
MEETING DRINGHOUSES AND WOODTHORPE
WARD COMMITTEE

DATE 23 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT COUNCILLORS FENTON AND
WIDDOWSON

APOLOGIES COUNCILLORS MASON

1. **18:30 DROP-IN**

2. **19:00 MAIN MEETING**

Welcome Chaired by Cllr Fenton who opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

PCSO Grimbley then shared an update on statistics for the ward for last three months (Aug-October)

- 28 Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- 0 arson reports
- 4 Auto crimes including vehicle interference, a laptop take out of an unlocked car, 1 stolen car, 1 stolen moped
- 3 burglaries

Looking forward, they will be targeting:

Silverdale Court – car parks where youths causing nuisance;
Parking at Dringhouses School – congestion on Mayfield Grove;
Leeside Park – ASB;

Also have been going into schools and scout groups and doing presentations for children to get to know the police and what they do.

Reminder to lock house and leave a light on as prevention against burglary.

PCSO Grimbley encouraged the meeting to sign up to the Community Messaging, a platform used by North Yorkshire Police to get in touch with the community.

Operation Shimmer – will target people on bikes with no lights, giving them fines and making them walk bike home.

PCSO Grimbley highlighted they would love people to use [online system to report instances of ASB](#) This online tool enables direct way of reporting.

Operation Snap – address speeding and careless driving, if you see anything or have any dash camera footage report it.

Questions taken:

Q – Mayfield Grove congestion with school drop offs, is there a way to encourage car share?

A – PCSO Grimbley has talked to the Head Teacher about this and will chase it up.

Q - Operation Shimmer, can it also target people on bikes whose lights are too bright and shine into oncoming drivers?

A- yes, will look at this

In closing –PCSO Grimbley really wants people to start reporting anything they think might be a bit suspicious or just seem off.

3. SELECTION OF THE WARD PLANNING PANEL

Margaret Silcock shared about the Panel, who was involved and how it worked. Attendees of the meeting confirmed the continuance of existing members Julie Ainsworth, Ann Gray, Fiona Barclay, Philip Metcalfe, Margaret Silcock, Stephen Fenton and the admittance of Judith Gretskey as a new member.

If anyone else would like to get involved get in touch with Margaret, or Fiona.

4. TADCASTER ROAD SCHEME UPDATE

Funding for the project comes from two different streams – both from Central Government (£5m is from the Department for Transport and £1.4m from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority).

The project will incorporate improvements to drainage, cycle paths, lighting, and road surfacing along with walking, cycle and bus improvements Tadcaster Road.

Craig and Jon from Jackson Civil Engineering, the company awarded the project were introduced to the meeting.

The project will feature 3 new pedestrian crossings, replacing pedestrian islands, widening the existing cycle lanes and pavements, adding short sections of off-road cycle path and installing bus priority technology to improve the safety and attractiveness of the route along with new street lighting. Initial site investigation work will be taking place before Christmas with the main work starting after the New Year in January and is due for completion by September 2023.

The main site offices and compound will be at Sim Balk Lane, with a smaller compound for the storage of materials on the Knavesmire (please see attached plan)

The Project Team is working hard to keep the local community informed about the scheme. Two drop-in sessions have been planned for 27th and 29th November at St Edward the Confessor Church and a letter drop for 3000 local residents and businesses has been undertaken already.

More information can be found at www.york.gov.uk/TadcasterRoad

Melanie opened the floor for questions:

Q- Is the drainage and lights work going to affect the relatively recently resurfaced road?

A – Yes, a few years back when work was done, we were unaware that this project would be coming up .

Q- Will there be temporary pedestrian crossings when they get rid of the central islands for the work?

A – Yes

Q – Those that look after the cycle path from Bishopthorpe to Park and Ride would like to be involved with planning of developments for spiral path on the solar system way

A – This will be welcomed. York Greenways contact details were taken post questions.

Q – The advert on the side wall of the bus shelter at the junction with Old Moor Lane obscures visibility with people waiting for the bus having to step outside to see if the bus is approaching. Can it be rectified as part of this scheme?

A – This bus stop is going to be resituated in order for users to be able to see oncoming traffic.

Cllr Widdowson raised that if during the progression of the scheme you see anything praiseworthy, please mention it as often only negative things get brought up.

5. SUPPORT AVAILABLE LOCALLY FOR RESIDENTS DURING THE RISING COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Sarah introduced herself as the Local Area Coordinator for Mickelgate and explained that she is attending in place of Catherine Claudius-Cole, LAC for Dringhouses & Woodthorpe who is on annual leave.

Sarah explained what things the LACs do and can help with. Shared a list of local foodbanks and when they are open, shared that she can support with getting advice on energy usage, can issue fuel vouchers, and access funding to support household need.

Sarah also highlighted the allotment project in collaboration with York in Recovery – peer led addiction recover group. Mark from York in Recovery shared how they have worked to develop an allotment patch. Both Sarah and Catherine use the allotment space to work with people they support.

Opportunity for Questions

Q – Can the libraries get a list of foodbanks and their opening times?

