



Case Study Kiveton

Location: **South Yorkshire**

Size:
Client:

57hectares
Regional Development Agency

the Land Trust's Role:

Long term management
Adding value to community

From:
To:

Derelict colliery
Community woodland

The woodland is a former colliery site in a community that suffered from the economic and social devastation of the 1990s pit closures.

The Colliery was closed in 1994. So in common with countless other towns built upon one industry, when Kiveton Colliery closed its effect on the community was more than just the loss of jobs. The problem was compounded because the Colliery's closure left behind a large area of derelict land.

The derelict and contaminated site was remediated by the regional development agency, Yorkshire Forward with funds from the Homes and Communities Agency National Coalfield Programme. The Land Trust provided a sustainable and cost effective exit for the landowner, protects the money invested in restoring the land, and covers environmental liability associated with the site past history.

Land Trust solutions

With a secure source of funding, we have been able to work with the community to improve the site and increase the benefits year on year.

The key to the success of the site is enabling the community to take an active role in the management of the park. A 'Friends' group is now well established and meets bi-monthly to make decisions about the future direction of the park. Volunteers are also very active on the woodland and have created a new nature area for schools and the local community to explore. These volunteers become the sites eyes and ears, keeping us up to date with any issues happening on site and helping to repair any vandalism. We work strategically with them to build capacity within the community, such as training people to be leaders, so that groups can sustain themselves.



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