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YORK MUSEUM
GARDENS

➤ **Location:**
York

➤ **Client:**
Environment Agency

SERVICES



Vegetation Management



Ecology



Landscaping

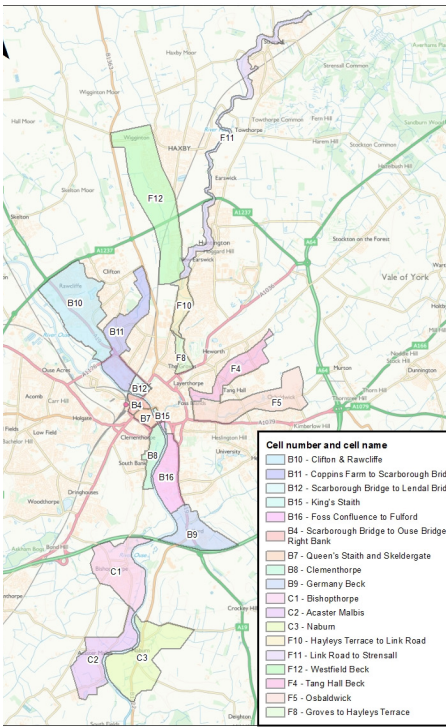
OVERVIEW

We have provided a range of landscaping, planting and maintenance works in the historical city of York.

The works are in parts of the city which have been previously affected by flooding. ATM have advised and supported the EA to identify solutions which are environmentally and socially acceptable.

The works follow a range of flood mitigation and improvement works across the city. The Environment Agency has split the area into 18 flood cells. Each cell has its own unique risk profile and complexities. To date, we have provided services in 4 areas as detailed below:

Scarborough Bridge to Ouse Bridge Right Bank: Environment Agency have built a new flood wall and embankment between War Memorial Gardens and Leeman Road. As part of the project, ATM have provided landscaping services, the installation of fencing and the planting of medium sized trees, hedgerows and shrubs. The works (pictured



below) took place in February 2021.

Within the grounds of St Peter's School which backs onto the river: We have also provided extensive landscaping works within the public open space associated with the newly built Derwenthorpe Housing Estate.

OUR SOLUTION

Bishophorpe Palace: We installed hedgerows, trees, shrubs and provided landscaping services within the grounds of Bishophorpe Palace. Access was over the lawn area and adjacent to the existing woodland area. Track mats were installed to protect the grass and minimise disturbance.

Museum Gardens:

The Museum Gardens are the largest public open space in the city, with a unique ambience that is well used throughout the year by locals and tourists alike.

The landscape contract comprises three separate, but interlinked, elements:

- Tree/shrub planting. Planting of 20+ trees and large shrubs within the wider grounds of the Gardens, removal and replanting of trees and shrubs to provide access to the embankment. Installation of 50 native Tansy plug plants.

- Retaining wall planting.

Planting of four herbaceous species, (Ajuga, Campanula and Erigeron), 1,500 in total, between the gaps of the 'sandbag' wall and along the intervening 'terraces'. The plants soften the black sandbags by cascading down the walls to provide a novel and attractive backdrop to the Hospitium venue. The plant roots will bind with the previously sown grass seed to help bind the structure, whilst proving colour and a nectar source for bees and insects. For seasonal variety, we are planting of 11,000 bulbs (Narcissus, Galanthus and Scilla) along the retaining wall.

- Woodland garden.

The existing woodland garden, centred along Geoffrey Smith walk, is being rejuvenated as we clear out overgrown shrubs and perennials, prepare the soil and plant 2,800 choice perennials, ornamental grasses and shrubs; and 7,000 bulbs.





SOCIAL VALUE

We have provided woodland planting so that a forest schools area can be established within the grounds of Lord Deramore's Primary School.

YEAR 6 TEACHER, HELEN SMITH SAID:

"EVERY CHILD HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANTING A TREE AND PUPILS WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH THEM GROW FOR MANY YEARS."



We were told that due to unforeseen circumstances, a local café and community centre which is run by volunteers and serves the over 60's, was unable to remain open on Friday afternoon. At short notice ATM Community Champion James Barton received a whirlwind induction into how to work the till, balance the accounts, order stock for Monday morning and lock up the centre at the end of the night.

CENTRE MANAGER RICH WHITTAKER COMMENTED:

"IT'S AMAZING THAT ATM HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT US IN THIS WAY AND HELP US TO KEEP THE CENTRE OPEN."

