
CLIMATE CHANGE & COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY MEETING

24th May 2022

Bolsover Community Woodlands project update





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Project objectives:

- to plant in the region of 27,500 trees to help carbon sequestration to provide a significant boost to the District Council's ambition of planting one million trees across the District over the next few years;
- to engage the District's communities in our tree planting and climate change campaigns by delivering several flagship examples and standard bearers that can demonstrate what is possible and that can encourage significant levels of tree planting and community activity and ownership at all scales and locations across the District;
- to increase the resilience of existing woodlands and create, repair and connect woodland and other important habitats in this part of the District and establish a more managed approach to woodlands and habitats.

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Project flagship site: former Creswell Colliery land

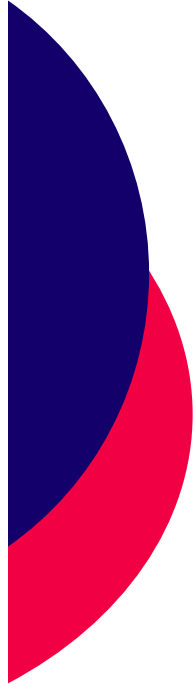




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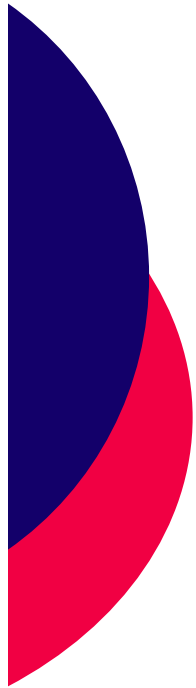
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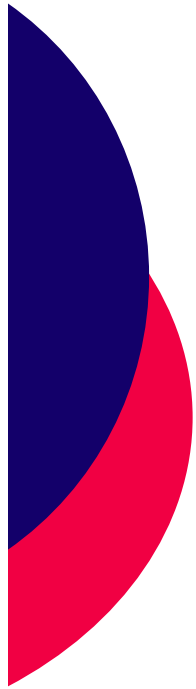
So what about delivery?!



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Initial tasks achieved:

- enter into lease discussions and arrangements with Welbeck Estates regarding the flagship site;
- appointment of W. Crowder and Sons Ltd to supply trees to the Council for the Bolsover Community Woodlands project;
- appointment of DSA Environmental and Design Ltd to provide landscape survey and woodland design work;
- appointment of Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise as our tree planting team and delivering our future maintenance and management of the created community woodlands for the Woodland Trust required 15 year period.



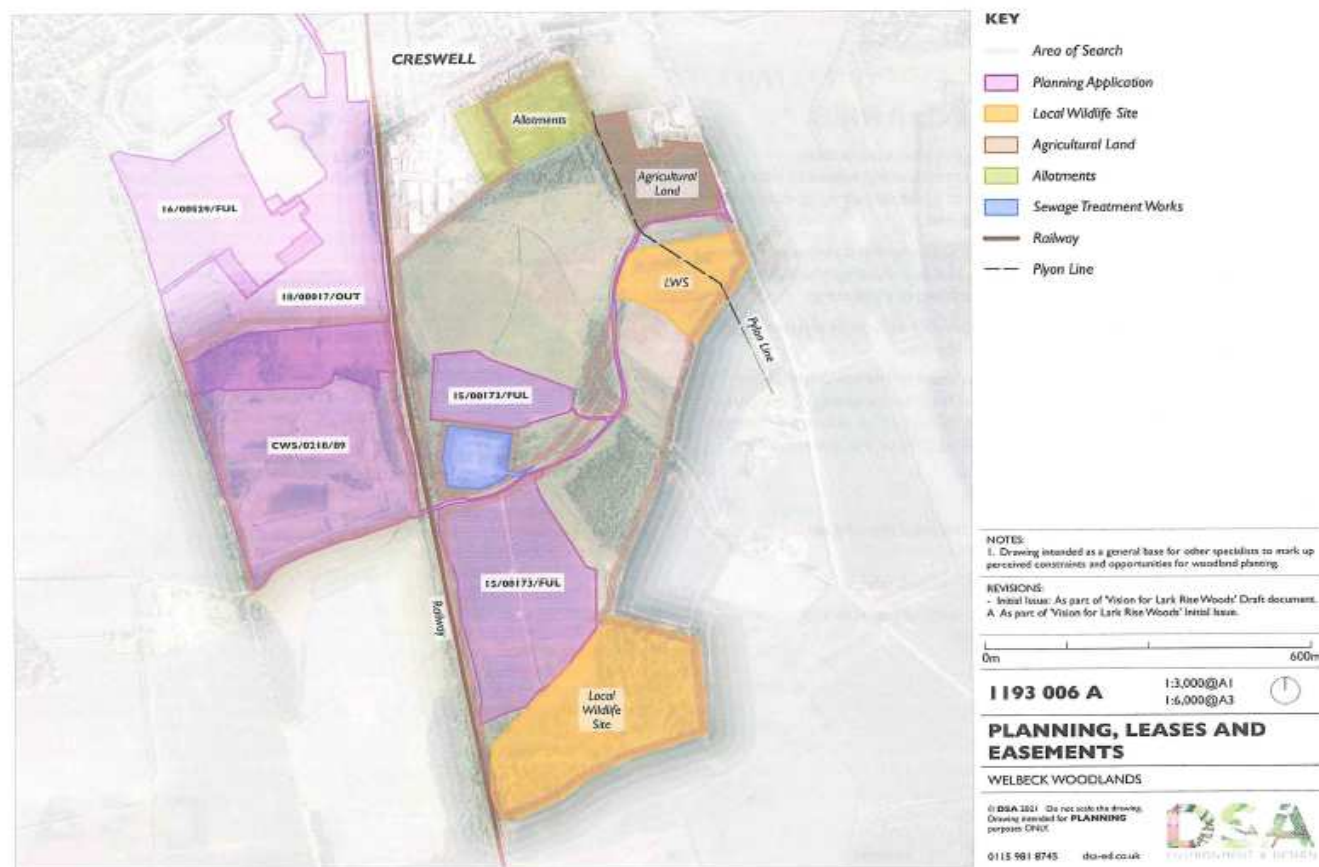
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The flagship site: Establish a vision



