

Whitburn Town Walk Greening Project

Views and Vision

West Lothian Council (WLC) has funding through the NatureScot Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) to enhance the Whitburn Town Walk for nature and the local community through a range of measures including tree and bulb planting; reduced mowing / meadow areas; pond / raingardens; woodland management and woodland planting.

The NRF is supporting local authorities and other organisations to deliver on the ground activity to help protect and restore Scotland's Biodiversity.

The Whitburn Town Walk is just one of many projects that the Ecology & Biodiversity team, along with partners, is initiating to protect sites with good levels of biodiversity as well as enhancing other areas, turning them into havens for nature.

The Whitburn Town Walk is fairly unique in that it spans across the whole of Whitburn, joining communities and also acting as a green corridor, which is important for the movement of wildlife. However, enhancement measures could improve the route, offering benefits to both wildlife and the people who use this area.

We also want to take the opportunity to improve the condition of the many woodland areas along the walk. WLC Tree & Woodland team plan to carrying out thinning and other essential tree management in these areas.

High amenity areas and sports pitches will remain the same but it is proposed that less used areas are given over to nature through woodland and tree planting, bulbs and reduced grass cutting in areas for grassland to naturalise.

We are seeking your views about the project. Please complete the following questionnaire to assist with informing proposals. (Please note that this funding is only available for biodiversity improvements).



Currently unmanaged woodland strip



Opportunity for bulb planting



Area where additional tree planting is proposed



During tree felling works the site will look messy but will be restored and replanted



Thinning operations at another site



It is hoped that local people will get involved in replanting felled areas and planting new ones



It is planned to plant primrose and other wildflowers in some of the woodland and grassland areas



Example of naturalised grassland with buttercups, daisy and forget-me-not

