

MAKING GREAT PLACES



Providing sustainable long term
land management solutions
for public open spaces



Elba
Park



Haig



Avenue
Washlands



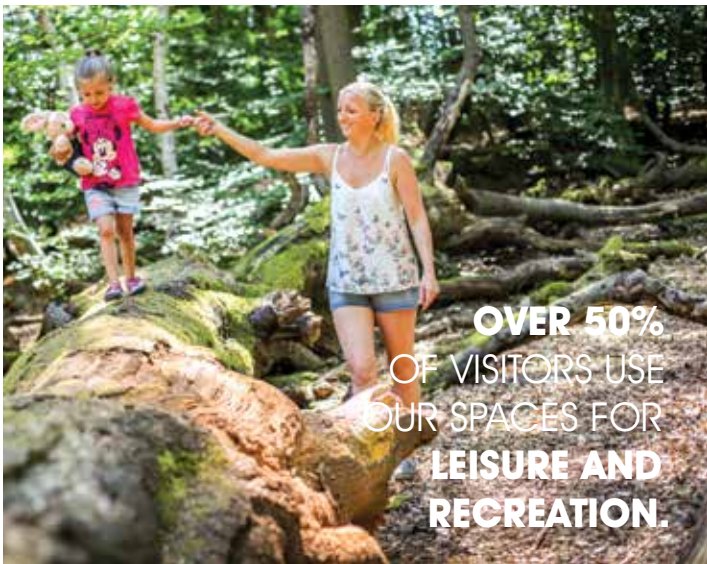
Langdon Lake
and Meadow



8 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE
THINK OUR **GREEN
SPACES** PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITIES TO
LEARN NEW THINGS.



9 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE
FEEL THAT OUR **GREEN
SPACES** HELP MAKE
A LOCAL AREA **MORE
DESIRABLE** LEADING TO
ECONOMIC UPLIFT.



OVER 50%
OF VISITORS USE
OUR SPACES FOR
**LEISURE AND
RECREATION.**



How we can help you

The Land Trust can help you create and identify funding and management solutions for green spaces. Our approach to placemaking helps to create sustainable places for people to live, work and play and encourages thriving communities.



OVER 75%
OF VISITORS
THINK OUR
GREEN SPACES
BRING COMMUNITIES
CLOSER TOGETHER.

Phoenix Park

Created on the site of a former colliery, this park is perfect for walking and cycling and houses a sculpture park designed by the local community.

Who we are

The Land Trust was established in 2004 to provide a sustainable solution to the long term management of parks and open spaces created from derelict land or around new developments.

Since then, we have built a portfolio of over 60 sites (over 2,200 hectares of land) ranging from street trees to play areas, country parks to community woodlands, and a substantial pipeline of opportunities. We are experienced in the long term management of parks and green spaces whilst delivering community benefits and in creating places people want to live, work and play.

WE ENABLE LANDOWNERS,
BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC BODIES
TO IDENTIFY SUSTAINABLE FUNDING
SOLUTIONS TO DELIVER GREEN
SPACE FOR PUBLIC GOOD.



Langdon Lake and Meadow

Once blighted by anti-social behaviour and now a 16 hectare nature reserve and popular countryside retreat within a mainly urban area.

Upton

A vibrant, attractive community with a rich infrastructure of sustainable drainage systems, communal open spaces, play areas and nature areas, enhancing value for the local community.

As a charity with many years' experience of placemaking and managing parks and public open spaces, we know that high quality well maintained green space is good for everyone. We recognise that green spaces integrated into our communities provide a valuable contribution to place making, the health of residents and the economy of the area. It is our priority to secure the long term benefits of the open spaces we manage, creating sustainable, expertly managed places where people want to live, work and play.

To achieve this, we work with a wide range of public and private landholders, including large estate managers, housing developers, landfill operators, local authorities and mining companies, helping them to identify long term funding and management solutions for public open spaces and allowing them to get on with what they do best. As a charity we also work with local communities to maintain and enhance the space whilst delivering benefits to health, education, social cohesion, the economy and the environment.

The Land Trust can work with you to provide permanent solutions to land management challenges.