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The flagship site: Break this down into deliverable phases

Phase 1a – Site preparation



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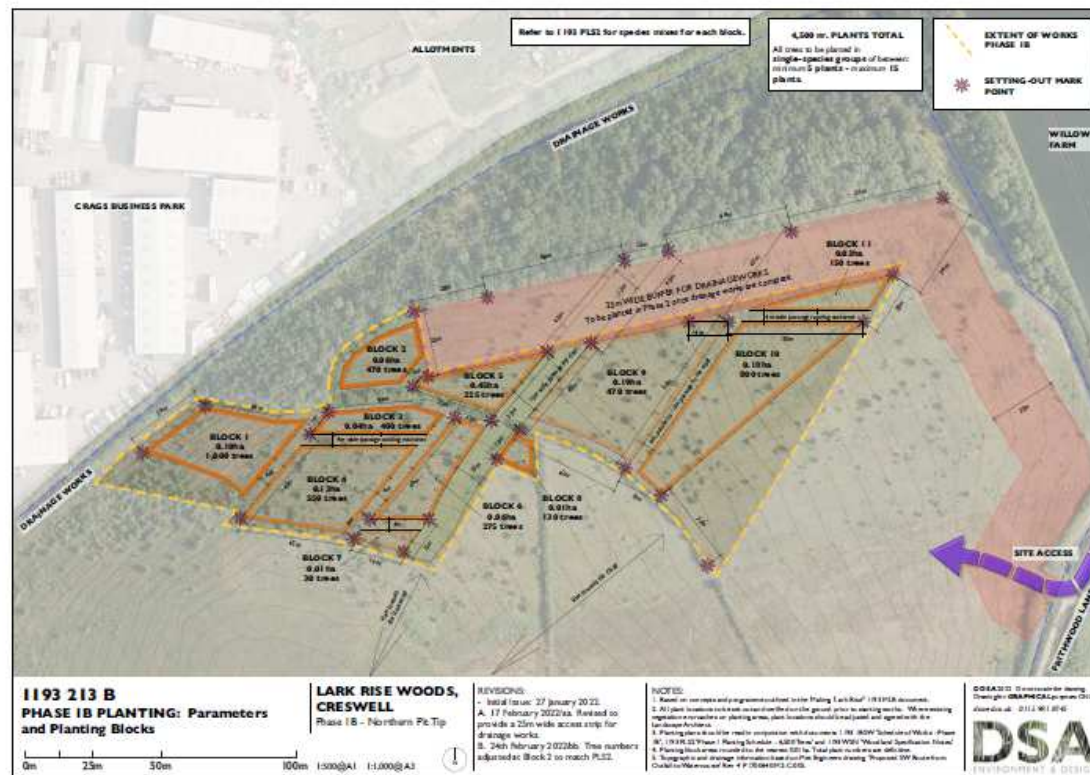
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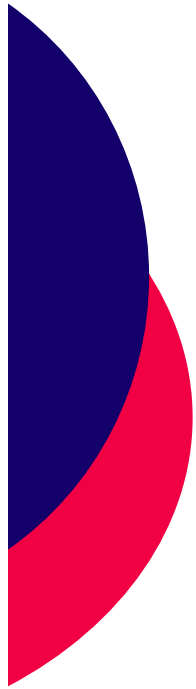


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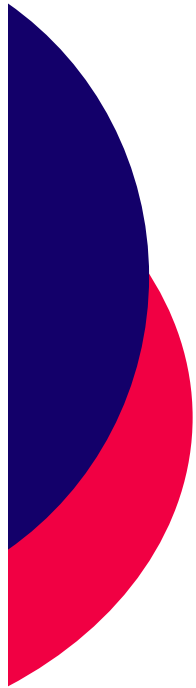
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- **March 2022 – At end of tree planting season, over 6,200 trees planted.**



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Film / photographs / graphics links:

Creswell community reveal event

Article on Bolsover TV, 12th November 2021

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Creswell first tree planting event

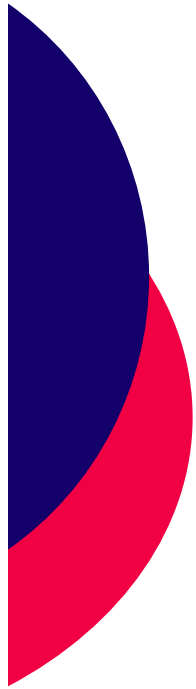
Article on Bolsover TV, 17th December 2021

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Bolsover tree planting event

Article on Bolsover TV, 25th March 2022

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Next steps:

- arranging celebration events and community activities to mark completion of first year of tree planting;
- appoint a Community Woodlands Project Officer to support delivery of the project and bid for more money;
- plan for year 2 on the flagship Creswell site;
- further discussions with the District's Parish and Town Councils to develop further tree planting projects for next year.