

## Grant for 'Greening the Cinder Track'

The Betty's Trees for Life Fund has awarded a grant of nearly £1400 to the Whitby Naturalists' Club for planting native trees at sites along the Cinder Track. Next winter, 500 native trees with particular value to wildlife will be planted by the Cinder's Volunteer Group. A variety of trees will be planted at selected sites, including crab apple, dog rose, field maple, holly, oak and wild cherry. The trees chosen will provide nectar for pollinators, fruit for birds and mammals and food for larvae of butterflies and moths.

Tim Burkinshaw, Scarborough Borough Council Ecologist, is delighted with the grant. 'This is good news for the Cinder Track' he said. 'It's already an important wildlife corridor. These trees will increase diversity, provide a boost for pollinating insects and other important wildlife and ensure succession as some of older trees reach the end of their life.'

The Cinder's Volunteer Group was formed last year as a collaboration between the North York Moors National Park and Scarborough Borough Council. The group meets once a month through the winter to carry out habitat improvement work to enhance and protect the Cinder Track as a valuable wildlife corridor. Tasks have included end of season cutting and raking of flower-rich grassland, and scrub clearance at helleborine and orchid sites. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Jo Dowson on [volunteers@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@northyorkmoors.org.uk).



Members of the Cinders volunteer group planting trees on the Old Railway Line.  
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