

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

Tree Planting Event

The Yorkshire Dales River Trust (YDRT) is a registered charity that works towards improving river environments and provides opportunities for people to learn and enjoy rivers. Volunteers have always been an essential component of the trust, assisting with practical conservation work, monitoring and events.

On Sunday 3rd of February 2019 YDRT is running a community volunteer day, which will involve tree planting along a recently developed farmland scrape (a natural flood management tool) whilst simultaneously improving wildlife habitats along the river. This will be a chance to come along and learn about these river management tools and enjoy your local countryside. These river activities will support three different projects the YDRT are running:

Rivers in Elmet – a DEFRA funded project covering five adjoining water bodies in the Lower Wharfe and Ouse catchments, water bodies that are experiencing agricultural pollution and are identified as being vulnerable to nitrates. This project is a three-year partnership programme led by the YDRT, which aims to reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients entering watercourses from diffuse agricultural sources. Additionally, all water bodies covered in this project support the UK Biodiversity Framework, through the potential to support salmon and/or eel populations.

Collingham Natural Flood Management (NFM) – This project aims to reduce the risk of flooding within the Collingham Beck catchment. It intends to do this by installing NFM measures including scrapes, wet woodlands, leaky dams, buffer strips and tree planting. This will reduce the flood impacts in the villages of Collingham, Bardsey, East Keswick and Scarcroft.

Wharfedale connecting communities – This project aims to raise awareness about flood risk and the potential for natural flood management within communities along the River Wharfe. The goal is to connect communities who have experienced flooding, with the farming community both locally and upstream who are working with natural process (such as scrapes to hold back water), to reduce flood risk.

I lead on the first two projects and I am keen to connect with the local communities. If you would like to know anymore please do not hesitate to contact me on the below number.

Kind Regards,

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