

Trees for Climate case study

- Greenwood Community Forest
- Little John Drive Open Space, Rainworth
- Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association
- Partners: The Sherwood Forest Trust



Completed planting at Little John Drive Open Space, Rainworth

Nottinghamshire
Community Housing
Association successfully
deliver a woodland
creation and community
planting project

Planting trees close to people

A successful collaboration between the Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association (NCHA), Greenwood Community Forest and the Sherwood Forest Trust has delivered an urban nature restoration project.

The unloved green space on Little John Drive in Rainworth has been rejuvenated with a thorough litter pick and site clean, scrub clearance, path repairs and community tree planting event.

The local community including families, school children, residents and staff from local businesses gave the area lots of love on Valentine's Day 2023 by planting native trees and shrubs characteristic of the Sherwood Forest area.

The project helped to bring local people together to look after their environment and green spaces.



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Summary of the project

The Little John Drive project aimed to improve biodiversity and environmental sustainability at a small green space owned by the Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association. The management team were keen to transform the area, which historically attracted fly-tipping, into a space that positively benefits local people, wildlife and the environment.

Detailed community consultation kept residents informed of the plans and led to local people being invited to take part in a community tree-planting day. Local people have been invited to 'adopt a tree' to help increase pride in caring for natural areas in the village.

The NCHA grounds maintenance contractors will maintain the area which will include checking the trees, cutting the grass, litter picking and keeping pathways clear. Over 80 local volunteers helped with the planting and the project generated much positivity and encouraging feedback from all involved.

Project impact

Natural flood management and water quality: Tree planting at Little John Drive 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: improved public access to this previously unloved space allowing greater opportunities for local communities to access nature.

Enhancing wildlife:

The creation of essential habitat in an urban area will enhance and protect the biodiversity of this landscape making for a more resilient natural environment.

Contribution to Net Zero:

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.



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Planting near to people in Rainworth, Nottinghamshire

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Layout of new tree planting within the urban area of Rainworth, Nottinghamshire

