

White Rose Forest – Summary Review of 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24



“White Rose Forest 2022-23 season achievements film”

<https://youtu.be/CAfax4Wsv2M>



England's Community Forest Trees for Climate 2022/23



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England's Community Forests (ECF)	Target Hectares	1/6/2023	Difference with Allocated	%
City of Trees	75	60	-15	80%
Cumbria	40	45	5	112%
Forest of Avon	80	81	1	101%
Forest of Marston Vale	120	119	-1	99%
Forest of Mercia	50	36	-14	71%
Great Western	60	11	-49	19%
Greenwood	72	44	-28	62%
Humber Forest	80	43	-37	54%
NE Community Forest	159	75	-84	47%
Plymouth	54	58	4	107%
Thames Chase	40	17	-23	43%
The Mersey Forest	183	95	-88	52%
White Rose Forest	400	329	-71	82%
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Summary points to note



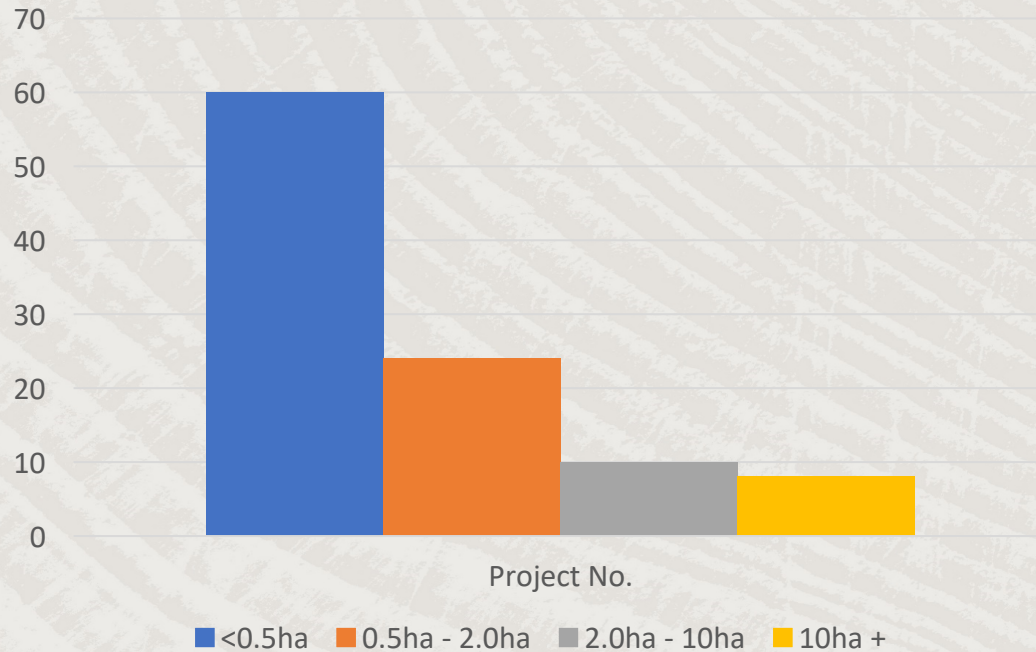
- The ECF network covers 20% of England's land area but delivered more woodland than any other single Woodland Creation partnership including the Forestry Commission
- The WRF has a national profile with a growing reputation
- From a standing start ...After just 3 seasons WRF has
 - created 805 hectares of new woodland and supported planting 1600 standard trees ,
 - invested £6.7m with landowners *(FC and WT figures to add)*
 - over 30,000 households will have more access to local woodlands
 - 235 hectares of new woodland have been planted next to our existing ancient woodland resource protecting its biodiversity value
- The “WRF Delivery Pathway” is working and Kirklees /Community Forest Trust have recruited of a very capable and ambitious WRF Core Team



