

Sheffield Street Tree Partnership Away Day: Progress and Planning for a Greener Future

The Sheffield Street Tree Partnership came together for a full-day, in-person workshop in October, focused on collating data for the upcoming annual report and undertaking an initial scoping and planning exercise for a new planting project in the Darnall area.

The session focused on information gathering for the annual report provided a useful space for partners to reflect on both the achievements against individual actions, as well as the challenges and unforeseen opportunities that had arisen during the year. The work to reflect on the delivery of the current strategy will continue in 2025 as the strategy is fully reviewed and refreshed.

The discussions around a new planting project in the Darnall ward focused on how this project would help the partnership achieve its key priorities and targets, in-line with our strategic aims, as well as how the greatest benefits for the community could be achieved with the least inconvenience. The discussion also touched on ways to foster community involvement and greater awareness within the community of the many benefits of street trees, and which partners were already working with communities in the area. Strategies discussed included local school initiatives, tree planting initiatives and potential collaborations within the partnership internally and externally with key stakeholders.

To break up the day, and take advantage of the great weather, a site visit, led by one of Amey's Tree Inspectors, was undertaken in and around the Ponderosa Park area. It was a valuable opportunity to learn more about the health monitoring undertaken by tree inspectors, as well as current issues being addressed and the species being selected and sourced for various locations around the city. The walk underscored the balance that needs to be struck between preserving Sheffield's rich street tree heritage whilst also planning for a sustainable street tree landscape in future.