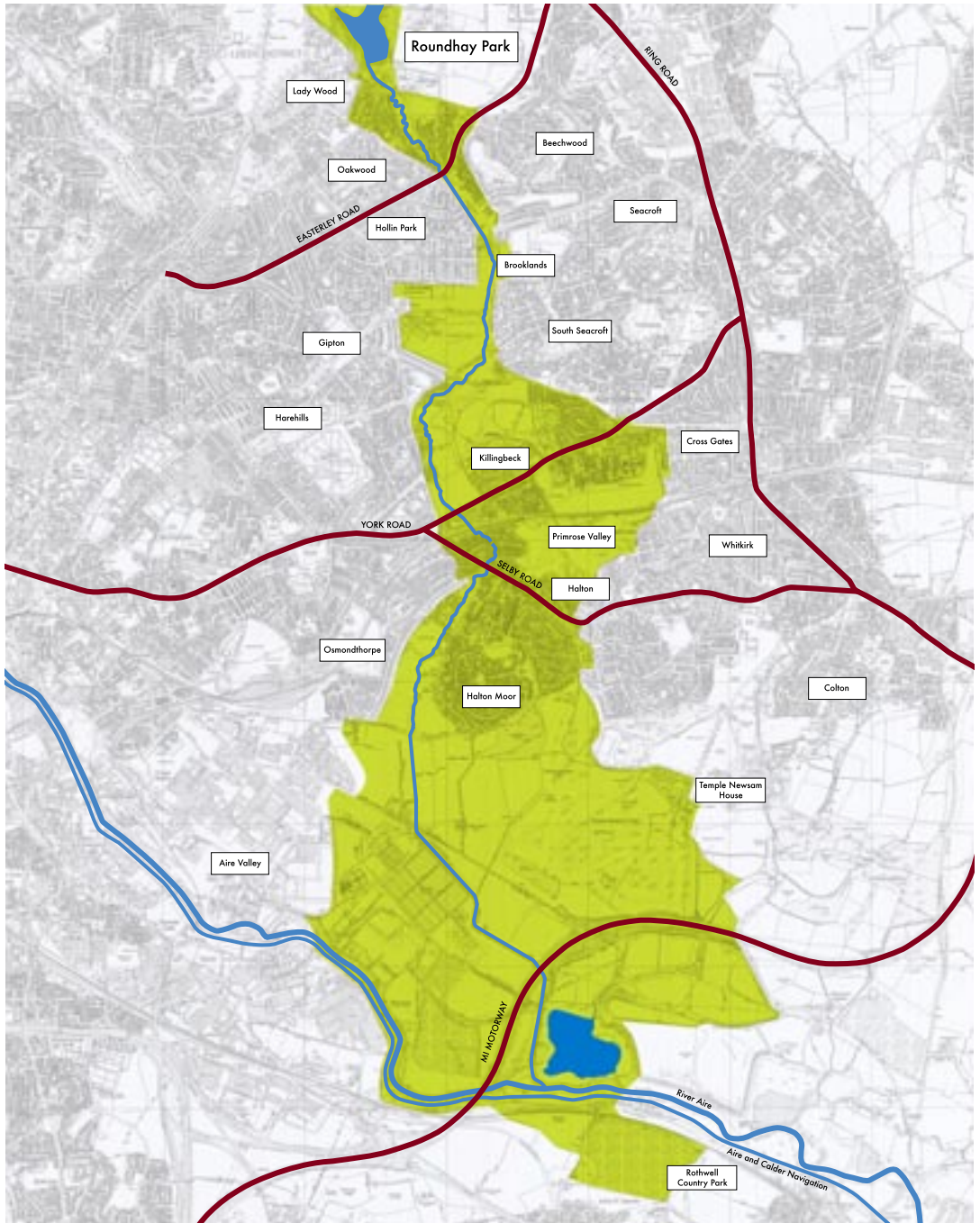


From Roundhay to Rothwell The Wyke Beck Way



What is the Wyke Beck Way?

