



FOLOW
WILDWOOD PROJECT
community fund

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Introductions

Committee members present tonight:

- John Fallows
- Katie Edwards
- Marianne Slater

About the committee members:

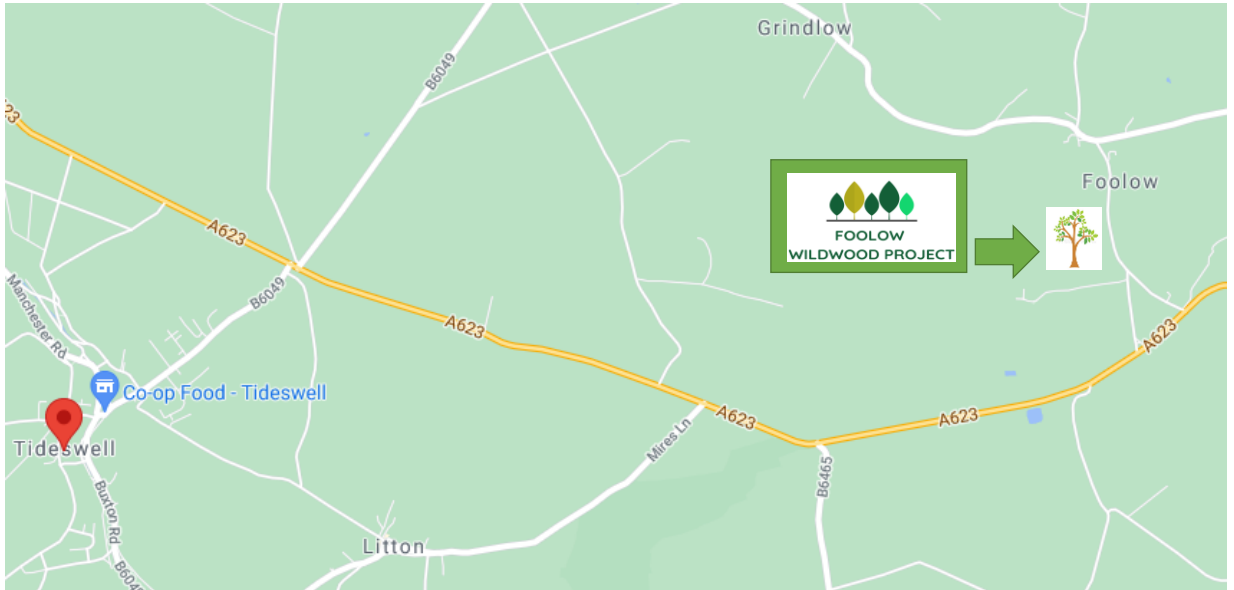
<https://www.foollowwildwoodproject.org/post/meet-the-team>

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Foolow Wildwood Site location



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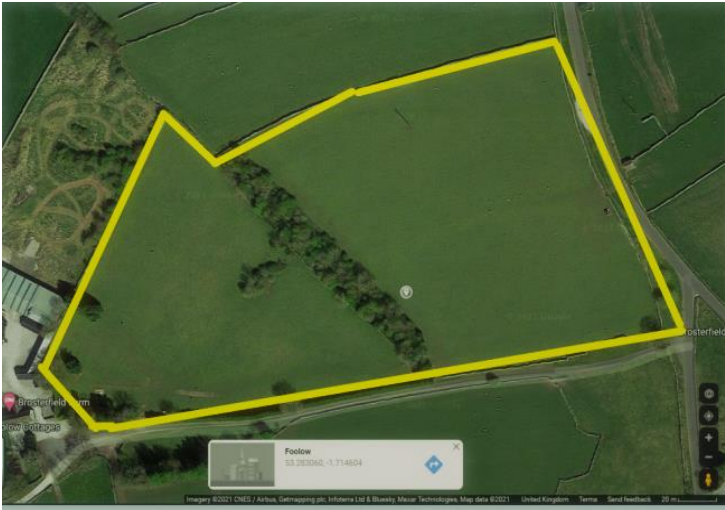
Drone Footage

<https://youtu.be/Wx1cSc5rYEY>

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Site View



- Approx 11 acres
- 2 fields split by a band of shrubs/trees
- The land is not currently developed - it is used as agricultural fields

