

Welcome to your new local wildlife habitat!

A new woodland...

Pendle Borough Council and Ribble Rivers Trust are creating community woodlands in your area. The project is called Health & Environmental Action Lancashire (HEAL) and is funded through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

Pendle Borough Council has tree planting targets to help remove carbon from the atmosphere. This will help reduce the negative impacts of climate change. Trees are also very important habitats for wildlife, they help soak up water to reduce the risk of flooding, and they help create a sense of place. Additionally, Pendle District has one of the lowest percentages of tree canopy cover in the UK!

This winter, new trees will be planted in the green space off Park Lane and Coronation Road (grid reference: SD 8507 3617).

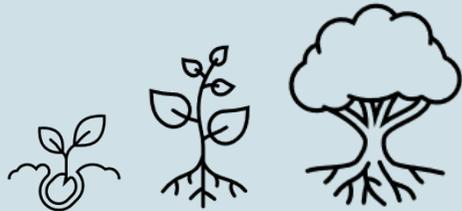
What we'll plant...

Species such as *oak*, *rowan*, *alder*, *willow* and *silver birch* are examples of tree species that will be found in this woodland. They will be interspersed between the wildflowers already present.



What you might see in this new habitat

- You could see *goldfinches* feeding on the alder seeds.
- *Hedgehogs* like the cover of woodlands when they forage for food.
- Oak leaves are food for the caterpillars of the beautiful *purple hairstreak butterfly*.
- *Common dog-violet* could be seen in sunny spots.



Your woodland has been designed to allow access to all. You can watch the new trees grow from the footpaths and open space.

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Hazel



Oak



Alder



Birch



Holly

Five amazing tree facts

1. A mature oak tree can be home to *2300 species*. That's a lot of wildlife!
2. Exposure to trees has been shown to *improve mental health*.
3. The *second least wooded country* in Europe is the *UK*.
4. Trees *communicate with each other*. They warn others when a predator is damaging them through chemicals in the air. They can also share nutrients to young trees through fungi in the soil.
5. Soils are healthier with trees. They help *reduce soil erosion* and help *reduce flooding* by storing water.



Want to help us create this new habitat?

Head to the HEAL project page on the Ribble Rivers Trust website and sign up to come and help plant this new habitat. You can also sign up to other habitat creation days within this project, or hear more about general Ribble Rivers Trust volunteering. <https://ribbletrust.org.uk/heal-community-woodlands/>



Contact Ribble Rivers Trust for more information on volunteer days. For anything else, contact Pendle Borough Council.

Why plant trees here?

Pendle Borough Council took a decision through its democratic processes to dedicate some of its land for tree planting in order to do our bit to help mitigate climatic change, following the declaration of a climate emergency. All reports and minutes of the meetings can be found on the Council's website. Or if you would like to discuss this further, please telephone 01282 661600.

