



Case Study Silverdale

Location: Midlands

Size:
Client:

83 hectares
HCA National Coalfields Programme

the Land Trust's Role:

Long term management, protecting asset value of housing

From:
To:

Former colliery
Community asset

The attractive 83 hectare park was created on the former Silverdale Colliery

Opened to the public in In 2011, this park was part of a coalfields restoration project, funded by the Homes and Communities Agency. It was then taken under the ownership of national land management charity, The Land Trust to manage it long-term.

Over two years, the former colliery and spoil heap was transformed into an accessible community space consisting of large waterbodies and wetlands, woodlands, hedgerows, grassland and wildflower areas with pathways and trails to explore and enjoy.

The park has two distinct areas known as the Waste Farm Plateau and The Void. The Plateau offers extensive views of the surrounding area and The Void, despite its name, was designated a Site of Biological Importance in January 2015 due to the important role of the shallow wetlands as wildlife habitats.

Day-to-day management is delivered by managing partner Groundwork West Midlands, with their ranger and volunteers carrying out work that provides important resources for education, offering regular events, bringing the community together, and connecting people with nature and the outdoors, whilst also encouraging use of the site to improve levels of health and wellbeing.

The Land Trust's role

The Land Trust manages the park to improve its biodiversity and to provide opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors. We work with schools to deliver educational activities and provide opportunities for conservation volunteering.



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