



Case Study

Phoenix Park

Location: **South Yorkshire**

Size:
Client:

66 hectares
Regional Development Agency

the Land Trust's Role:
From:
To:

Long term management
Derelict colliery
Community woodland

Phoenix Park is a community woodland, built on the contaminated site of a former colliery.

When Hickleton Colliery closed in 1988 it was a huge setback to the local community. Not only was there a loss of jobs, but the town's identity, and much of the social activity disappeared. During the following years, the derelict site remained a blot on the landscape and a negative first impression to visitors.

The site became part of the Homes and Communities Agency's (HCA) National Coalfield Programme in 1997. Following consultation with the local community, the agreed use of the site included infrastructure for industrial and commercial developments, public open space, footpaths, community woodland and natural wildlife habitats.

Land Trust solutions

The sites ownership was transferred by the HCA to the Land Trust, along with an endowment, which will cover all future management costs. A secure source of income means we can deliver a wide range of long term benefits.

Under The Land Trust's management, and with ongoing community engagement, the park has helped restore a sense of local pride, as well as contributing to the overall economic uplift of the area.

Through sustained management, we have been able to deliver events and activities that benefit the local community,



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