



FOREST CARBON ENGAGEMENT

UK Wide

Kier Living & Forest Carbon

BIG Biodiversity Challenge Award Category: Medium - Large

Project overview

As part of our Greener Way of Living initiative, we have undertaken a programme of supporting woodland creation around the UK in recognition of our carbon footprint. To date, and covering the years 2015/16 and 2016/17, six new woodlands have been planted, totalling 54 acres and comprising around 34,000 trees

What were the biodiversity conditions on site, prior to the enhancement?

Grassland, open fields.

What were the reasons behind this project ?

There was a dual purpose to the project; to offset our annual carbon footprint and to make the cost of our CO2 emissions visible within the business to better highlight the need to support activities aimed at reducing them. The programme is supported by Kier Living's Executive Director John Anderson.

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What were the biodiversity measures taken?

Each project will capture atmospheric CO2 over time, in addition to various co-benefits. For example, community access at Montgomery Wood in Staffordshire, Jess's Wood in Carmarthenshire and Boson Beechwood in Lincolnshire, sustainable timber supply from projects in Dorset and Northumberland and habitat creation at Holmeshead in the Lake District. Future projects, to mitigate Kier Living's 2017/18 footprint, will also encompass flood mitigation.

The projects will capture a certified amount of CO2 over the coming years. The sustainable timber projects will also contribute to reversing the UK's reliance on imported timber (currently the 2nd largest importer in the world). All projects support jobs in the UK forestry and woodland sector and will contribute to the long term challenge of adapting the UK's landscape to a changing climate.

Project Team

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What was the motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

The project was the first flagship project under the Greener Living initiative that aims to reduce our carbon footprint and improve the environments in which we are working.

