

# GROUNDWORK YORKSHIRE



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**Groundwork is a 'not-for-profit' environmental regeneration charity; we work in partnership with local people, local authorities and businesses to bring about economic and social regeneration. From small community projects to major national programmes, we use the environment as a means of engaging people in their local area and building their confidence. We work towards a vision of a society of sustainable communities which are vibrant, healthy and safe, which respect the local and global environment and where individuals and enterprise prosper.**

Groundwork Yorkshire's qualified Landscape Architects are passionate about creating better spaces and have a unique set of skills to bring together community engagement and high quality landscape design. Staffed by Chartered Landscape Architects, the team is dedicated to delivering imaginative and innovative design solutions to meet the needs of our clients. The team has extensive experience of designing, planning and managing projects from inception to completion within a range of project areas including the housing sector, blue green regeneration, urban design, greenspace, leisure and play provision and the commission of artworks.



# VICTORIA GARDENS, LEEDS CITY CENTRE



Project:  
Victoria Gardens

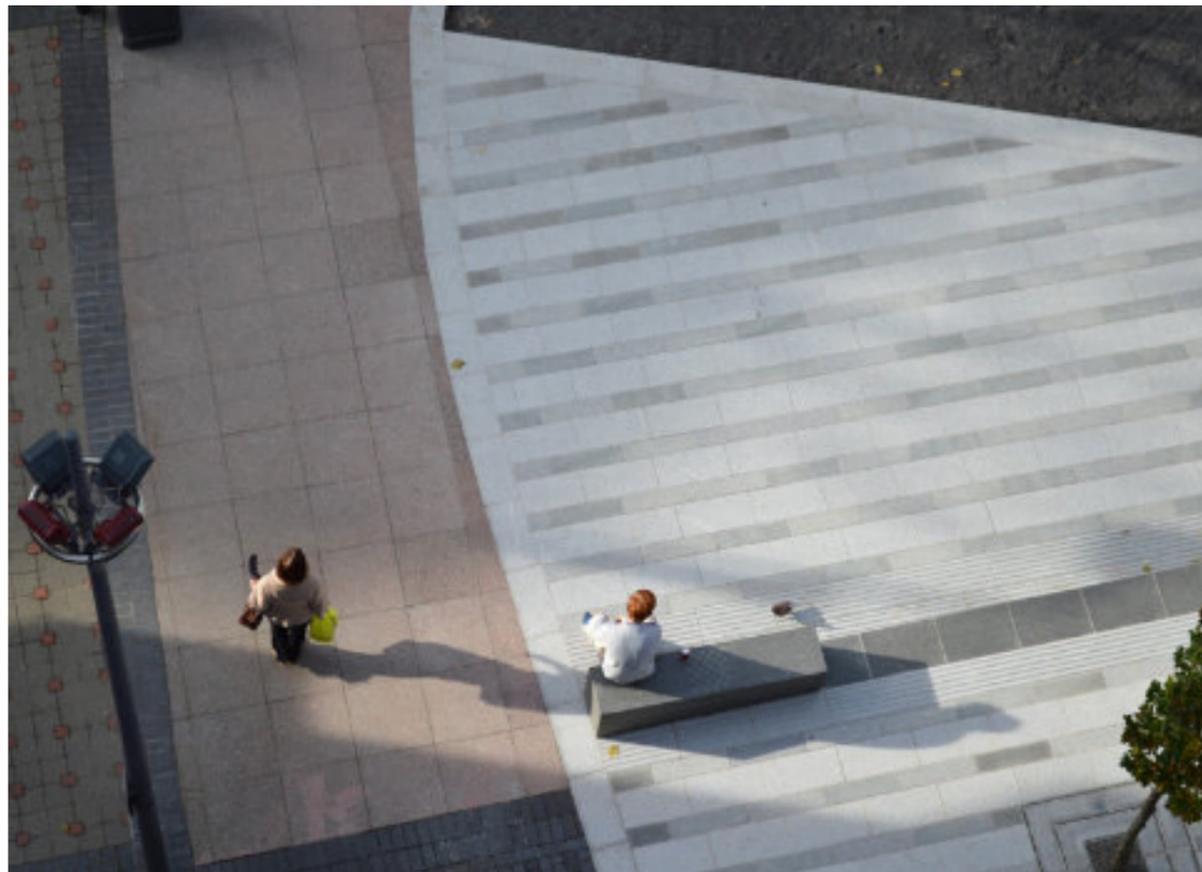
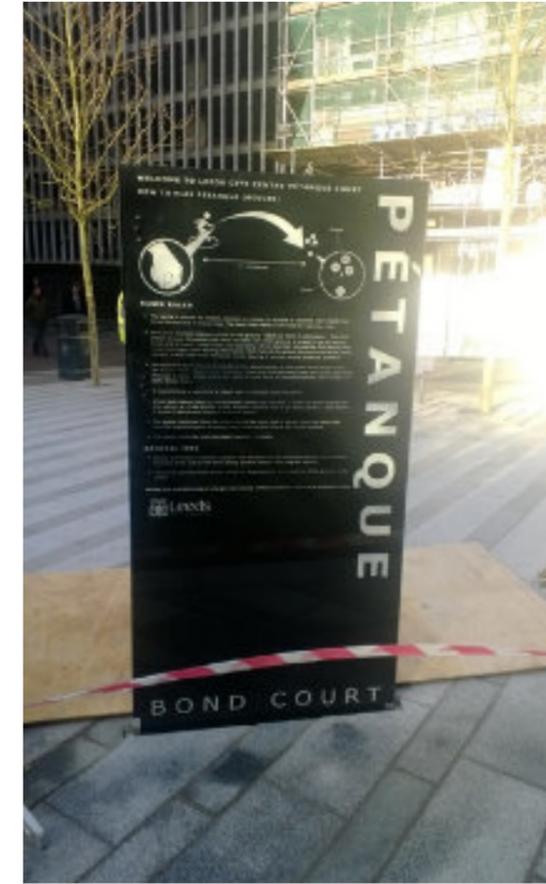
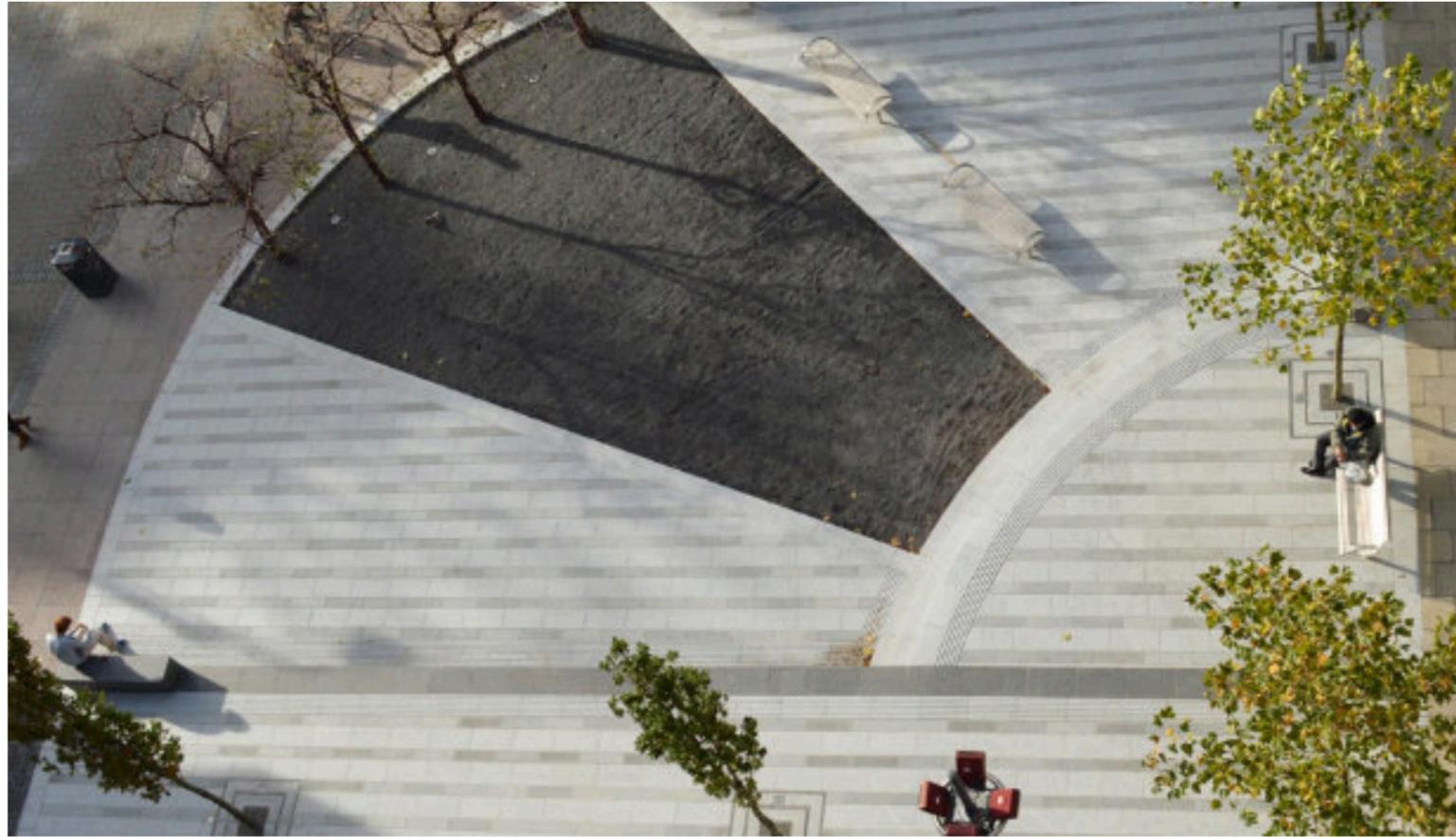
Client  
Funded by Marks and Spencers

