

# Construction and installation of a camping pod, tree planting and public footpath improvements



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project delivers a family sized camping pod built from locally sourced materials and uses a local contractor to construct and install the pod.

Hedgerow and tree planting was a requirement in the planning permission, however additional tree planting is also going to be carried out as part of the project to increase biodiversity and wildlife habitats on the farm.

Footpath improvement is the final element to this project; improving the path, installing metal gates and a wheelchair friendly picnic bench will enhance access for all, allowing a wider audience to visit, explore and enjoy the local area.

## CLIMATE

Hedgerow and tree planting will sequester additional carbon and help to reduce flood risk by slowing the flow of water run off. New plantings of this type will help increase connectivity between habitats, as well as enhancing the local landscape making it more resilient to climate change.

## PLACE

The pod has been placed sensitively in the landscape and will be further shielded from view by the planting requirements of the planning permission consent. The pod will help increase the resilience of the family business but also help with local resilience through the employment of the local contractor to construct the pod.

## NATURE

The planting of new hedgerows and trees will increase the area of wildlife rich habitat across the farm, increasing connectivity between habitats via corridors, which will lead to an increase in biodiversity.

## PEOPLE

The provision of the family pod will provide more opportunities for people to explore and enjoy the landscape and nature locally on the farm. There will be more opportunities for a more diverse audience to visit due to the provisions being made to upgrade the public right of way to become accessible for all. Providing a relatively short, level and easy path from the pods, through fields to a viewpoint, where a wheelchair friendly picnic bench will be installed.

## AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

- 1.3 - Habitats and Species
- 2.1 - Farming and Land Management
- 2.2 - Sustainable Tourism
- 2.3 - Economy and Rural Services
- 3.1 - Countryside Access
- 3.2 - Visitor Management and Information
- 3.3 - Discovering and Learning
- 3.4 - Health and Well-being



## LOCAL ASSESSMENT PANEL REVIEW

- The project scored well on all four criterion; Project outcomes, Value for money, Sustainability / Legacy of project and Ability to deliver.
- The contribution rate for the pod is 40% due to the commercial benefit gained from the family camping pod.
- The additional tree planting, public footpath improvements and access for all bench are a 100% contribution due to it being solely for nature enhancement and access for all.
- The project has encompassed all four outcomes of the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme together with including several Forest of Bowland AONB Management Objectives, making this a successful application for this scheme.
- Grant award total = £16,591