



The photo is of children from three local primary schools helping build Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail, Under the management of Natural England's Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.

Between 1980 and 2002 Sheffield Lost 75.5% of its unimproved grasslands, therefore our grasslands are a valuable environmental resource. The project's objective is to manage our grasslands and safeguard the wildflowers and wildlife for future generations to enjoy. The grazing project is part of a programme of strategic planting to link up the green corridor of Sheffield.

Well-managed hedgerows are not just field boundaries but are among our richest wildlife habitats. The mixture of shrubs and trees offer food and cover for a wide variety of animals, including birds, beetles, butterflies, mice and voles. Some species spend their entire life in the hedgerow, some only eat there, some sleep there and some shelter while passing through, using the hedge as a green corridor.

If we are to keep our green open spaces, we need to ask our MP Clive Betts and local councillors to support our campaign and request that Sheffield (LPA) build new housing in other more suitable areas.

A big thank you to the 895 + who in such a short period of time, have signed our petition to

Sheffield City Council: <https://chng.it/6vXHqcGG4S>

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<https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/index.html>