Concept:  
The Local Authority identified Victoria Gardens as a priority area for improvement in Leeds, citing the lack of green infrastructure and the site's high-profile location as prime reasons for its improvement. The site sits in a prominent city centre location which is well used by the public but was in need of renovation and enhancement to ensure its long term effectiveness.

The project was supported by Leeds City Council and local groups with an interest in the site such as the British Legion, Leeds Civic Trust and the Chess Society, who use the popular open air chess boards in the area.

The project includes a range of green features and also utilised recycled and reused materials, sourced locally where possible. The open space features new tree planting, seating and chess boards to promote local identity, civic pride and social interaction.

# BOND COURT, LEEDS CITY CENTRE



Project:  
Bond Court, Leeds

Client  
Wilton Developments, Evans Property Developments and  
Leeds City Council

Concept:  
Groundwork landscape architects designed and project managed this high quality urban realm project as phase one of a regeneration project in the centre of Leeds. Bringing together an effective partnership between private sector property developers, Leeds City Council, the Petanque Club and Groundwork created added value.

The project area forms the threshold to newly refurbished office space and will be extended across the wider street scape as further developments are completed.

Features include a bespoke interpretation panel, upgraded petanque court, stainless steel benches and bollards guide pedestrian and vehicular traffic.



Project:  
Oldham City Centre

Client  
Oldham Council

Concept:  
Groundwork has been working with Oldham Council developing creative ideas to transform Union Street and Yorkshire Street in Oldham town centre into Eco Streets.

Eco Streets are the future of urban greening, putting nature-based-solutions at the heart of designs so we can create green cities that are more resilient to the effects of climate change, helping reduce flood risk, keep spaces cool in the summer and provide essential stepping stones for nature.

There will be five rain gardens across the town in total, with a capital cost of around £200k. Work is nearly complete on the first rain garden (except for the planting), and despite challenges such as the many underground services which we have had to work around, work is progressing well. There are also planters, window boxes, green roofs and water butts.

# SUDS SCHEME, SALFORD



Project:  
Dales Brow, Salford

Client  
Red Rose Forest

Concept:  
This scheme was designed to divert water from a frequently flooded highway into the adjacent greenspace. The idea behind the project is to demonstrate how nature-based solutions have multiple benefits including addressing issues of surface water flooding.

The greenspace was transformed into a wildlife haven with a channel planted with wildflowers, boardwalk, circular footpath and tree planting.

# SHIPLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE



Project:  
Health and Well-being Centre, Shipley

Client  
RBS Architects

Concept:  
Groundwork were approached to design the outdoor space for a former school building which was transformed into a new multi-million pound health and well-being centre in Bradford. Funded by the government-funded Shipley Towns Fund.

The new well-being centre opened in July 2025 and includes a new atrium, a landscaped communal space and gardens for users of the centre and members of the public.

The facility will be run by the Cellar Trust charity and will provide "a variety of health and well-being activities" and support for all age groups.



Project:  
Wood Green Whitwood, Castleford

Client  
WDH (now Vico Homes)

Concept:  
The layout was designed to provide more discreet areas of land use to separate the use of the site by young people from the elderly residents who live around the edge of Wood Green.

Within the site, two distinct playful landscapes were created, appealing to younger and older children with naturalistic play features and a hard landscaped games court. A Resident's Garden was created and divided into three areas; lawn with borders, barbecue and eating space and rose arbours, with a combination of raised beds and planting in an English garden style.

