



## **NATURAL KIRKLEES AND KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **A Helpful handout for new groups**

Enthusiastic volunteers who wish to embark on a new project involving land or green space owned by Kirklees Council must first obtain permission from the Council.

The best course of action is to contact the Kirklees Volunteer Coordinator for your area:

- Kirklees Rural - Andy Wickham, email [andy.wickham@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:andy.wickham@kirklees.gov.uk), tel 07773 386 550
- Huddersfield - Gill Logan, email [gill.logan@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:gill.logan@kirklees.gov.uk) , tel 07815 117872
- Dewsbury, Mirfield, Batley & Spen - Andy Goff email [andrew.goff@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.goff@kirklees.gov.uk), tel 07813 432400.

Your coordinator will guide you through a simple process of constituting your group and produce an action plan for the work/activities you wish to carry out. You can download a sample constitution which can be found [here](#).

Once constituted you may apply for membership of Natural Kirklees by entering your organisation details onto Natural Kirklees website directory. You can apply [here](#)

Membership is free and you may apply for free insurance and borrow tools from either of our tool stores based at Wilton Park and Beaumont Park.

What we offer:

- Coordination with existing groups and Kirklees Council to make it easier to achieve your objective.
- Free public liability insurance – available to constituted full member groups (see website for eligibility criteria)
- Free tool insurance – available to constituted full member groups where your groups tools are stored in a secure container on the green field site.
- Tool store – access to a free tool share scheme for full or associate member.
- Frequent Newsletters providing information of what is on, member news and notice of meetings etc.
- Ability to apply for an annual small grant scheme to help you with your projects.
- A Listing in our directory of members and to view details and contact other like-minded groups in your area.
- Quarterly Member Meetings (and Annual General Meetings) to network with other members, share interests and concerns, hear relevant presentations and influence the direction of Natural Kirklees.