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History of the site

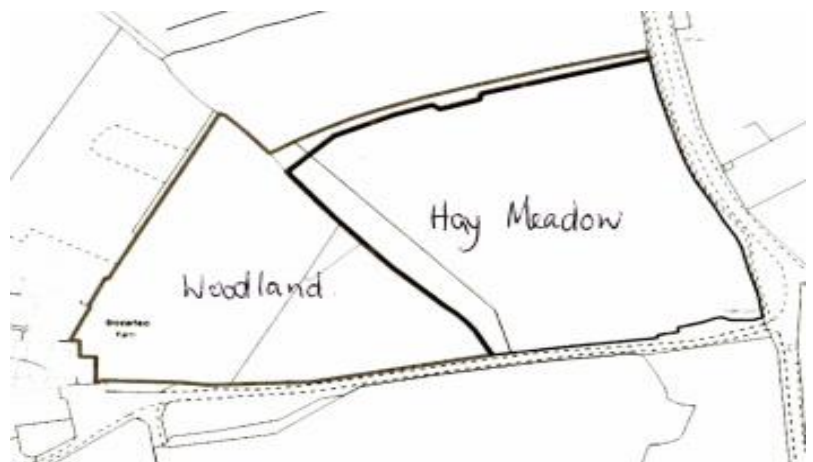
1998	Original Planning permission granted to Brosterfield Farm for a small caravan and camping site
c.2005	Farm split into 3, and the caravan/ camping fields bought by Tingdene Homes. After the purchase Tingdene argued that original planning permission was not restricted to touring caravans due to the omission of the word "touring"
2008	Tingdene applied to develop the site for 20 static caravans/park homes. This was turned down by the PDNPA.
2011	Tingdene appealed decision at the High Court – the appeal won and the application for 20 static caravans/park homes was approved.
2012	The PDNPA purchased the land from Tingdene for £650k – and were left in a quandary of what to do with the land
2014	PDNPA application for 20 all year pitches (5 camping pods, 14 touring pitches, a 2 storey wardens house, permeant amenity block, a new site entrance and 30 seasonal grass pitches during spring/summer) – the was rejected by the PDNPA Planning Committee

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2015/16	Further consultation was held between the PDNPA staff, including the Chief Executive and a group comprising neighbours and a representative of Foolow Parish Meeting.
2016/17	Another planning application was submitted– but again was rejected by the PDNPA’s Planning Committee.
2019/20	A final planning application was submitted – with few differences to the 2016/17 application (permanent amenity block and wardens building, a new access track, and up to 50 pitches during the spring/summer months) This application was approved by the planning committee despite the issues brought forward with the previous applications still being left seemingly unresolved.
Summer 2020	The Park announced that the site would go on the open market for sale with the approved permission in place in Summer 2021.
Winter 2020	The Foolow community project commenced communications with the park in regards to the Foolow Wild Wood Community Project.
April 2021	After a presentation at the February PDNPA Committee meeting, a robust business plan outlining the goals of our eco-friendly community project was written and submitted. In April 2021 the PDNPA granted the Foolow Wildwood Community Project first refusal to purchase the site for £300,000. But funds have to be in place by November 2021!

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The Foolow Wildwood Community Project



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The Foolow Wildwood Community Project Proposal to the PDNPA

- We propose to create a new wildflower meadow and a wooded landscape (5-7 thousand trees) in keeping with the PDNPA's vision for the White Peak and their vision for Wooded Landscapes.
- UK woodlands are at a 'crisis' point amid wildlife decline. Our project aims to promote woodland planting of native tree and flower species which in turn will promote wildlife such as birds, bees, butterflies and plants.
- The site will be open to people within the local and wider community (including schools/organisations) to visit and enjoy. We aim to encourage community engagement with nature, and the enjoyment of the wildflowers/wooded landscape.

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How are we getting on...

- We have set up a formal committee and have weekly zoom meetings
- We have set up a CIC (Community Interest Company) – and we are formally registered with Companies House
- We have a live website and Instagram, twitter and Facebook pages
<https://www.foolowwildwoodproject.org/>

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How are we getting on...

- We have been in contact with the Woodlands Trust and they support our project and will provide all the trees, guards and stakes free of charge



- We have submitted a number of grant funding applications and are searching for more public funding opportunities



- We have approached local residents and we have around £30k pledged towards the project
- We have raised around £3k via on website made up of smaller donations and tree dedications

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How are we getting on...

- We have approached a number of news channels to spread the word about our project – and we have had our story covered in a number of articles:
 - <https://www.buxtonadvertiser.co.uk/news/environment/derbyshire-dales-politicians-back-foolow-fundraising-campaign-for-community-woodland-and-meadow-3257609>
 - <https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/mp-backs-villagers-trying-raise-5477330>
 - <https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/derbyshire-villagers-forced-raise-300k-5403679>
 - <https://greenworld.org.uk/article/why-peak-district-village-raising-money-wildflower-meadow>
 - <https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/fearful-villagers-raising-cash-block-5357067>
 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-56929011>
 - Village Voice/ Parish Newsletters

We've even sent a letter to Tom Cruise.... Fingers crossed on this one!

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Moving forwards...

- We've a long way to go to reach our target of £300,000 required and we've only a few short months
- We need to spread the word!
 - Can you share our story/website on social media/parish news letters?
 - Do you have any news channels contacts or fund raising ideas?
- We are **very** open to help/advice
 - Do you have time to help us search for funding?
 - Do you have experience of conducting a similar project?
 - Would you like to join our committee?
 - Can you help us plant the trees/maintain the site in due course?

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Any Questions?

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