A – Catherine can facilitate that when she is back also check Live Well York for the list. Sarah gave a list of opening time to the Library, apologies I cannot remember her name.

Q - Cllr Fenton noted there are other underutilised green spaces in the ward. Could something be done with them like the allotment project with York in Recovery?

A – It was suggested Edible York might be the best contact for this.

6. **MINI-PRESENTATIONS FROM WARD GRANT RECIPIENTS**

York Cares – Ethan thanked the Ward Committee for the grant that provided materials to support their volunteers to do work creating and maintaining green corridors. York Cares supports businesses to have their employees volunteer for charities and community groups.

Q – How do York Cares decide where they will work?

A - This year was their first year working across more than one site and next year they are considering focussing work on wetlands.

Woodthorpe York Community Group (WYCG) – raise money for local charities and this year received a grant for a stage for their fun day an event bringing the local community together and raising money for charities.

St James Deacon Church – Luke thanked the Committee for the grant which purchased new light weight round tables for the hall – this has helped facilitate the groups and over 100 people that utilise the hall for activities on a weekly basis.

Dringhouses Scout Group – Martin thanked the ward for a grant towards refurbishment of the existing mess tent. The supplier, who the original tent was purchased from and the spare parts were going to be obtained closed down, therefore the Group is looking to purchase a new structure. The Scout Group have lots of kit that is also lent out to facilitate trips for other scout groups i.e. West Thorpe, or Selby.

York Greenways – Peter shared how a grant to purchase a hedge trimmer and brush cutter has facilitated their maintenance of the Solar System Green Way

Dringhouses Library – Lucy thanked the ward for the grant to purchase a large connect four and Jenga game. These purchases have added value to the outdoor patio space and its use at the library.

Mayfield Community Trust – Malcolm thanked the ward for a grant that helped them purchase a new mower which is used, not only to cut the grass, but to collect the fallen leaves and repurpose them as mulch. The grant also funded the purchase of gravel to keep the path in good repair.

7. **HAVE YOUR SAY**

Q – Number 12 bus is unreliable and the route impractical – could the 12A be extended or the 12 be changed?

A – In response Cllr Fenton stated that it is very difficult to influence the bus companies, but there is a new “Enhanced Partnership” between bus

companies and City of York Council that has its first meeting next week. He is hopeful this might help the issue.

Q – A number of big trees have been removed over recent months. Can they be replaced?

A – The Council replaces some trees, and the ward has a list of few locations for potential tree planting/replacement. If you email Councillors with the location they will see what can be done.

Q – There is a big hole in the Ryecroft Avenue carriageway. Can something be done?

A – Right now CYC and Yorkshire Water are both saying it is the others responsibility – hopefully it will be sorted soon.

Cllr Fenton raised that he is enquiring about the smell of gas on St Helens Road railway bridge.

Q – Is lighting going to be updated as part of Tadcaster Road Scheme?

A – Yes, this will be looked at. If there are specific lights or areas you are worried about please write to Ward Councillors.

The meeting closed at 20:50.

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Open Public Meeting

Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward Committee

23rd November 2022

Agenda

- Selection of the Planning Panel
- Update on Tadcaster Road improvements scheme
- Support available locally during rising cost of living crisis
- Mini-presentations from ward grant recipients
- Have your say