We can:

- ▶ offer pragmatic, bespoke services for all open spaces;
- ▶ take land into our ownership and manage it in perpetuity;
- ▶ act as an interim manager on sites until a viable end-use is identified;
- ▶ create a financial and management structure to support and enable local delivery and reduce long-term costs;
- ▶ provide specialist advice and consulting services, pioneering best practice in the industry;
- ▶ offer design services to ensure that on going management is cost effective;
- ▶ increase the social and economic value of green spaces through sustainable management;
- ▶ target investment to deliver benefits to health and wellbeing, the economy, the environment and the community and;
- ▶ facilitate engagement between landowners, the local community and other stakeholders in the development of appropriate maintenance plans and management regimes.

We adopt a flexible approach to funding and are adept at finding cost effective solutions for all involved. We receive income for each site from a range of different sources with the core of our funding coming from:

- ▶ endowment funding;
- ▶ planning gain through S106 and CILs;
- ▶ service charges from residents/businesses;
- ▶ commercial uses.

Depending on local circumstances and site specific requirements, we can also identify income to enhance a site from a range of sources such as:

- ▶ renewable energy;
- ▶ rental income e.g agricultural land;
- ▶ grant funding;
- ▶ other sources of income e.g. car parking charges, concessions.

Who we work with

We have extensive experience
working with a range of sectors.



Silverdale Country Park

This picturesque 83-hectare park was created on the former Silverdale Colliery and provides an enticing venue for the public to enjoy and where nature can thrive. Its creation has encouraged new housing and community development.

Housebuilding and development

Increasingly, developments are incorporating valuable public open space and we work with housebuilders across the country to identify long term sustainable solutions around placemaking, green infrastructure and sustainable urban drainage within these new developments. The transfer of land to us with a suitable funding mechanism can help to give confidence that the public open space will continue to be maintained and add value to properties even after the developer has moved on to other projects. Ideally working with developers at the planning stage, we can ensure that the green infrastructure is more than a grass verge, but meaningful, manageable spaces that connect people, nature and communities.



Public sector

With ever increasing demands on the public purse, we are increasingly working with Local Authorities to identify financially and politically viable solutions to publicly owned open space such as parks in our cities and towns. We are able to help with the interim and long term management of specific sites or extensive portfolios.



Transport and infrastructure

Infrastructure developments often create large linear areas of buffer zones and mitigation land and provide vast areas of green infrastructure which needs to be managed and maintained. In some instances, and subject to safety issues, there are opportunities for these areas to be transformed into community and environmental resources. These areas can be considerable and they often transect multiple landowners and local authorities. We can help to identify a sustainable, and where appropriate, a community led management approach enabling the transfer to a single landowner.



Utility companies

Utility companies own several types of land, whether these are spaces surrounding active or former operations or land which lies dormant because a suitable end use is yet to be identified. Maintaining these spaces is costly, yet neglecting them is even more so. We have worked with many utility providers to identify and deliver cost effective solutions around the ownership, management, re-purposing and improvement of surplus land which satisfy their social and sustainability objectives and benefit the local environment and community.



Waste industries

The waste sector often creates large areas of land that is in need of restoration but remains unsuitable for redevelopment and may need monitoring and reviewing for many years. We are experienced in working with the waste sector to remodel and regenerate waste sites to create community public open space. We have helped to transform and manage sites that have reached the end of their economic use into valuable and much loved community assets whilst still mitigating the risk from material below.

Extractive industries

The extractive sector often creates large quantities of spoil that is in need of reinstatement but remains undevelopable. We have extensive experience in working with the extractive sector to restructure and regenerate former extraction sites to create community public open space, along with development of 'restoration first' projects. By helping to transform and manage sites that have come to the end of their economic use, valuable assets can be created, enhancing community value.





We believe that
green spaces
are what create
great places and
add value to our
communities
and nature.

Placemaking is important and green spaces add real value. We work across sectors and across both new and brownfield developments. We have over 25 former coalfield sites in our portfolio, numerous landfill sites, the odd oil refinery, former military bases and numerous urban public open spaces around developments.

Please get in touch if you have a site that you think we may be able to help with.

Northumberlandia

Northumberlandia has been built in partnership with Blagdon Estates and The Banks Group as part of the development of the adjacent Shotton surface coal mine. It has provided a unique opportunity to create a spectacular public art form, which otherwise would not be constructed.



Talk to us and find out how we can help you

We have an excellent team
who will be able to answer any
questions you may have.

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