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New woodlands of the future

Daneshill Tree Planting

Greenwood Community Forest has successfully established a woodland creation site for the Trees for Climate programme

Daneshill is a restored former munitions site owned by Nottinghamshire County Council on the outskirts of Retford. The site was restored in the 70's to a mix of woodland and low-grade agricultural grassland.

A mixed native woodland has been established to increase biodiversity, lock up carbon and provide new habitats for wildlife. Other future benefits include improve water quality and potential for public access. The planting scheme will also help Nottinghamshire County Council reach the target to plant 250,000 trees as part of their corporate environment plan.

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Summary of the project

- Daneshill, a former munitions site was identified as an area that would benefit from woodland creation following a review of Nottinghamshire County Council land. A scheme was put together by the Greenwood team with the aim of improving biodiversity by connecting habitats and the creation of a new native mixed woodland.
- Combined with the wet winter weather, issues with tree supplies and limited contractor availability, there was a short time frame to deliver the scheme from completing the fencing to getting trees in the ground. With careful site supervision, the Greenwood team ensured the site was successfully established and met all the criteria required in the planning stage.
- Close to 10,000 trees and shrubs have been planted across the site including scots pine, oak, rowan, aspen, hawthorn, blackthorn, holly and silver birch. These will provide shelter for wildlife, nesting and foraging habitats for birds and bats and fuel for timber in future years. Grass paths will benefit public access and the inclusion of scots pine mixed with broadleaves will blend the scheme into the landscape.

Project impact

Natural flood management and water quality:

Tree planting at Daneshill will help to retain water within the landscape, slowing down run-off and helping to improve water quality and natural flood management

Public access and management:

The land is owned by Nottinghamshire County Council and will be managed by the NCC Greenspace team, creating public access opportunities and enjoyment of the countryside in the future

Enhancing wildlife:

Establishing woodland in the place of low-grade agricultural grassland, the mixture of pine and broadleaves with open space will help to enhance the area for wildlife and provide connectivity with adjacent woodlands, providing more places for nature and biodiversity to thrive.

Contribution to Net Zero:

This scheme contributes to nature-based solutions as part of an array of actions needed to reach the UK government target of net zero carbon by 2050.



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