

100,000

trees and shrubs will be planted in York Community Woodland by 2023.

LOCATION

 Knapton, York

ACTIONS

-  Biodiversity
-  Community
-  Active Travel

CHALLENGES

-  Carbon emissions
-  Flood prevention
-  Health and Wellbeing

The new woodland will be a well-designed, bio-diverse, green space providing a place for peaceful contemplation and leisure for the people of York. This will create a new stray for the city, support the climate change ambition, enhance the setting of the city and make York an even greater place to live, work and visit.

Key objectives include carbon sequestration, biodiversity net gain, improved public health and wellbeing outcomes and new green jobs, skills development and volunteering opportunities. Woodland design has been shaped by extensive community and stakeholder engagement and will incorporate opportunities for ongoing community involvement.

More information can be found at www.york.gov.uk/YorkCommunityWoodland

CO-DESIGN

Community co-design is at the heart of the York Community Woodland.

- Nearly 800 residents shaped the final design
- 98% support its creation
- 5 Community events hosted on site so far
- Over 400 members of the public are regularly kept informed via e-mail.
- Much more including a Stakeholder Advisory Groups, mood boards, concept designs, public surveys and meetings are recommended to help shape an inclusive design process for any community based project.



CLIMATE CHANGE

York Community Woodland is a nature based solution to climate change mitigation.

- Changing land use to offset emissions
- Woodland could provide nearly 26,000t of CO2 sequestered during project lifetime
- 91% of York residents see carbon capture as an important function of the woodland
- City of York Council announced a climate emergency in 2019
- York has set an ambition to be a net-zero carbon city by 2030



WELLBEING

91% of residents consulted see access to green space as beneficial to their health and believe that wellbeing should be an important function of the York Community Woodland.

This is why our future plans reflect this, including:

- Multi-use trails
- Wooded areas
- Wildflower meadow
- contemplative area
- community orchard
- situated on active travel routes*

*60% of those consulted anticipate walking to the woodland and 62% plan to cycle there.



PARTNERSHIP

The project is working in partnership with Forestry England to deliver the woodland. City of York Council is a member of the White Rose Forest partnership covering West and North Yorkshire, one of four Community Forests in the north of England contributing to the Northern Forest initiative.