Two totem posts made of carved timber were designed by the local children and located at the entrance points to the play spaces.

# SMIRTHWAITE REGENERATION, PHASE 2



Project:  
Smirthwaite, Normanton

Client  
WDH (now Vico Homes)

Concept:  
The main concept of the Smirthwaite Estate regeneration scheme was to create a family friendly residential area and rebrand the estate, which had previously suffered from anti-social behaviour.

Delivered in two phases, the external work consisted of the demolition of former garage sites to open up views and make the space feel safer and more inviting; the redesign of all the open spaces with renewed parking, playful elements and resting places; the creation of defensible space for those living in the ground floor maisonettes.

A new toddler/junior play area was installed in a previously unused space and communal bin stores, with incorporated cycle storage accessed with key codes to ensure there was no misuse and reduce fly-tipping.

The landscape improvements ran alongside the refurbishment of the homes themselves, bringing them to decent homes standard.

# ST JOHNS CHURCH, GOOLE



## Life and Hope Garden St John's Goole



Project:  
St John's Church, Goole

Client  
St John's Church

Concept:  
The Life and Hope Garden was designed to create a number of zones around the church for use by the whole community.

Elements include a garden of prayer and reflection, a working kitchen garden, a place for recreation and play and a large gathering space, along with renewed access and parking.

Two courtyards at the southern aspect of the church, provide additional seating areas, creating welcoming spaces close to the entrance gates and main church entrance way. Both courtyards feature rain garden planting, collecting rainwater from existing downpipes.

# HAREWOOD PLAY AREA



Project:  
Harewood Play Area

Client  
Leeds City Council

Concept:  
This formed part of a larger project which changed the use of land to childrens play area and adult outdoor exercise area and included the restoration of former tennis courts and the provision of disabled parking spaces.

The equipment chosen was primarily timber so that it suited the surroundings and more incidental play items encouraged imaginative and social play. Both of which are essential to a child's development.

# DONCASTER FUTURE PARKS



## EAST LANE PARK, STAINFORTH



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The proposal for East Lane is to develop an active environment, creating a welcoming and inviting space for residents to enjoy, relax and take full advantage of the recreational offers parks and green spaces provide. Additional seating, improved walking routes and solar lighting are proposed, alongside changes to improve informal play, biodiversity and tree planting to create a park landscape.



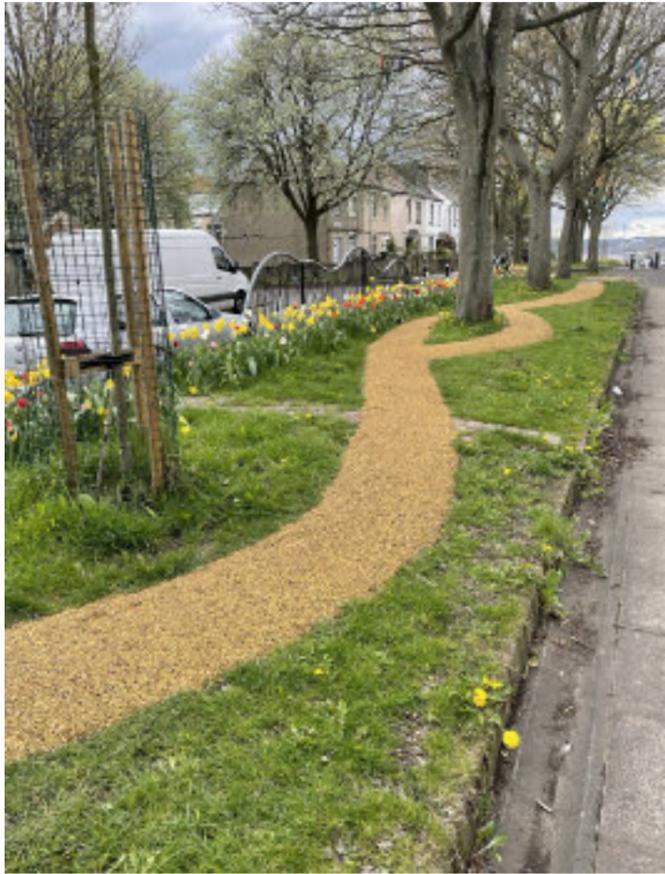
Project:  
East Lane Park

Client  
Get Doncaster Moving, Doncaster Future Parks

Concept:  
'Doncaster Future Parks' is the name given to Doncaster's approach to improve parks and open spaces, so that more people can enjoy them, and more often. It attempts to tackle inequalities in physical activities and remove barriers preventing people from accessing them.