WRF's 22/23 Programme Analysis

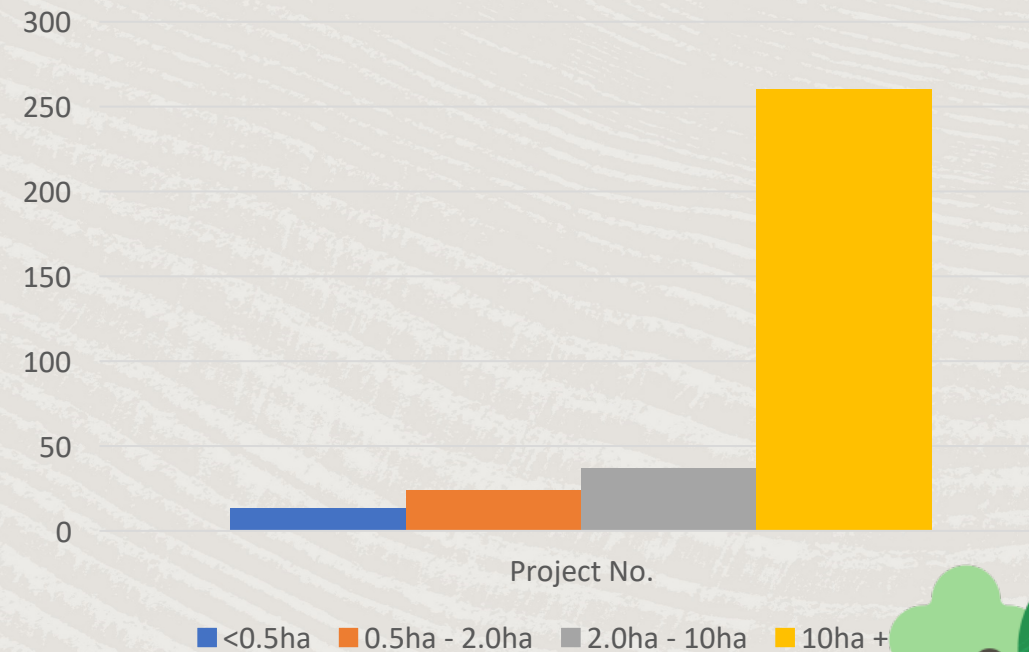
22/23 Project Size (Nos.)

Project No. by Project Size Class