Selection of Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Planning Panel

Update on Tadcaster Road improvements scheme



Support available locally during rising cost of living crisis

Mini-presentations from ward grant recipients



Have your say

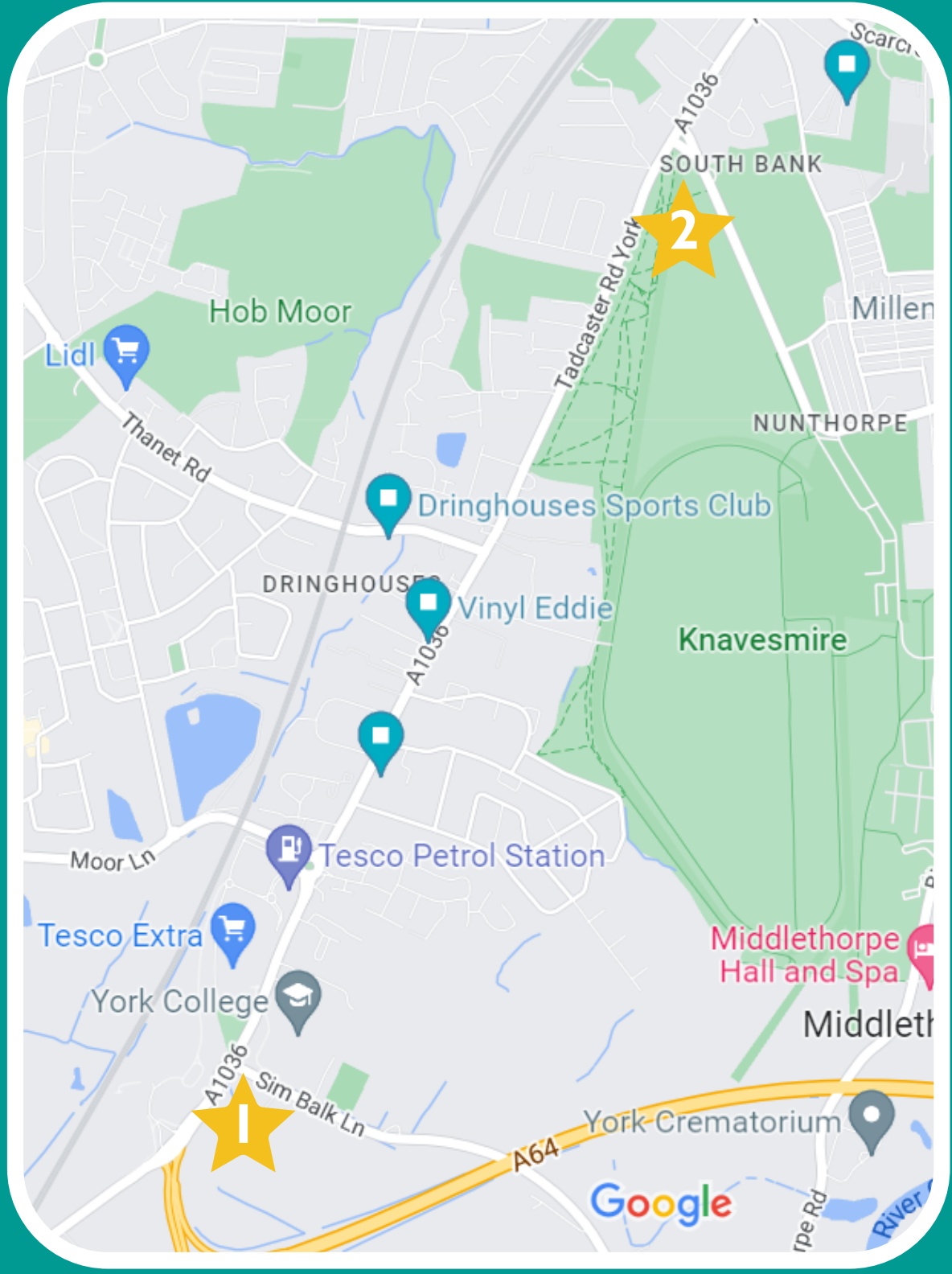
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Tadcaster Road