There are 10 parks which have been identified across Doncaster as 'Future Parks' sites which Groundwork has been appointed as Landscape Consultant on. We work closely with local communities to understand what improvements could be made to make the park more distinct and vibrant, and what will encourage residents to visit and feel proud of their local green space.

# FOLKESTONE STREET, BRADFORD



Location:  
Folkestone Street, Bradford, BD3 9NN

Client:  
Better Start Bradford

Concept:  
To boost community pride in the area, working with local residents to increase the possibility that the street will be looked after long into the future.

The aesthetic was enhanced with minimal construction using bulb planting and art installations, giving it a splash of colour and texture, making it a brighter and more exciting place to be.

Small play sculptures were added, to encourage local children to play outside more and to have fun in the space immediately outside the place that they live.



Project:  
National Mining Memorial

Client  
National Coal Mining Museum

Concept:  
Groundwork was asked to develop a concept for the creation of a national memorial which acknowledged all the people who lived their lives as part of a mining community, along with those who lost their lives down the pits.

A draft design was drawn up and an artist commission which saw Stephen Broadbent appointed to bring the concept to life.

The final piece consisted of a large curved screen suggesting a seam of coal, pierced by the workings of a mine. Channels were cut to represent the shafts and levels, plus the undulating shape of the screen itself, serves to lighten the overall impression and let wind pass through the structure. Each channel takes the form of a groove sitting between two sheets of steel into which a coloured glass disc is inserted. Each disc contains the name of a miner, his colliery and relevant dates

“The Museum is inviting mining communities to become a part of the artwork ‘Lives Lived, Lives Lost’ which will hold personal coal mining memories in the form of symbolic glass checks, held within a steel installation.”

— <https://www.ncm.org.uk/blog/miners-memorial-garden>



# LEEDS WEST LEVELLING UP SUBMISSION



Project:  
Leeds West Levelling Up Fund

Client:  
Leeds City Council

Concept:  
Groundwork helped develop proposals for 5 parks within West Leeds which helped to form part of the submission to Central Government.  
The parks identified were: Kirkstall Abbey Park, Stanningley Park, Western Flatts Park, Armley Park and Bramley Falls Park.

Working with the Parks and Countryside Team and City Development each park had an analysis, proposal and visualisation sheet produced and these went out to consultation with the public to gauge interest and support and to get any further input into the masterplans.

From this work, Groundwork were commissioned to design a 'plan on a page' proposal for each park within Leeds City (excluding the large destination parks).

## BURLEY PARK WHERE WE WANT TO BE, PLAN ON A PAGE



### Parks and Countryside Priorities

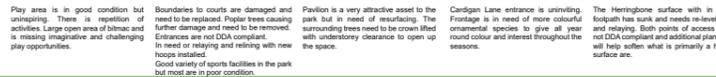
- Health and Wellbeing**: Providing a wider range of opportunities for people to receive the health benefits of spending time in green spaces.
- Climate and Biodiversity**: Increasing wildlife and biodiversity and reducing the impact of climate change.
- Culture**: Providing exciting, diverse, interesting and enjoyable green spaces that reflect the history and culture of their local communities.
- Working with Communities**: Having a positive, open, helpful and collaborative approach.
- Quality**: Providing high quality parks and green spaces.
- Access for all**: Ensuring that parks and green spaces are accessible to everyone.
- Child Friendly**: Providing green spaces that children and teenagers love to visit.
- Financial Sustainability**: Ensuring that good quality public green spaces are available for the long term.



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## BURLEY PARK WHERE WE ARE NOW, PLAN ON A PAGE



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## EAST END PARK WHERE WE WANT TO BE, PLAN ON A PAGE



January 2023



Project:  
Plan on a Page

Client:  
Leeds City Council

Concept:  
Following the success of the Morley Towns Funds, and subsequent LUF bids, Groundwork was commissioned to come up with a 'Plan on a Page' for other parks within Leeds, excluding the destination parks.

As the analysis and proposals are easy to read and understand for members of the community, they were seen as an accessible way of presenting draft masterplans face to face and online to gauge support and make any amendments.

Once signed off, these would be used as a tool for funding as areas for improvement and BNG would already be identified.

24 out of Leeds' 65 parks have been made into Plan on a Page.