

## Trees for Climate case study

- Greenwood Community Forest
- Location Brinsley, Nottinghamshire
- Willey Wood Farm
- Partners: Trees for Climate, Nottinghamshire County Council, Woodland Trust



Views within Willey Wood Farm

*“Excellent all-round proposals  
with a great long-term plan.  
This project should begin  
ASAP - look forward to  
helping out”*  
– member of the community  
at the consultation event

### Partnership Woodland Created for Nottinghamshire

Following acquisition of a 39ha farm with help from Trees for Climate, Nottinghamshire County Council awarded over £200,000 to establish new woodlands on this pastoral landscape to create a newly accessible public space. Sponsorship funding was also offered by the Woodland Trust for materials through their More Woods scheme.

- 8750 trees planted in the first season
- 11ha of parkland style planting created with community volunteers
- Additional 9.0ha of natural regeneration, broadleaf planting and woody shrubs for biodiversity
- Phase 2 planned for autumn 2023

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### Summary of the project

While scanning for acquisition opportunities to supplement the 250ha of new woodland creation within Greenwood Community Forest, the opportunity arose for Nottinghamshire County Council to purchase Willey Wood Farm in the heart of the Greenwood Community Forest. Initiation of the project by the Greenwood team led to funding for the purchase being awarded from the Trees for Climate project with the expectation that new woodland habitats would be created through alternative funding sources. A bid to Nottinghamshire County Council's Green Investment Capital Fund led to an award of over £200,000 towards the project. As a site with Platinum Wood status awarded in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, additional funding was achieved by partnering with the Woodland Trust who agreed to sponsor the materials for fencing and planting for the duration of the establishment.

Sitting in the middle of Greenwood Community Forest, the opportunity for community involvement allowed for consultation on the design and the scheme will allow public access to local communities while providing biodiversity, landscape and employment opportunities.

In the first season, over 8750 trees have been planted including oak, birch, rowan, cherry, hawthorn and hazel while the local community volunteered to plant 276 oak trees to form 11ha of parkland style planting.

Plans for phase 2 include waymarked walks, pond creation, planting of over 24,000 trees and creation of a wildflower meadow.

### Project impact

**Natural flood management and water quality:** Woodland creation at Willey Wood will capture run-off into Brinsley Brook, a tributary of the River Erewash, thus enhancing the catchment and improving the water quality.

**Public access and management:** Additional access to this previously private land holding will allow greater opportunities for local communities to access nature and link up some key local rights of way.

**Enhancing wildlife:** The creation of different habitats will enhance and protect the biodiversity of this landscape making for a more resilient natural environment.

**Contribution to Net Zero:** Over 11,000 tonnes of carbon will be sequestered during the lifetime of the woodland, helping to combat climate change and reducing Nottinghamshire's impact on the natural environment.

**Engagement, health and wellbeing:** The woodland design and proximity to local communities provides opportunities for community planting, public access, enjoyment of the natural environment and opportunities for health and well-being.

**Innovative delivery practices:** A new design of deer fencing was used at Willey Wood, reducing the carbon impact of establishment and utilising re-usable materials when the fence has served its purpose.

**Employment and skills:** Competitive tendering identified new contracting resources and in the longer-term, opportunities for woodland employment are enhanced.

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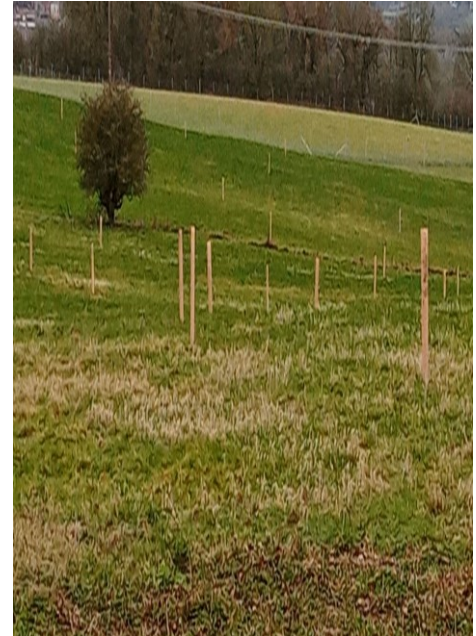
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Parkland planting by community volunteers