Site compound locations

- 1** Primary site
- 2** Secondary site

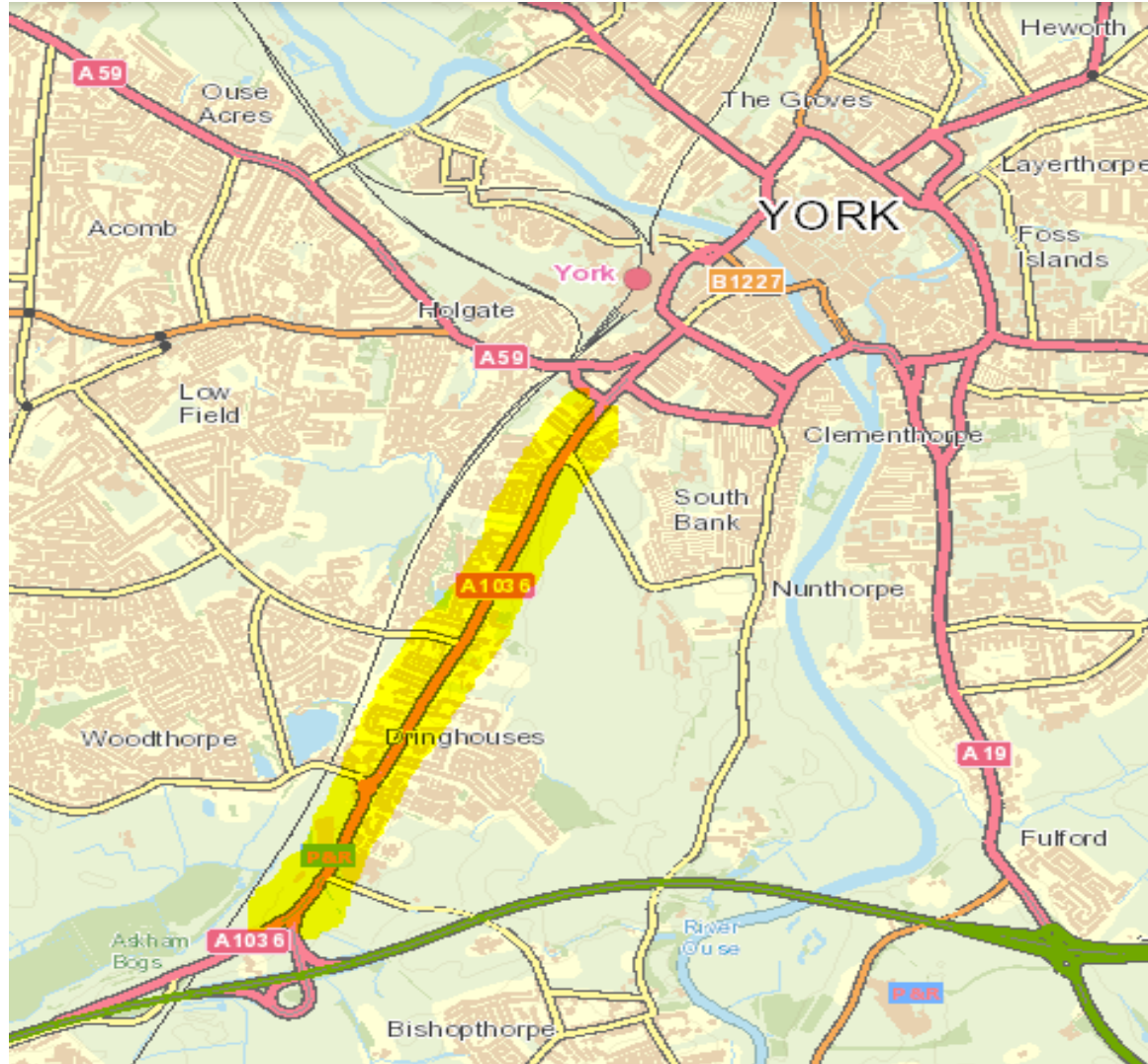


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A1036 Tadcaster Road Scheme



Location Plan



Brief overview

- **Funding (£5m + £1.42m)**

To improve the existing infrastructure :

- Drainage, street lighting and road resurfacing

To support and encourage people to :

- Walk, cycle and to use the bus
- To improve the safety, convenience and attractiveness of the Tadcaster Road corridor
- To improve the York economy

Current update

- Contractor has been appointed :



- Confirm construction programme
- Establish community engagement strategy to keep local businesses and residents informed for the duration.

Contact details

E-mail address :

- Tadcasterroad@jackson-civils.co.uk
- [Tel No : 07811 607780](tel:07811607780)

Internet links :

- www.yourvoice.westyorksca.gov.uk/tadcasterroad
- www.york.gov.uk/TadcasterRoad

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Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Grant for Friends of Dringhouses Library

Outside toys – giant 'connect 4' and giant 'jenga' for use in the library patio.

£74.98 total.









