



Coalface to Wildspace: Yorkshire

Coalface to Wildspace: Yorkshire, will deliver ambitious landscape-scale habitat creation, supporting biodiversity restoration across North, South and West Yorkshire; whilst encouraging widescale community engagement in disadvantaged communities and improving health and wellbeing through nature. This transformative project aims to tackle biodiversity loss; to halt and reverse these declines while also engaging under-served communities, fostering a greater appreciation for local amphibians, reptiles, and other wildlife that will benefit from improved habitats.

We have completed the Development phase of this project and produced a detailed Activity Plan. The main targets (known as Approved Purposes, with explanations in italics) are:

- Undertake a programme of capital works across 17 sites in Yorkshire to restore and create 93 freshwater bodies and 71 associated terrestrial habitats for the benefit of amphibians, reptiles and other species (*the Ecologist will lead on this*)
- Deliver the Activity Plan, including: Wildspace Guardianship Scheme and provision of training (*the Guardians will be local volunteers who will be supported to manage and survey habitats*); Wildspace Gardening Workshops; Wildspace Amphibian Hops (*outdoor workshops with schools*); parade workshops and parades (*working with local schools and artists*); Wildspace Festivals (*community festivals*); and volunteering opportunities.
- Develop new interpretation offers through digital content, including producing speaking sculptures and a 3D film (*working with artists and a digital consultant*)
- Recruit a Project Assistant and two x 1-year Trainees
- Provide ecological connectivity and increase access to heritage in underserved areas by creating six Neighbourhood Wildlife Corridors, incorporating community 48 community-built small ponds and 300 nature friendly stepping stones

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- Ensure that species and population data is recorded and shared through the National Biodiversity Network

Our habitat locations (numbered below) and Neighbourhood Wildlife Corridors (shaded below) will be:

