



Village Green: Wild Little Spaces

Further Project Information

What's on Offer?

Our landscape team will provide:

- designs and cost estimates for each site – this will provide a solid vision for your green space and a package that can be used to attract funding for your project
- consultation with the community and community involvement days
- We also have a small capital budget to get your project going and we will support you, where we can, on your journey to look for additional funding
- Support with delivery of the works (this maybe just a phase of a bigger scheme)

Is your space / group eligible?

Your green space should be in North Yorkshire and under 1 hectare in size. The site must be owned or leased by the group and the group must agree to maintain the site for at least 10 years. We will be welcoming applications from Parish Councils, voluntary and community groups, schools and social enterprises. The site should benefit from public access and/or have regular community use. The sites may be part of an existing:

- Park
- Village Green
- Allotment
- Car Park
- School Grounds
- Recreational field
- Other

Scoring

We can only support 10 sites/groups through this current incentive. We will be scoring projects based on:

- Alignment with the Aims and objectives of the Village Green incentive
- Alignment with YDMT Aims (People, Landscape and Wildlife)
- The need the project addresses, the difference the project will make
- Sustainability of proposals / options
- Community support / engagement for the project
- Added value – do you have money secured already
- Impact – is the site accessible to lots of people?
- Geographic spread (we would like a good spread of projects across North Yorkshire)
- Recently formed or less experienced groups who are looking for support

Pick and Mix Options

We have put together a pallet of 'pick and mix' options below that we could fund, these are listed in the table below. We are happy to include other elements in the sketch designs, but we can only fund elements relating to climate change.

Options	Climate resilience / benefits
Mini Forest (Miyawaki style)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carbon sequestration • improved air quality
Pollinator Patch and bee beach / bund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bolsters biodiversity, which strengthens ecosystem resilience against extreme weather diseases, and habitat loss
Edible Hedge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carbon sequestration • sustainable, low-input source of local food
Community Orchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carbon sequestration • provides shade • lowers food miles
Natural Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promotes connection to the environment and sustainable behaviours • spaces that mitigate climate impacts • promotes opportunities (or can work with) without creating a formal play area
Rain Garden or swale (SUD's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduces urban flood risk • filtering pollutants from stormwater runoff
Hedgehog Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fostering biodiversity • create connected green corridors
Community planter, herb garden etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local food production reducing food miles • less packaging • encourages community cohesion
Access to green spaces Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promotes active travel • safe / accessible routes/sites
Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promotes connection with nature / wellbeing • combats loneliness • promotes access for all
Outdoor Exercise equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health and well being
Environmental Artwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Education • Community Cohesion and Ownership

What if you are not successful?

If we cannot support you through this incentive there are possibly other ways we could help: The Landscape Team at YDMT can also provide a variety of landscape design services through our consultancy company (YDMTCL).

Please get in touch or check out our website page:

<https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/landscape-services/landscape-design-services>

YDMT also supports communities throughout the Yorkshire Dales (and sometimes beyond) through our community grants scheme:

<https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/grants/grants>

You can hear about future opportunities by signing up to our Community Conservation Newsletter:

<https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/engaging-communities/community-conservation>

Inspirational images