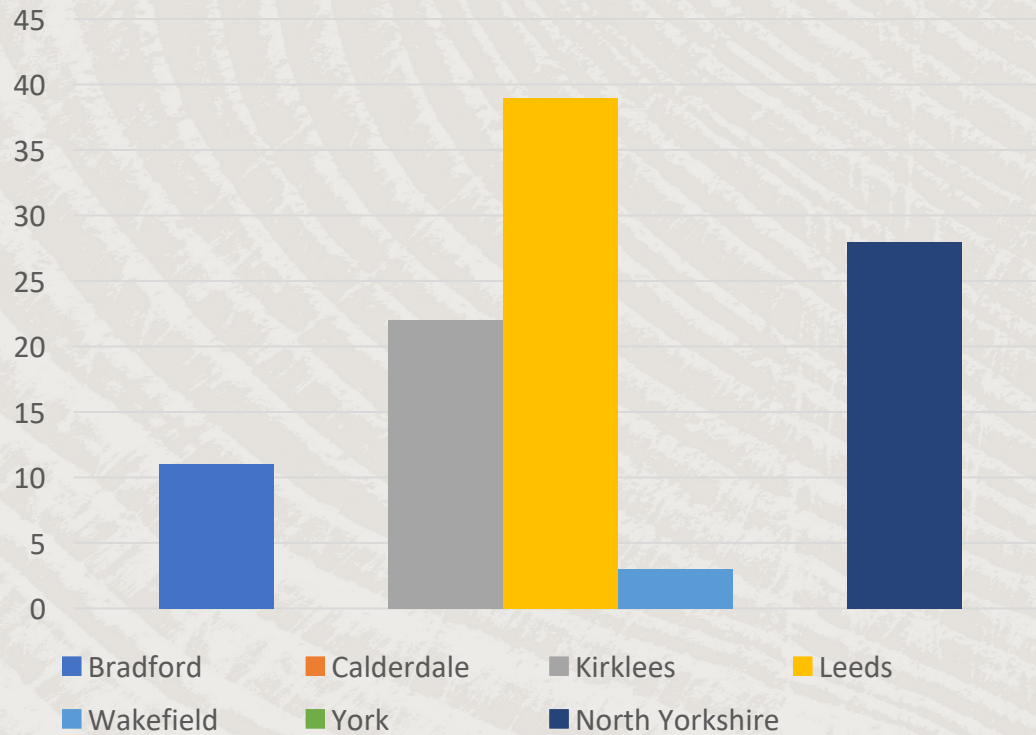
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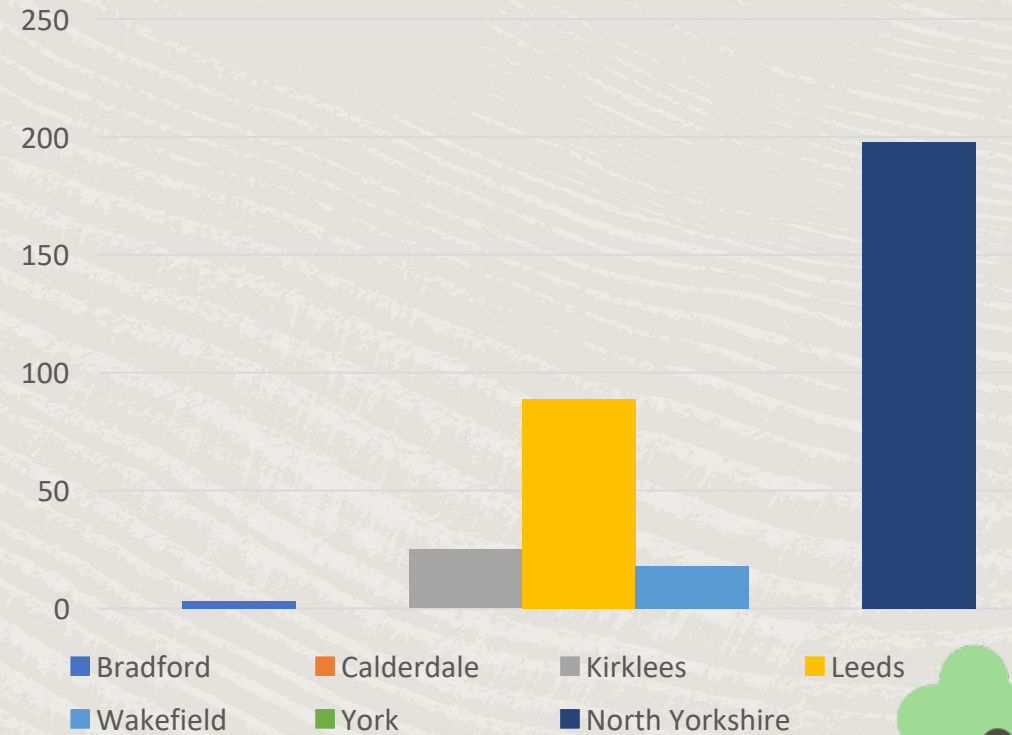


