

## Trees for Climate case study

- Greenwood Community Forest
- Former pitch & putt at Calverton
- Partners: Calverton Parish Council



Pupils from Sir John Sherbrooke Primary School

*“This has made my week!*

*My husband helped plant a wooded area locally and remembers it so fondly.*

*To be able to make these memories with our little ones and to help our surrounding environment is priceless- thank you.” – local tree-planting resident*

### **Creating a new community woodland**

The Calverton Community Woodland is located on the outskirts of Calverton Village in Gedling Borough, Nottinghamshire. The former pitch and putt site forms part of William Lee Memorial Park – a formal park including football pitches, tennis courts, multi-use sports equipment and outdoor gym and play equipment.

The pitch and putt had not been used for over 15 years and comprised 1.58 hectares of course grassland with scattered groups of trees set within a landscape of open fields to the north and west and playing fields to the south-east but well connected into the wider countryside via a network of hedges.



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## Summary of the project

Calverton Parish Council were interested in undertaking some tree planting on the area to create a community woodland to compliment the more formal playing fields and contacted Greenwood Community Forest Team for advice and guidance.

Planting was undertaken in February 2023 with children from St Wilfrid's Primary School, Sir John Sherbrooke Junior School and over 80 people at the community event planting over 750 trees.

Due to the risk of browsing from rabbits and deer, the trees are protected by tree shelters. Following a request from Calverton Parish Council, and in keeping with our aim to reduce use of plastics and pesticides, we used biodegradable shelters and fitted mulch mats. Planting the remaining trees plus the fitting of the tree shelters and mulch mats was undertaken by contractors

## Project impact

### Enhancing wildlife:

Connecting with surrounding green spaces an additional 1.58 hectares of deciduous native woodland and new habitat has been added to the village.

### 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.

### Engagement, health and wellbeing:

Encouraging the local schools to get involved enabled the team to embed good environmental messages whilst allowing the pupils to have fun planting trees. The local community were pleased to have the opportunity to contribute and improve the area for wildlife and people.

Now the site has been planted, Calverton Parish Council intend to install a kissing gate to provide additional access to the site via an adjacent public right of way. The site is being maintained by the Parish Council who will cut the rides to keep the site accessible.

As a result of the project, the local community has access to a developing community woodland which will benefit both people and wildlife.

### Employment and skills

Engaging local contractors Lineside Structure Maintenance Ltd offers employment to local people





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Community planting day at Calverton former pitch and putt

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