunting & Son. The land lies immediately to the south of Nayland Village as can be seen on the plan overleaf.

The land is for sale as a whole or in a series of 6 lots. Two of the lots – Lot 2 and Lot 3 lie either side of the Horkesley Road access to/from the village – moreover Lot 3, actually lies adjacent to the meadow which was acquired a few years ago by the Conservation Society following an earlier Appeal for Funds which was generously and keenly supported.

It is absolutely vital that neither Lot 2 nor Lot 3, fall into the hands of new owners whose use of the land may adversely affect the natural landscape and hence have a detrimental impact on the setting of Nayland Village. Such uses might include for example: Leisure plots; allotments; or paddocks. Even more worrying is the possible use of the "26 day rule" under which for 26 days a year (e.g. once a fortnight) the land may be used for non-agricultural purposes such as boot sales and/or caravan rallies etc. etc.!!

The sale particulars (Brown & Co. Bury St. Edmunds Office) provide guide prices for Lot 3 (north of Horkesley Road) of, "in excess of £40,000" and for Lot 2 (south of Horkesley Road) a guide of say "£100,000". The Society is aware that another party intends to bid for the remaining lots, i.e. 1; 4; 5; 6 for farming purposes. Offers to purchase the land must be submitted by the end of April.

We therefore urgently wish to raise as much as possible towards the guide price total of £140,000. This is unique opportunity to protect the village landscape setting which may never occur again! We owe it to both ourselves and future generations to be as generous as possible. If you can help, please make your cheque donation payable to 'Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society'. The cheques received will not be banked until such time as any purchase offer made by the Society has been formally accepted by the seller.

Please send to: Jill Badman, 'Sargeants', 70 Bear Street, Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY

Please be as generous as possible.

Best Wishes
John Alexander
Chairman
Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

