

# Sky-House Co plans a greener future with Kids Plant Trees

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Working towards a greener future with Kids Plant Trees

AWARD winning South Yorkshire property developer Sky-House Co is planning for a greener future as it launches a new eco-friendly partnership with local initiative Kids Plant Trees.

Kids Plant Trees is a social enterprise that works with families and schools across South Yorkshire to give children the opportunity to get their hands dirty, plant trees and enjoy time in nature.

The new Sky-House Co partnership will cover start-up costs that will help Kids Plant Trees to plant 5,000 trees in schools and parks across South Yorkshire between November 2022 and March 2023.

Sky-House Co's support will also help Kids Plant Trees to help transform school playgrounds into greener spaces that are better for kids and wildlife and will buy gardening equipment, planters and shrubs for schools.

The Sky-House concept - a 21st century take on the Victorian back-to-back house created by the team at Sheffield's CODA Architects - was designed from the start to embrace the latest environmental developments.

The company has already agreed a sponsorship package with Carbon Footprint Ltd, the organisation that has pledged to track and reduce carbon emissions at source as much as possible and to compensate for unavoidable emissions via carbon offsetting.

And its Oughtibridge, Fox Valley and Waverley sites are already 100 per cent electric, with the emphasis at every stage of construction on utilising solar energy and also concentrating on the installation of the latest in glazing and insulation.

Sky-House Co Brand Manager Rebecca Prince commented: "We are delighted to support an initiative like Kids Plant Trees that aligns with our aim to do more ecologically for the world we live in, not just from a global perspective but from a local perspective too.

"Kids Plant Trees is a fabulous initiative to plant the seeds of environmental protection in the minds of kids from an early age and we will look forward to seeing the results!"

Anna Parkin, director at Kids Plant Trees, said: "We're really pleased Sky-House Co can see the potential for Kids Plant Trees to make a difference in our local communities.

"There's lots of research to suggest kids benefit from enjoying nature both physically and mentally.

"We also know not every child, even in this great green region, has easy access to nature but we want to change that and we want to help develop a love and respect for nature from a young age.

"We will do this by working with councils and landowners to provide free family planting events.

"We have some great school projects on the go that will make concrete playgrounds greener.

"We're also developing a Kids' Committee with free forest-school workshops where children can have their say on what they want from their local green spaces.

"We look forward to working with Sky-House Co to make a greener future for our children in South Yorkshire."

Kids Plant Trees started as a voluntary initiative in January 2020 and has planted more than 6,000 trees at sites across South Yorkshire.

The organisation's goal is to plant 5,000 more this tree season and to work with schools to make concrete playgrounds greener.

Planting projects include Bole Hills in Crookes and Manor Playing Fields with Sheffield City Council, and Wigfield Farm in Barnsley.

School projects include Rawmarsh St Joseph's in Rotherham, Westways in Crookes and Hillsborough and Nether Edge Primary Schools.



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