

Case Study:

WAVERLEY

Location: Rotherham

Size size: 100ha/4,000 properties

Site Type: Service charge

Site Take on: 2016

About Waverley

Waverley is a vibrant semi-rural community where large areas of the site will be green and attractive public open spaces. These spaces include play areas, woodlands and two large lakes set in parkland. They have been developed to not only help create a great place to live and prosper, but to fulfil a whole range of functions such as providing safe access routes and leisure spaces, all for the community's benefit.

History

The Waverley estate covers 230 hectares and is built on the former Orgreave Colliery, which was one of Europe's biggest mining operations. The mining site closed in 1990 and planning consent for 4,000 homes, shops, a hotel, retail and leisure facilities was granted in 2011.

This includes a vast amount of green space for the local community to enjoy, with reminders of the site's history.



DELIVERING CHARITABLE OUTCOMES

ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

The public open spaces at Waverley are great places for wildlife to thrive. A group of residents have formed the Waverley Buds, who have developed a Community Garden.

In order to help manage the wildlife in the area, hedgehog houses have been installed, some areas of grassland are kept longer to encourage biodiversity and an undisturbed wildfowl refuge is planned for the lakes.



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL COHESION

We work alongside Waverley Community Council and the events committee and support the community picnic and scarecrow competition. The safe accessible spaces at Waverley also relieved pressure from other popular walking spots during the Covid-19 pandemic. The play areas are also very popular with local children and act as a focal point for the community.



EDUCATION AND LEARNING

There are plans to run bat walks on site in the future. Sheffield Hallam University formed a partnership with the developers at Waverley, Harworth, to create an Active Towns project. Starting in 2017, a team of students and experts helped plan the outdoor space at Waverley in a way that encouraged more active use. They piloted running routes and helped make the site become more cycle friendly. Work is still ongoing to ensure the site is used to its full potential once the development is complete.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The green spaces at Waverley are popular with runners, walkers and cyclists and Sheffield Hallam University have piloted a number of running routes around the area. There are also plans for access improvements to the paths around the lakes. The site is also popular with personal trainers and their clients, while we have also licensed physical activities and sports coaching in school holidays.



ECONOMIC VITALITY

The green spaces at Waverley have made a positive impact on the local economy. They increase property prices in the area and we use local contractors to manage the public open spaces and inspect the play area. Local personal trainers also use the site to run popular boot camp classes.

If you would like any further information about the work we do at Waverley please contact Land Trust Estates Manager Ian Kendall at iankendall@thelandtrust.org.uk