WRF's 22/23 Programme by Local Authority

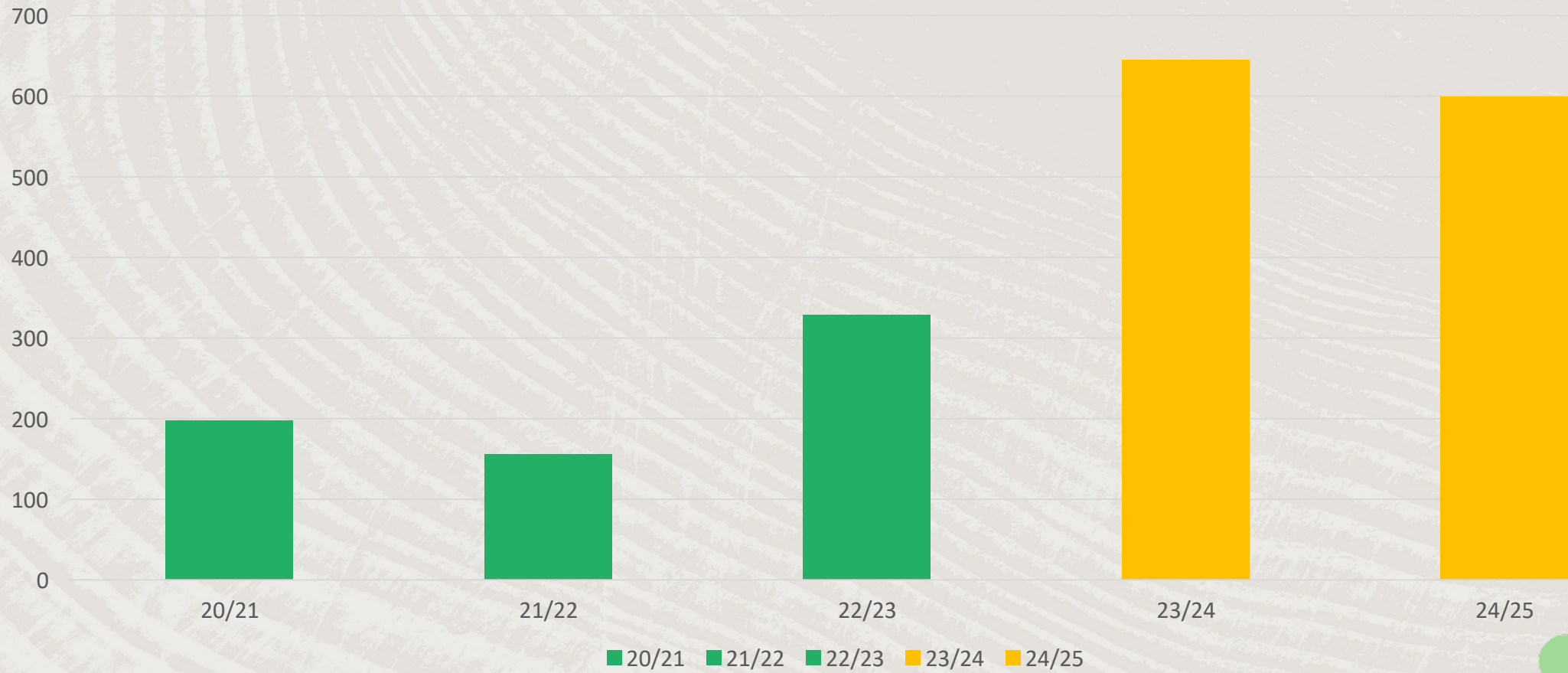
22/23 Project Numbers



22/23 Hectares

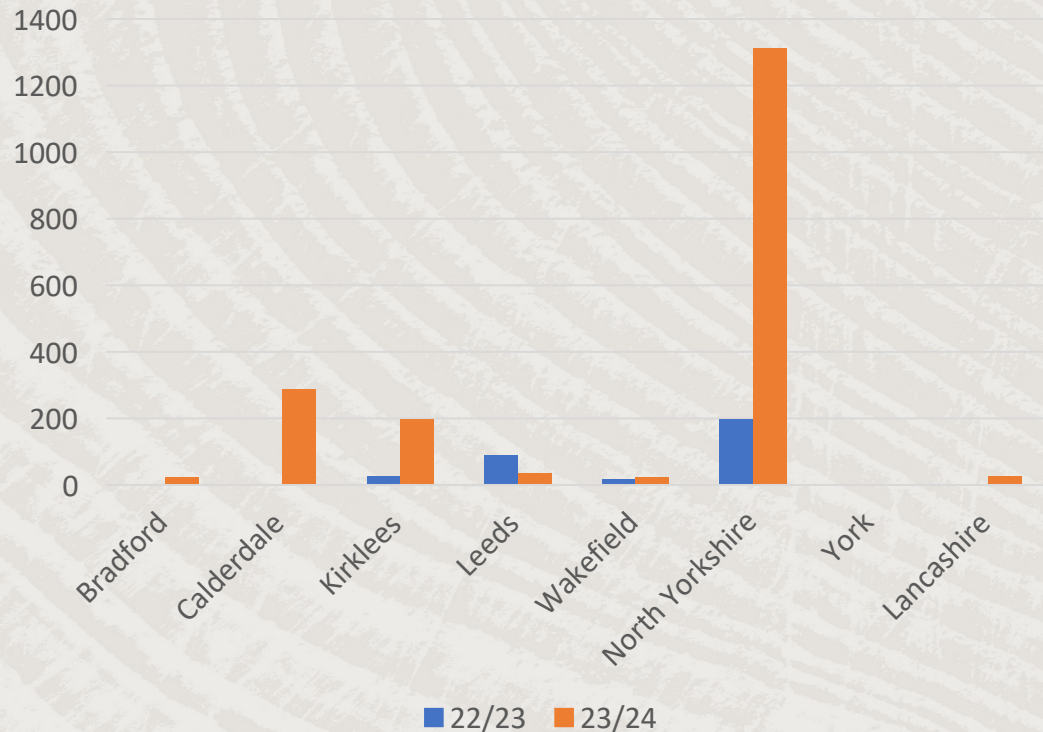


WRF's 23/24 & 24/25 Targets (we need to achieve 1955 hectares by 2025)

