



Freelancer Nature Recovery Project Brief Summary

Horsforth Climate Action is a local volunteer-led constituted group promoting positive, achievable community-wide action to tackle climate change and live sustainably in Horsforth and surrounding areas. We are delighted to have received continuation funding from the University of Leeds to continue work on the Nature Corridor Partnership.

Project Title: Nature Neighbourhoods: From Nature Corridors to Community Stewardship

Role Title: Project Coordinator

Location: Horsforth

Time Commitment: 14 days, from January 2027 until 31st July 2027 at the latest.

This will include some weekend and evening work.

Pay Rate: £235 / day.

There is also a budget allocated for materials and expenses etc.

1. Project Overview & Context

Nature Neighbourhoods: From Nature Corridors to Community Stewardship builds on a successful project funded by the University of Leeds, that established community-led nature corridors in Alwoodley, Horsforth, and Otley. Through that work, communities came together to improve local biodiversity, strengthen social connections, and explore how neighbourhood nature recovery can support climate resilience. The project also generated an important insight: creating a nature corridor is only the first step. Long-term impact depends on the people, relationships, and systems that support these spaces over time.

This follow-on project will address the practical challenges that emerged during implementation. Working with community partners, the University of Leeds will support local stewardship activities, improve the visibility of corridor sites through signage, adapt planting approaches to strengthen ecological resilience, and monitor biodiversity change through community science activities. Learning will also be shared with public-sector organisations responsible for land management and environmental decision-making. By strengthening community stewardship, generating evidence of ecological change, and translating learning into practical guidance, the project will help secure the long-term sustainability of community-led nature recovery efforts in Horsforth.

The successful applicant in Horsforth will work closely with Horsforth Climate Action's Nature group, with project coordinators in Alwoodley and Otley and with the University of Leeds.

2. Financial & Budget Breakdown

Item / Activity	Description	Allocation
Coordinator Fee	14 days of coordination and community partner delivery @ £235/day	£3290
Information Signage, adaptive planting and bioblitz	Co-design & installation of signs detailing corridors and wildflower planting	£1000
Total Project Value		£3290

Depending on HCA funding / possible sponsorship, there may be further funding available for extra time / materials.

Key Responsibilities & Scope for the Freelancer

Community Coordination & Stewardship: Engage community groups across Horsforth, to build long-term local ownership of the nature corridors.

Signage Implementation: Oversee the budget to procure and install informative educational signage along corridor sites and wildflower planting zones.

Adaptive Planting & BioBlitzes: Spend part of the allocation on resilient bulbs/plant stock and organize community science activities (BioBlitzes) to track ecological changes.

Knowledge Exchange: Document findings and help bridge communication with public-sector land management and environmental decision-makers

Contribute to the University of Leeds, Alwoodley 2030 and Otley 2030 Learning Partnership. .

Desirable Freelancer skills and experience.

Community Engagement & Facilitation: Proven experience leading public workshops, volunteer groups, or citizen-science initiatives .

Project & Budget Coordination: Experience of delivering small-scale projects on time and managing discrete project budgets

Practical Conservation/Ecology Background: Applied knowledge of UK native biodiversity, wildflower establishment, or urban nature recovery techniques.

Stakeholder Communication: Experience liaising with diverse audiences, ranging from local residents and volunteer groups to local authority land management teams.

How to Apply:

Please submit an Expression of Interest containing:

1. A cover letter outlining your interest in the project and why you meet the criteria
2. Your CV, links to your website / examples of similar projects you may have undertaken.
3. A proposal of how you might go about coordinating this project and working with the existing HCA Nature group.

Please send your submission to chair@horsforthclimateaction.org by 7th November 2026.

If you would like to have more information or a chat about the project please contact chair@horsforthclimateaction.org