

Environmental Pride - Case Studies

The EP programme helps local residents make a difference to their community and supports projects that:

- Are created and *led by* the local community *for* the local community
- Improve or celebrate the local environment
- Bring people together and promote pride in the community and neighbourhood



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Adventuring Angels: HQ Project

Adventuring Angels are a community organisation based in Conisbrough who are currently developing a local Forest School area to become their HQ site. This project is being supported by Environmental Pride, who are facilitating volunteer support as well as grant funding.

On site they are: planting new trees and hedgerows, a wild meadow, developing a pond, building compostable toileting facilities and, installing raised planter beds.

Exemplifying Adventuring Angels' holistic working approach, the HQ site aims to deliver a number of benefits:

- Increased biodiversity
- Reduce the flow of rainwater that passes through the site.
- Community engagement, developing people's skills, aspirations and pride in the local environment.



Thornham Community Garden Project

This community garden in Armthorpe started out as school allotments that over time had become neglected and overgrown. Community volunteers wanted to revitalise the space and give back to the community.

Environmental Pride coordinated an action support day, which involved volunteers from a local business, Efficiency North, helping to clear and ready planter beds, move five tonnes of loose plantings, one tonne of manure, and repair and make fresh borders. Thornham Community Group received funding to cover the initial material costs, as well as investing in the supplies and tools they needed to maintain the site for the future.

Now led by volunteers, this community garden space is open to all who wish to volunteer, grow food and connect to nature with other likeminded individuals.



Cambeth Community Project: Litter Picking Lunches

The Cambeth Community Project operate out of the Copper Pipe Café in Barnby Dun, a provision for young people and adults with SEND. Historically the local area had a number of community and educational buildings, which enabled community spirit to shine, but overtime many of these spaces have been closed or demolished. Surrounded by housing, retail and industrial estates, the area is also prone to high amounts of litter.

CCP applied for Environmental Pride funding for a Litter Picking Lunches project, which aimed to:

- Provide education about planet conservation, as well as improving the local environment
- Encourage community cohesion and pride
- Facilitate meaningful experiences to students with SEND

Overall, the project was a success and volunteers were able to learn about recycling and the problems in local areas whilst being outdoors in the fresh air which supported their mental health and wellbeing. Now, the group are looking to create a sensory light garden using recycled materials.



Whinfell Community Group: Seed to Feed

Seed to Feed is an Environmental Pride project organised by Whinfell Community Group in Adwick. The group aimed to improve physical and mental wellbeing, prevent social isolation and encourage environmental action in the community.

Whinfell Hall had existing planter beds on site, which provided produce for community lunch meals and excess produce was delivered to less mobile residents free of charge. However, the area was overgrown and difficult to manage. Also, the design of the planter beds were not accessible to all members of community.

Using grant funding from Environmental Pride, Whinfell community group were able to redesign the space, including changing the planter beds to be a height and length that was accessible to all.

Community member and keen gardener, Mr Richard Fardell, was delighted with the outcome stating: "This could really change the way we use the outdoor space for the centre's users."