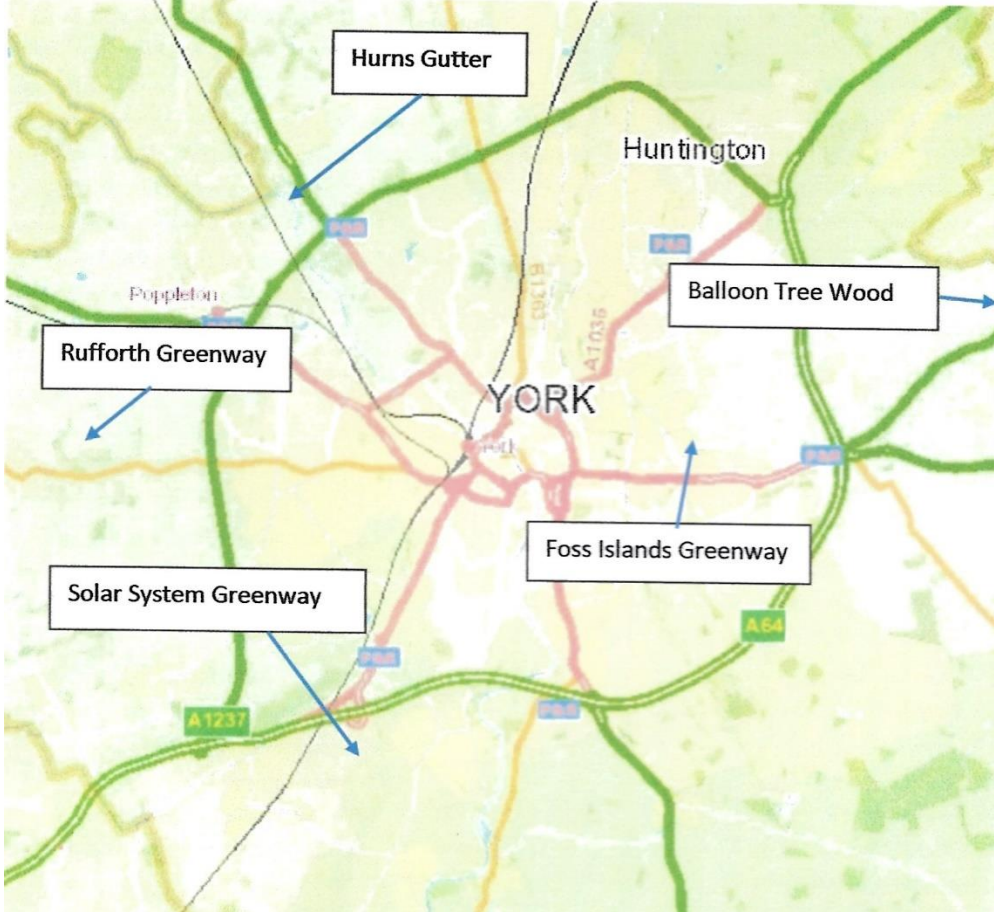
York Greenways

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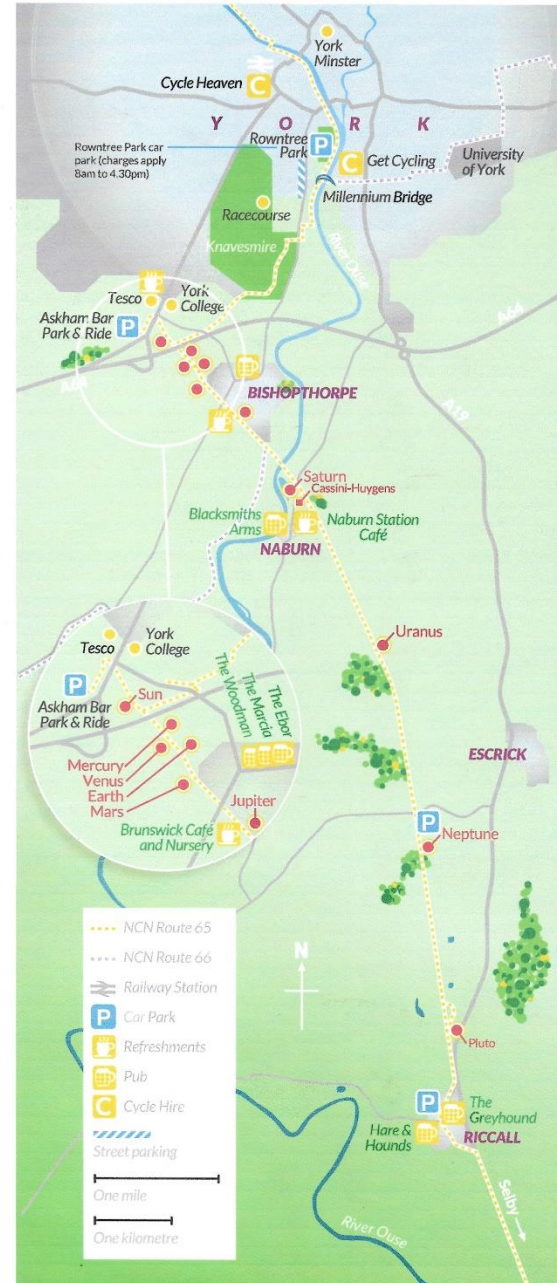
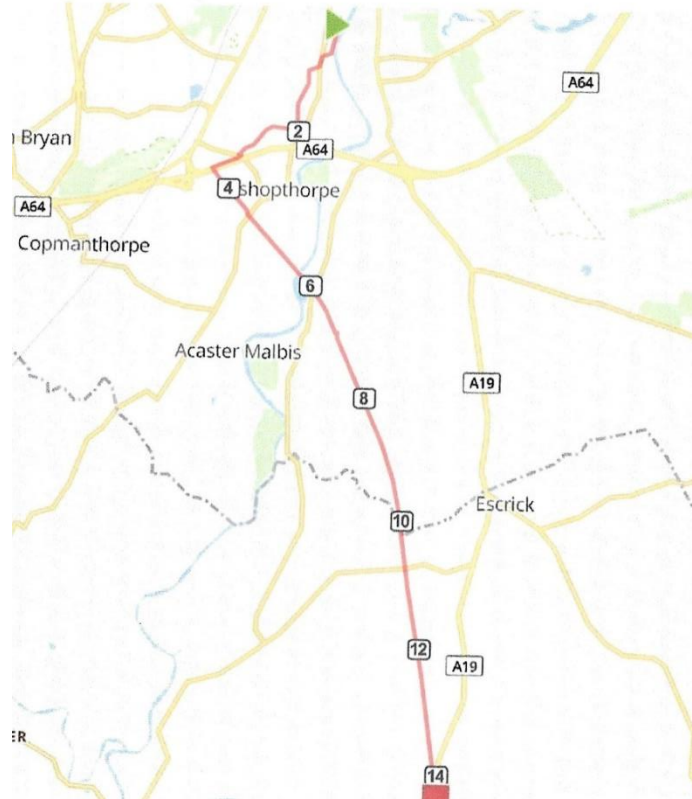
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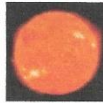





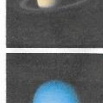
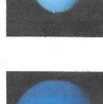