The Wyke Beck runs from Roundhay Park in the North to Rothwell Country Park in the South. We plan to find better ways to improve this attractive green corridor for the benefit of the local community.

We'd like to protect wildlife and provide somewhere for play, sport, relaxation and exercise. We would like to see better local parks, paths and safe routes for walkers and cyclists with links to schools and places of work.

Conservation and education

The Wyke Beck area is a rich natural habitat for trees, plants and wildlife. We need to protect these for the future.

There will be opportunities for young people to learn about nature and conservation, heritage and the history of the area.

Community support

Local community interest, action and support is a central aim of the project, which has been developed by local groups working in partnership with Leeds City Council and British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Groundwork Leeds, Yorkshire Water, The Environment Agency and Unilever UK.

Forging the Future With the Wyke Beck Way

Protecting the Green Corridor



Major new regeneration proposals are now underway in East Leeds through the EASEL project. There are also plans underway to make substantial changes down the Aire valley in the south of the corridor. Whilst these new initiatives are to be welcomed, it will be tempting for

developers to see opportunities to build on open space which appears to be unused. We therefore need to positively promote new ways of protecting all of this green space by improving the appearance and the open space use of the Wyke Beck corridor.

Creating sanctuaries for plants ,wildlife and heritage sites

There are a wide range of plants, animals, birds and butterflies present along the Wyke Beck corridor. We need to find new ways of creating protected areas where people don't over- interfere with this kind of habitat. There are historic features also in the corridor which are a valuable City historic asset. We should consider creating sanctuaries and a heritage Centre to promote and protect these valuable qualities.



New Parks for everyone

Too much of the corridor is simply left as cut grassland for most of the year. Whilst some of this can be used for playing fields, we should be thinking of providing a new range of parks for young children, adventure spaces for older kids and special parks for the elderly and the disabled. These can only succeed if we find new ways of looking after them and they meet peoples wishes. It should be possible to design a network of such spaces along the corridor which encourages local people to use them for daily exercise.



Footpaths and Cycle Ways

The corridor creates a wonderful opportunity to have a five mile footpath and cycle way running between Roundhay to Rothwell. This will enable people to experience Leeds as a City from a totally new dimension. It will open up new and healthier ways to visit Roundhay Park, Primrose Valley , Temple Newsam and Rothwell Country Park as well as join up with footpaths running along the River Aire and the Aire and Calder Navigation Canal.

The routing of these paths will need to be sensitive to other features along the corridor, avoiding wildlife sanctuaries and heritage sites. Carefully planned they will also enable people to get to work and school safely and in healthier ways than going by car.

Do you agree?

See our leaflet and let us have your views.

How we are organised

The Wyke Beck Way Community Forum

We are a locally based organisation open to both individuals and organisations such as local churches, schools, businesses and firms who support our aims. The Forum meets locally and is made up of the following:

Residents from the Wyke Beck Way
Officers from Leeds City Council
Representatives from British Trust for Conservation
Volunteers (BTVC)
Groundwork Leeds
The Environment Agency
Yorkshire Water
Unilever UK

The Forum is organised through a board of trustees and is registered with the Charity Commission. It operates from The Wyke Beck Way Centre within East Leeds Family Learning Centre. The work of the Forum's work is co-ordinated by a Project Manager who can be contacted at the centre. Please feel free to get in touch with us to find out more or consider giving up some of your free time to be a volunteer and help us make the Wyke Beck Way a success.

The Wyke Beck Way Centre,
East Leeds Family Learning Centre, Brooklands View,
Seacroft, Leeds LS14 6SA
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Please take a leaflet

We need people like you to get involved and make the Wyke Beck Way something of which the community can be proud. So why not pick up some extra leaflets and hand them out to friends and colleagues so that they can be involved too!

We need your help and ideas!



As a first stage in the creation of the Wyke Beck Way we have formed the Wyke Beck Way Community Forum. This is your chance to help us by joining the Forum and sharing your ideas with us.

