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## News Release

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### BUSINESSES TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE, THE YORKSHIRE WAY

Two Yorkshire organisations are taking positive action to reduce their effect on the environment by investing in new woodland creation in the Yorkshire Dales.

York-based Yorkshire Energy Partnership and Dales charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) have committed to positive action against climate change by taking steps to mitigate unavoidable carbon emitted as a part of their day-to-day business. And they are doing it right on their doorstep, by investing in carbon credits available through a certified woodland project in the Yorkshire Dales.

Staff from Yorkshire Energy Partnership and YDMT visited Nethergill Farm in Oughtershaw to see the woodland where their carbon credits are located - and to find out first-hand how this new woodland will improve the landscape and environment in the area.

“YDMT is proud to be joining other businesses across Yorkshire to help reduce the negative impact we have on the environment. What’s great is that we can now do something about our carbon emissions by investing in a carbon scheme very close to where we work. We’ve seen first-hand how the woodland will bring huge benefits, not only to the environment but also to the local landscape, wildlife and communities in the Dales.” said David Sharrod, Director of YDMT.

Yorkshire Energy Partnership supports homes, businesses and communities to work and live more sustainably. Chief Executive, Hugh Cripps, said, “As we promote sustainability to others through our Investors in the Environment accreditation, we thought we’d better practice what we preach. I can think of no better way of ‘acting local’ to tackle climate change than creating woodlands in the Yorkshire Dales. Planting trees in the uplands also has the added benefit of holding back rain water which can reduce flooding downstream - very important when you live and work in York!”

The woodland at Nethergill Farm is one of several new woodlands across the Dales to have been certified through the Woodland Carbon Code. The Code was set up by the Forestry Commission to deliver standards of best practice for UK woodland projects that are designed to capture and store carbon. For Yorkshire businesses

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who want to invest in tree planting to help mitigate their carbon emissions, a scheme certified by the Woodland Carbon Code comes with assurances that it will deliver the carbon savings it claims.

Chris Clark, owner of Nethergill Farm, commented, “We are delighted that the Yorkshire Energy Partnership is the first company to purchase carbon units from Nethergill Farm. It feels great to not only be increasing biodiversity by planting something like 30,000 trees in the Dales, but also offering other businesses the opportunity to counterbalance some of their carbon emissions”.

YDMT is working with landowners to make Yorkshire woodland carbon credits available to individuals and businesses who want to mitigate their carbon emissions, and do something beneficial for the Yorkshire area. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Lindsay Wallace or Chris Lodge on 015242 51002.

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#### **Images**

1. Nethergill Farm Woodland in the mist. (L-R) David Sharrod (YDMT), Chris Lodge (YDMT), Fiona Clark (Nethergill Farm), Hugh Cripps (YEP), Jenny Jensen (YEP), Chris Clark (Nethergill Farm).
2. Celebratory tree planting. (L-R) David Sharrod (YDMT), Hugh Cripps (YEP), Jenny Jensen (YEP).

**Alternative images and high resolution images available on request.**

#### **NOTES TO THE NEWSDESK**

For more information, please call Sarah Brewer at YDMT on 015242 51002 or email [media@ydmtd.org](mailto:media@ydmtd.org).

#### **About Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust**

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) works to support the natural and built environment, and the social and economic well-being of this special area.

To date the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has helped to deliver over 1,300 projects worth around £25+ million in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas. These projects cover areas as diverse as countryside apprenticeships, supporting local businesses, education and outreach, restoring woodlands and wildlife habitats, and conserving heritage features.

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The Trust has recruited over 50,000 supporters to date. Find out more at [www.ydmt.org](http://www.ydmt.org).

### **About Yorkshire Energy Partnership**

Yorkshire Energy Partnership is owned and supported by City of York Council, Craven District Council, Hambleton District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Richmondshire District Council, Ryedale District Council, Scarborough Borough Council, Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Leeds Metropolitan University and Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust.

### **Yorkshire Energy Partnership manages the Investors in the Environment scheme.**

Investors in the Environment (iE) is an established not-for-profit environmental scheme which rewards your hard work with an official accreditation that doesn't 'cost the earth'. It's quick and simple to implement, with three levels of accreditation and support from an account manager every step of the way.

iE offers a unique solution to help businesses use resources more efficiently, improve their waste management practices and reduce their CO2 emissions. It is the only scheme of its kind running in Yorkshire and offers something to suit every business - whether you're just starting out on your "green journey" or if you already have an environmental management system in place.

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