York's Greenways



The Solar System Greenway



-  **The Sun** is a giant ball of plasma, powered by fusion. It has an 11 year cycle when we see more sun spots and solar flares.
-  **Mercury** is the smallest planet in the Solar System and, along with Venus, is one of only two planets without any moons. Its day is twice the length of its year!
-  **Venus** is the hottest planet in the Solar System, over 470°C. This is because its atmosphere is made of greenhouse gases. Extreme global warming!
-  **Earth** is in the 'Goldilocks zone', meaning that it's 'not too hot and not too cold' to have liquid water on the surface.
-  **Mars** is the most explored planet. Evidence suggests that it once had liquid oceans and may have supported simple life. It still has polar ice caps.
-  **Jupiter** is the first of the gas giants and is the largest planet in the Solar System. It has a storm, the great red spot, that is much bigger than the Earth.
-  **Saturn's** density is less than that of water, so it would float in a large enough bath tub! Its rings are made of small bits of ice and rock.
-  **Uranus** orbits on its side - its South pole points towards the Sun. It was probably knocked over by a massive collision in its early life.
-  **Neptune's** existence was predicted by Physicists before it was discovered in 1846. It has the fastest winds in the Solar System - up to 2000km/hr.
-  **Pluto** is no longer a planet. It was renamed a dwarf planet in 2006. It would take six Plutos to make the mass of the Earth's moon.
-  **Cassini-Huygens** is a spacecraft and lander. Huygens landed on Titan, one of Saturn's moons, whilst Cassini discovered evidence of an underground ocean on Enceladus (another of Saturn's moons).
-  **Voyager 1** is the first spacecraft to leave the Solar System, taking over 30 years to do so. It carries a gold-plated disc containing information about life on planet Earth.

Gateway





Welcome to the Solar System Greenway



You are now at the northern end of this traffic -free path that stretches from here to Riccall. It is now home to the scale model of the Solar System created in 1999 by staff at the University of York.

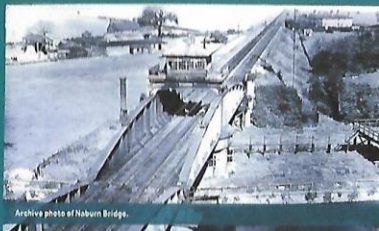
The 10 kilometer path follows the route of the old East Coast Main Line from London to Edinburgh, opened in 1864 and closed in 1983 due to the opening of the Selby Coalfield.



Archive photo of Naburn Bridge.



Junction with the line to Leeds at Chailoners whin in 1925. Photo by Ken Nellor.



Archive photo of Naburn Bridge.



Archive photo of a train arriving at Naburn Station.

Before the Doncaster to York route was built, LNER trains going to Scotland would have to take a more westerly route through Knottingley and Sherburn in Elmet. This route used lines belonging to competitor railway companies who charged substantial fees. In addition, the old route had steeper gradients and numerous junctions. The new route, although only 3 miles shorter, cut travel times to Scotland by half an hour.



Archive photo of the Silver Jubilee just south of London Bridge.



Archive poster for LNER.

If you want to know more about the history of the East Coast Main Line, the Selby Coalfield and the Solar System Greenway, please visit our website: to www.railwaytogreenway.org

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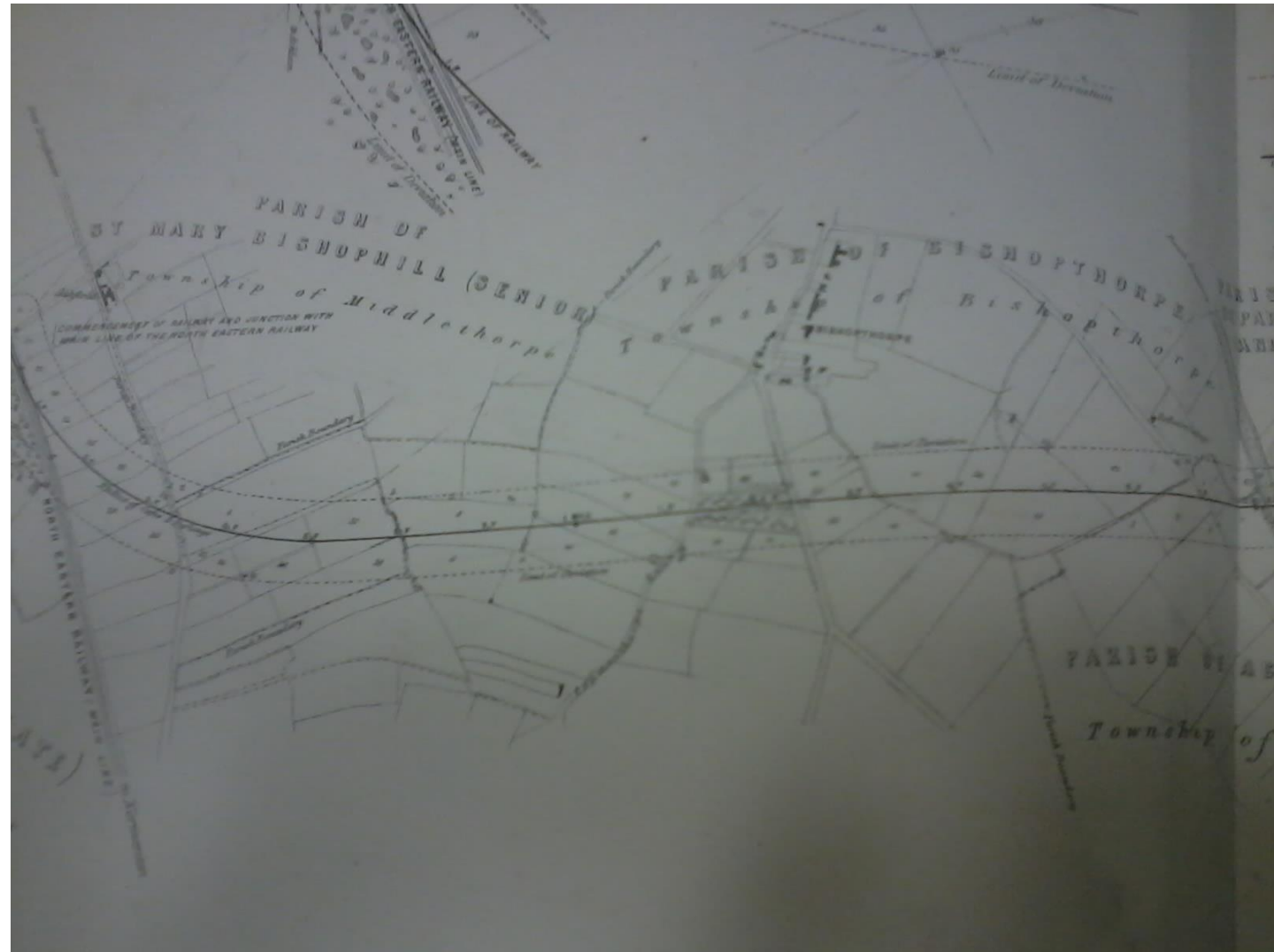
LNER Poster



