

Project 2158

Hay Meadow Restoration & Rewilding

Yorkshire

Selected by Carbon Neutral Britain, this project aims to help revive the quintessential, yet vanishing, wildflower-rich hay meadows within the Yorkshire Dales and Forest of Bowland. Essential for biodiversity and as a carbon sink, more than 97% of UK Hay Meadows have already been lost to agricultural intensification and other pressures. Recognising the immense value for wildlife, carbon storage, and as a cultural landscape feature, this project aims to restore and expand these habitats, undertaking both environmental sustainability and community engagement here in the UK.



Carbon Neutral Britain project 2158 - Hay Meadow Restoration & Rewilding - focuses on creating and restoring habitats that are crucial for a diverse range of UK species, from bumblebees to hedgehogs and birds, enhancing biodiversity. These efforts directly contribute to combating the biodiversity crisis by providing homes for numerous species and ensuring the survival of rare and endangered farmland wildlife.



Separate to the positive impact on biodiversity, the meadow restoration activities of this project are also expected to play a significant role in climate change mitigation, with an estimated 3 tonnes of carbon being captured, per hectare of land.



So far this project has restored over 800 hectares of wildflower meadow, and the strategic plan set for 2024 and 2025 includes the restoration of 100 hectares of meadows in the Dales and Forest of Bowland, engaging 500 people in conservation activities, and providing meadow management training to 40 farmers.



This strategy emphasizes the importance of community involvement and education in conservation efforts, offering various ways for individuals and organizations to contribute to the preservation and appreciation of these habitats.



Note - this UK Climate Action is not an Independently Verified Carbon Offsetting Project, and so the carbon captured from the restoration activities of this project are not able to be measured, audited, and validated for business emissions claims. Via the Woodland Fund™ portfolio - for no additional cost, in addition to exact business emissions being offset via Verified Projects around the world (included within this Media Pack), this project has been supported in the absence of Verified Offsetting being available in the UK, to help ensure local Climate Action is supported and encouraged.