



Elements in the FIPL Grant for Duchess Green	
Earthworks & boardwalk bridge	
Earthworks - pond, paths, picnic areas, amphitheatre, shelter bases	
Boardwalk bridge & dipping platform	
Hardcore (803 Type 1)	
Surfaces	
Accessible surface for lower path up to shelters	
Amphitheatre	
Amphitheatre stone to reinforce steps	
Gates & fencing	
Pedestrian Gate	
Field gate	
Fencing entrance	
Buildings	
Toilet (installed in Duke Orchard)	
2 Shelters/bird hides	
Noticeboards for shelters/bird hides	
Entrance Board	
Trees & hedging	
Fruit trees	
Deer proof tree guards	
Willow tunnels	
Mixed native hedging	
Miyawaki mini forest	
Planting	
Bulls	
Seed mix	
Sedum green roof for shelters	
Seating	
Picnic benches	
Benches	
Anchor for benches & picnic benches	
Wildlife	
Ecological advice on implementation and monitoring	
Bat boxes & barn owl box	



We couldn't have done this without our volunteers who tackled every task with enthusiasm: planting hedges, trees, willow and wildflower seeds, designing and planting the Miyawaki Forest and installing wildlife boxes. Fuelled, of course, by tea and cake.

In January 2024, Duchess Green was still a silage field, when, funded by a Community Capacity Fund, YGS Environmental Consultants produced a landscape plan. Following this the Landulph Orchard Green Working Group successfully applied for a Farming in Protected Landscape grant in April 2024. This had exact budgets for 'biodiversity enhancement and ecological improvement to create an area that can be easily accessed by all to explore, enjoy and understand nature and the landscape'.

Creating Duchess Green



Towards the end of February 2025, the sun came out and we raced to complete the FIPL project before the end of March. In the last two weeks, 200 tons of recycled 803 was laid and a team of volunteers operated a very noisy diesel roller to form paths and spaces for benches.



In July 2024, work started on restoring the pond and rerouting the stream through a pipe into an existing culvert. The boardwalk bridge is supported on concrete lego blocks on concrete pads, positioned to keep the boardwalk timbers out of the water. When Glyn Deacon checked the blocks were level to within 5mm. The boardwalk bridge was built in sections and lifted into place.



Despite an extremely wet December and January, the tiered green meeting space (amphitheatre) was carved out of the hillside and tiers created out of Cornish stone walls by master craftsman, Steve Holman. The field shelters/bird hides were installed in a sea of mud.