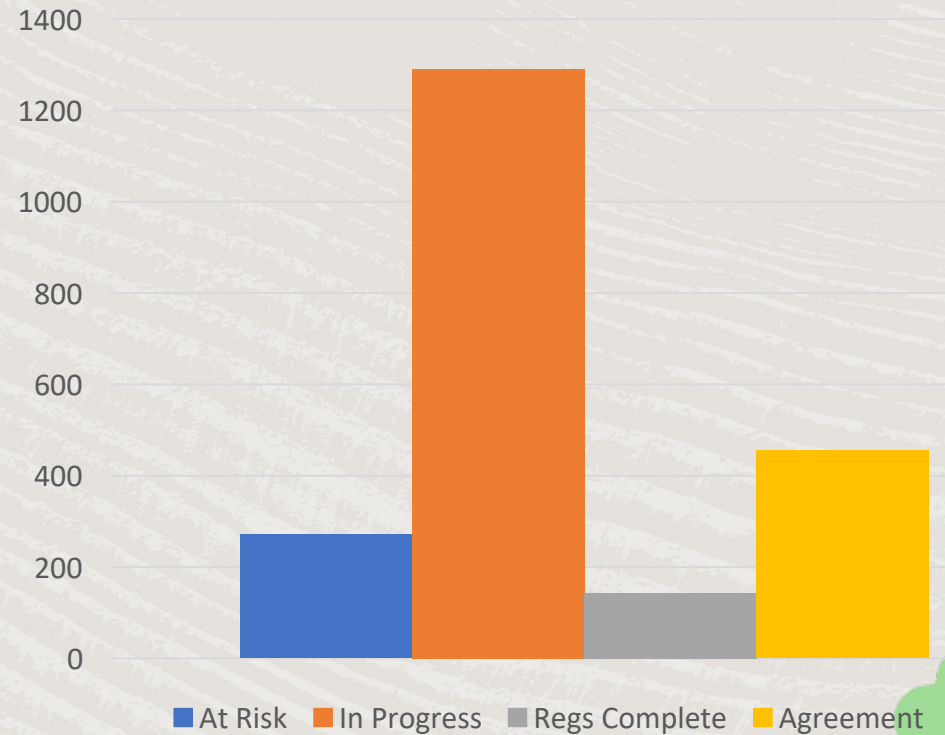


WRF's 23/24 & 24/25 Pipeline

Growing Pipeline



23/24 & 24/25 Pipeline Status



Other significant highlights from 2022/23



- Revenue and Capital is Secured to March 2025
- ECF network working with DEFRA to write a Comprehensive Spending Review document for post 2025
- Green Finance post 2025 working being undertaken aiming for a Blended (Public/Private) Approach e.g. Northern Forest Fund

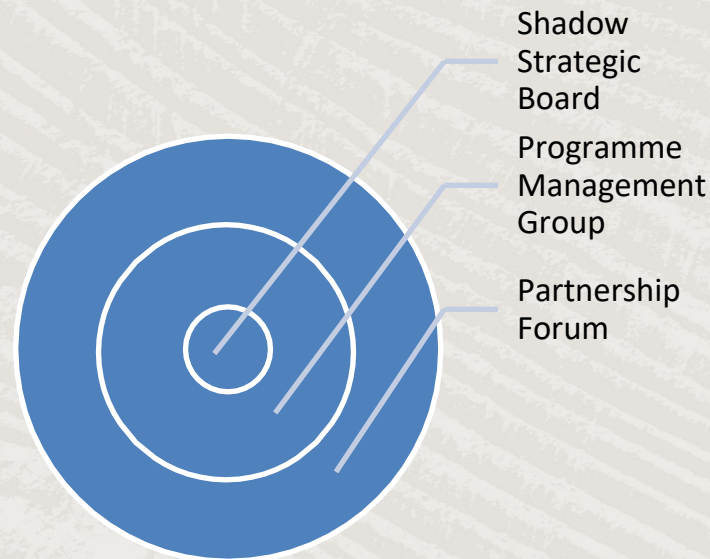


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Governance transition underway

- 2022/23 saw review and a start of a governance revision of the joint venture (2009) to respond to changing region governance and a surge in both political interest and resources for Community Forests
- Reduce ownership of the WRF to a higher level Strategic Board of fewer core statutory authorities but build in wider partnership interests and drivers to retain our community roots



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WRF Plan 2025-2050 underway

- Vision, targets and ambitions for woodland creation and woodland management for North and West Yorkshire (Set priorities for our part of the Northern Forest)
- Plan will be linked to
 - Local Nature Recovery Strategies
 - Climate Resilience
 - Green Skills
 - Mental Well Being
 - Local Authority Policies and National Park Plans
 - National Forestry Plans and ambitions
 - Evidence base for DEFRA and other funding
- Project Manager Post currently being recruited with a small WRF Steering Group of Forestry Commission , Woodland Trust , West Yorkshire Combined Authority , North Yorkshire and Leeds City Councils leads to help steer the Plan's development
- Working to a tight deadline of March 2025 and suggested launch **1st August 2025**





Thank You Any Questions?