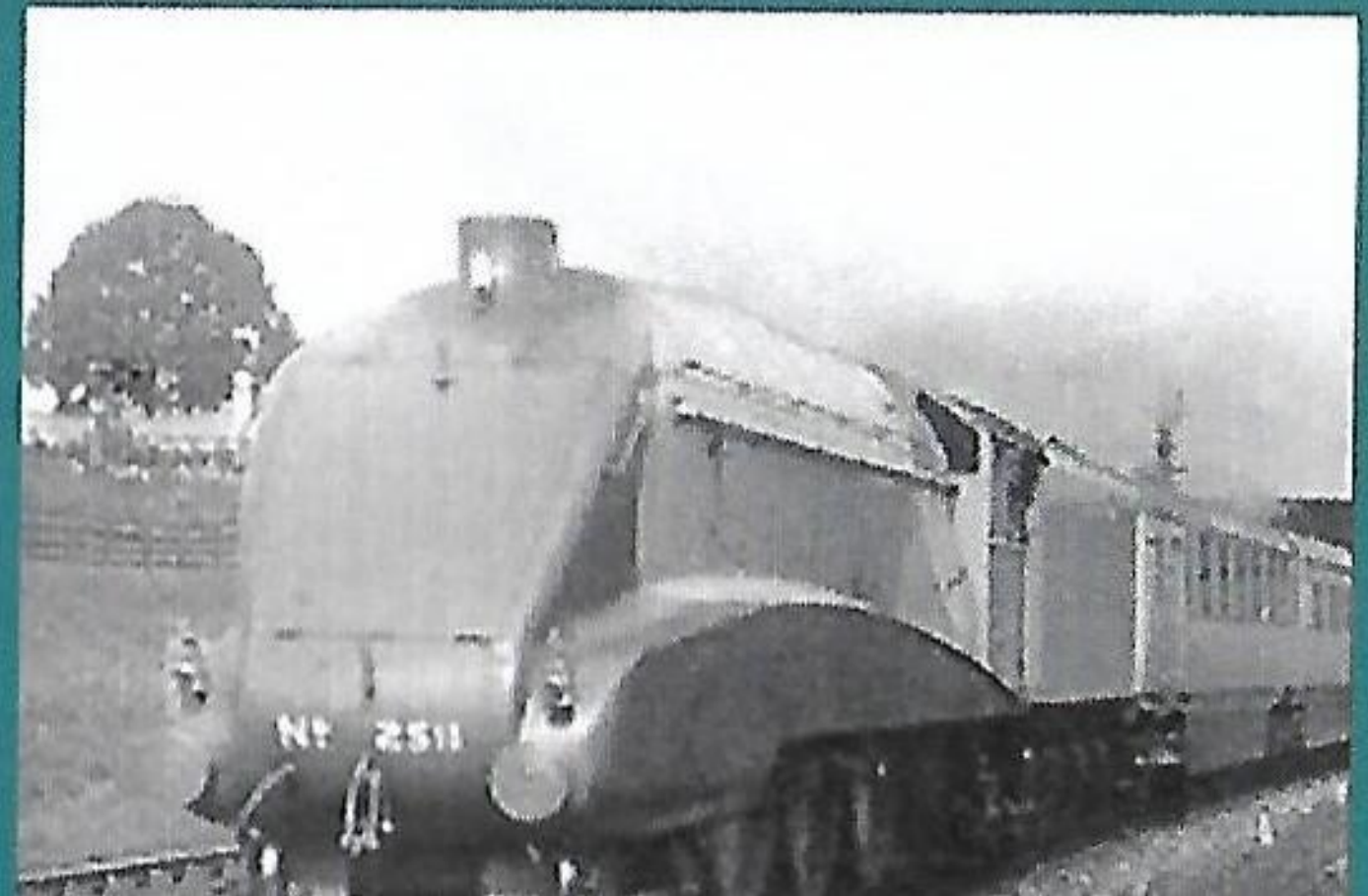
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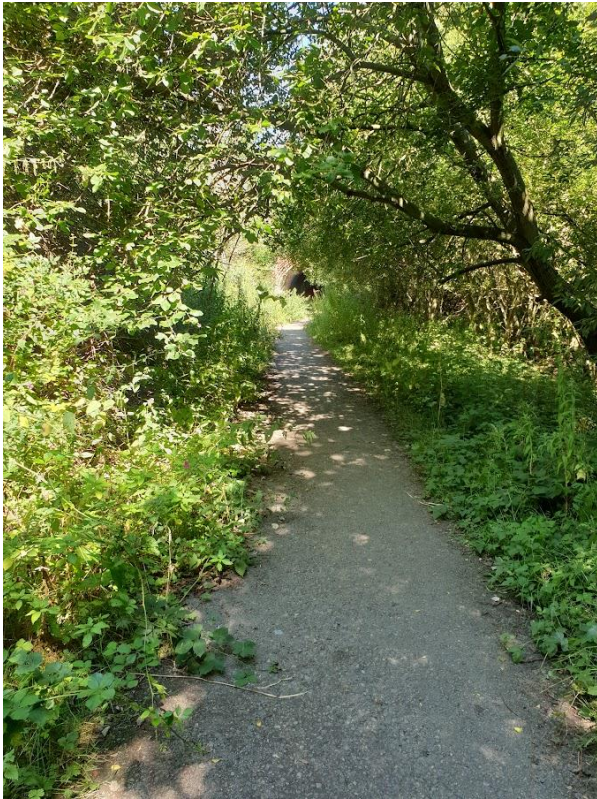
Painting the Sun



