



Project 1070

Marston Vale Forest Creation

Bedfordshire

Selected by Carbon Neutral Britain as a community forest and charity, this project represents an inspiring tree planting venture to rejuvenate and transform the Marston Vale area, spanning 61 square miles between Bedford and Milton Keynes. The project is focused on leveraging the power of trees and woodlands to enhance the quality of life for both people and wildlife within the region, whilst also providing carbon sequestration for many years to come.



Carbon Neutral Britain project 1070 - Marston Vale Forest Creation - has already planted over 2 million trees, with an ambitious target to plant an additional 5 million trees across the region, in order to achieve 30% tree cover across the project sites around Bedford and Milton Keynes.

The project's transformation from a region scarred by industrial activity, including massive clay pits and landfill sites, to a green and vibrant ecosystem marks a significant environmental and social success story as a result of the project partnership. Initially, with a mere 3% tree cover - significantly below the national average at the time - corporate and local support, combined with achieving community forest status, has helped the project reverse these adverse effects through strategic tree planting and woodland management, ultimately enhancing the environment for local communities and wildlife.

Via sustainable tree planting practices and management, the trees planted by the project are estimated to capture over 500,000 tonnes of carbon over its lifespan - a significant Climate Action project here in the UK.

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Trees stand at the heart of this project, celebrated for their myriad benefits, including their role in improving air quality, carbon capture, flood prevention, and providing renewable resources. The creation of the Forest has not only beautified the landscape but has also fostered economic growth, job creation, and significant health savings, showcasing a model of how natural restoration can coincide with community development and well-being.

Future initiatives of the project are to measure the on-going carbon capture of selected sites via the Woodland Carbon Code scheme, as well as encouraging and supporting local landowners and farmers via the Government-led Nature for Climate fund scheme.

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