

Growing Community Connections

Woodmeadows

Woodmeadows are diverse ecosystems comprising mosaics of wildflower meadow with wooded areas, lots of 'messy edges' and varied niches for plants and animals as well as woodland and grassland flora. In addition to their biodiversity value, woodmeadows are visually appealing, a combination that is popular with community projects seeking to engage local communities and connect people with nature. Plantlife's Three Hagges Woodmeadow Nature Reserve showcases the creation, establishment, and management of this special habitat.

The Growing Community Connections Project

The aim of the Growing Community Connections Project is to help communities create community woodmeadows. The project provides a support and training programme for community-led woodmeadow projects and is working with six diverse projects in rural and urban locations across Yorkshire. These woodmeadows will create or restore areas of species rich grassland, mixed with scattered areas of trees and shrubs, helping pollinators and other wildlife whilst also providing opportunities for community engagement.

Growing Community Connections runs until August 2025 and will:

- Work with local residents to create six community woodmeadows across Yorkshire.
- Support local people to create woodmeadows in their own community space, providing funding for equipment and practical training sessions to enable groups to maintain their meadows in years to come.
- Offer a series of tailored training sessions – to be identified as the programme develops but could include training volunteers to independently monitor species, collecting seed and propagation methods.
- Support and encourage the establishment of an informal network of woodmeadow enthusiasts/participants to share knowledge and enable peer to peer learnings.
- Signpost to other areas of support available – funding, constitutions, local interested stakeholders, online resources supporting the creation, establishment, and maintenance of woodmeadows and other habitats of benefit to the biodiversity of the area.

Plantlife's Commitment

Plantlife will:

- Support and encourage the establishment of a peer-to-peer woodmeadows network between the project participants.
- Hold a series of training workshops throughout the project at Three Hagges Woodmeadow Nature Reserve. This will begin with an "Introduction to Woodmeadows and Growing Community Connections" event on Tuesday 26th March where training needs and opportunities, and areas of support will be identified. Two attendees will be welcome from each of the six sites participating in the project.
- Visit your site to determine the best approach to create or restore your woodmeadow, providing ecological advice and site-specific practical advice.
- Provide a site-specific management plan for your woodmeadow.
- Provide funding of £1,000 per project site that can be used for the purchase of equipment, seed, plants, tools or to cover travel costs to attend the training sessions.


- Provide case studies and guidance materials to support the ongoing management of your woodmeadow.

Friends of Hell Wath Commitment


By participating in the Growing Community Connections Project, Friends of Hell Wath is agreeing to:

- Nominate an individual to be the project lead, who will be the main point of contact with Plantlife and will be responsible for the creation or restoration of the community woodmeadow and organisation of project activities.
- Implement the advice provided and the site-specific management plan at the community woodmeadow, managing the site in accordance with the recommended schedule.
- Attend (up to two people) the training sessions at Three Haggis Woodmeadow Nature Reserve.
- Provide access to the community woodmeadow site for Plantlife's staff, funders and other interested parties.
- Ensure that any publicity materials about your participation in the Growing Community Connections Project, clearly states it is supported by Plantlife.
- Provide details of what the awarded funds of £1000 have been spent on and provide receipts and invoices if necessary.

Signed by Friends of Hell Wath Member:

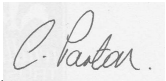
Signature: 
 Name: JEREMY DUNFORD
 Date: 29th MAY 2024
 Role in Group: TRUSTEE/SECRETARY
 Address: 150 WHITCLIFFE LANE
 RIPON
 Postcode: HG4 2LD

Signed by Site Landowner (if Community Group does not own the site) - granting permission for use of the site as outlined in the agreement above:

Signature: 
 Name: JON CLUBB
 Date: 14 MAY 2024
 Address: HEAD OF NYC PARKS & GARDENS
 COUNTY HALL, North Aulerton
 Postcode: DL7 8AD

Signed by Plantlife

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Parton", is written on a light grey rectangular background.

Claire Parton, Head of Projects

Date:

5th June 24