Deer



Overhang



Aviva at the Orchard





Contact Us

New Volunteers always welcome

www.yorkgreenways.org.uk

www.railwaytogreenway.org



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Mayfields Community Trust

Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward Grant, 2022

(towards replacement battery mower and maintaining safe paths).



May 1st 2022

Two D of E volunteers with surviving (2/3) battery mowers.



June 3rd 2022

Mown area beside Nelsons Lane.



July 27th 2022

Removing dead grass smothering smaller wild-flowers from the wild-flower meadow after drought period. This allows subsequent rain (and more light) for surviving wildflowers.



New 48 V mower arrived thanks to Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward money.



Old mower repaired by Malcolm at a cost of £26 for height adjustment arm.



New mower in use by Kathryn, mowing around young trees planted by MCT.



New and repaired mowers in use to selectively trim meadow edge.



New and repaired mowers in use to collect and shred leaves from main path.



Levelling path with pea gravel after weeding, leaf removal and restoring path edges.



Woodthorpe York Community Group

Aims

- To raise money for charities in our area
- To hold events throughout the year to involve the local community
- To make authorities aware of any local issues that impact on the community.



A huge thank you from the volunteers that help run the group to City of York Council



Your generous grant helped us raise £1670 for charities by enabling us to hire a superior stage for the Woodthorpe Community Festival in 2022.

All who used and viewed the stage were very impressed with the professional presentation.

Photos



Thank you once again and sorry we can't all be there with you to thank you personally. It means a lot to us for the City Council to be supporting our efforts.

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York
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Who are York Cares?

- Founded in 2005
- Bringing businesses, employees and communities together to make York a better place
- We carry out community projects, assisted by employee-volunteers



York Cares Big Community Challenge 2022

- Our focus was on creating Green Corridors in the West of York
- Volunteers used volunteering leave from their employers to come and assist in environmental work on several sites



What is a Green Corridor?

Creating Green Corridors involves making urban areas work for both humans and the environment around us.

We wanted to improve the current green infrastructure in key community areas, such as schools, independent living communities and existing green spaces.



Woodthorpe Primary School



- 16 volunteers attended from boxxe
- Helped to build and improve the forest school area



Foxwood Park



- 8 volunteers attended from the University of York
- They cut back invasive plants, and made the space more accessible for residents

Acomb Wood

- 12 volunteers attended from Nestle
- Volunteers undertook a litter pick
- Cut back invasive wildlife
- Increased the accessibility and safety of the paths





Chapman's Pond

- Four volunteering sessions over the past two months
- Two more coming up
- Volunteers from Systra, Portakabin, and Aviva.
- Volunteers are working to make it a natural hub in the area



Ward funding

- We are using the Ward funding allocation to buy resources to continue the legacy of the Big Community Challenge at Chapman's Pond, creating a new nature hub.
- We rely on volunteers to carry out the activities, and the ability to purchase plants and other resources to put into the areas we work on is transformative.



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