

What will this cost and who pays?

All residents living within Derwenthorpe pay an estate charge. The strategy will show in detail what proportion of the estate charge budget will be spent on the landscape and where any new proposals may affect the budget.

It will include schedules for maintenance with timings and proposed future improvement projects with cost estimates and timelines.

The plan will help residents to understand the required maintenance work on Derwenthorpe (such as maintenance of flood prevention systems and play facilities) and who has responsibility for each part and how much these items cost.

Why now?

In spring 2021 JRHT completed the handover of all landscaped areas from David Wilson Homes (the developers). This means that, for the first time, all the landscape maintenance and improvements are the responsibility of JRHT. JRHT wants to ensure the communal landscape areas meet the needs of everyone in the community as well as demonstrating a commitment to increasing and improving sustainability and good environmental practices.

Month	Area	Location/Reference	Job category	Task	UOM*	Qty	Rate	Time/Mins
March	Seebohm Mews and St Aelreds Mews Quarter	Grass SMLAP	Grass	Blowing	m ²	27	10	3
March	Seebohm Mews and St Aelreds Mews Quarter	Grass SMLAP	Grass	Pedestrian mowing	m ²	27	10	3
March	Seebohm Mews and St Aelreds Mews Quarter	Grass SMLAP	Grass	Strimming	m ²	27	10	3
March	Seebohm Mews and St Aelreds Mews Quarter	Bed 10SM7A	Grass	Hand weeding	m ²	4	5	1
April	Seebohm Mews and St Aelreds Mews Quarter	Bed 10SM7A	Maintenance	Hand weeding	m ²	4	5	1
April	Seebohm Mews and St Aelreds Mews Quarter	Bed 118DW7A	Maintenance	Hand weeding	m ²	7	5	2
April	Seebohm Mews and St Aelreds Mews Quarter	Bed 118DW7A	Maintenance	Hand weeding	m ²	7	5	2

*Unit of Measurement

How can I get involved?

JRHT are working with the **Derwenthorpe Governance Group (DGG)** and **Derwenthorpe Nature Group (DNG)** to develop the landscape strategy. In the near future, we will be inviting residents to join in with activities. Initially please contact us with your thoughts or to express interest in participating via the following channels:

By email: DLS@jrht.org.uk

JRHT Facebook: www.facebook.com/Derwenthorpe/

Derwenthorpe Residents Association Facebook: www.facebook.com/DerwenthorpeResidentsAssociation

dgg.chair@derwenthorpe.co.uk (Chair of the Derwenthorpe Governance Group)

Schedule of work

Below is an example of a detailed work schedule for Derwenthorpe. The schedule is broken down by task and details what work is planned and how long it will take. Schedules like this help formulate maintenance budgets and will be shown in detail in the strategy.

Timeline

Summer 2021 – Ecology surveys and community engagement activity.

Summer/Autumn 2021 – Further community engagement with final collation of feedback and consolidation/analysis of ecology data.

Winter 2021/22 – Creation of strategy - Lead author, Dan Booth (JRHT Parks & Landscapes Manager) in regular consultation and liaison with DGG, DNG, internal JRHT colleagues and external partners/contractors i.e. Ecology Consultants, local community groups.

First draft of the strategy by **October 2021**, final draft approved by JRHT and DGG by end of **February 2022** with full strategy made available to all residents online.



Derwenthorpe Landscape Strategy



DGG and DNG in collaboration with:

JRHT JOSEPH ROUNTREE HOUSING TRUST

Dear resident,

Life in lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic has taught us that access to quality outdoor spaces is vitally important for everyone's health and well-being. Working together, we hope to create a public landscape at Derwenthorpe where nature and the community can live and thrive alongside each other.

We know that residents have many great ideas and initiatives, and Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust (JRHT) already has a blossoming partnership with the Derwenthorpe Nature Group (DNG) who are becoming a driving force behind nature conservation. We also work very closely with the Derwenthorpe Governance Group (DGG) and Derwenthorpe Residents' Association (DRA) on a wide range of issues across the community.

We want to bring all this great work together, in one strategy which will create a meaningful and practical project created by residents for the residents. The strategy will set out a clear vision for the sustainable long term future management of all of the outdoor spaces at Derwenthorpe.

We really need your help, and we would like to offer you the opportunity to take part in and contribute towards the creation of this new strategy. The future success of this project depends on us getting it right first time and as the people who live, work and play in these spaces your opinions and ideas really matter. Landscapes are not something we can rip up and refresh every 5 years, so we are looking to plan for the next 20 years and more.

This leaflet explains how you can get involved in developing a landscape strategy for Derwenthorpe and contribute to creating an environment that is both beautiful and beneficial to nature. It outlines what we mean by a landscape strategy, what physical work is included, who you can talk to about it and how you can get involved.

Yours,

Dan Booth, Parks & Landscapes Manager, **Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust**
Nicky Ostwald, Chair, **Derwenthorpe Governing Group**
Wendy Borman, Leader **Derwenthorpe Nature Group**

Nature, Sustainability and Conservation



Derwenthorpe has good natural links to the wider countryside via nature corridors along Osbaldwick Beck and open fields and countryside to the North and West out to Stockton on the Forest, Murton, St Nicks, and beyond. As part of the development, large open spaces were incorporated, and not developed due to their natural habitat value.

The landscape strategy will seek to understand and expand the natural potential of Derwenthorpe supported by data from ecology surveys. It will also set out in detail how we will increase biodiversity through changes in landscape management, investment, and an environmentally conscious use of resources.

By developing the strategy together, we will develop fuller understanding of issues such as the use of chemicals, grass maintenance, signage and tree planting, and seek to achieve agreements for landscape management that moves towards a more sustainable and nature friendly community.

Gorgeous gardens

Derwenthorpe has space for some really beautiful public gardens. However, gardening and nature conservation can sometimes contradict each other. By working together, we will seek to agree goals for how we will achieve a public landscape where we can have beautiful gardens that are also great for nature.

This may be through thoughtful design and planting for pollinators in communal beds, and by developing understanding about the functions of different spaces, for example the Local Areas of Play (LAPs). Some areas could become horticultural gems, dotted throughout the development for the community to enjoy diverse planting and interesting design.



For more information about - **JRHT** - www.jrht.org.uk/about-us - **DGG** - derwenthorpe.co.uk/dgg - **DNG** - naturegroup@derwenthorpe.co.uk