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A Wilder Walkmill 2026

www.westcumbriariverstrust.org

Who we are

An award-winning environmental charity

Our mission is to protect, restore and improve West Cumbria's blue spaces for wildlife and people

Our Education team inspire over a thousand children each year to love their watery worlds

We are supported by volunteers donating 3.5k hours every year to help us achieve our goals



Where we are



What we do

Our work:

- Improves water quality
- Enhances habitats
- Reduces flood risk
- Inspires our community to love & protect their blue spaces

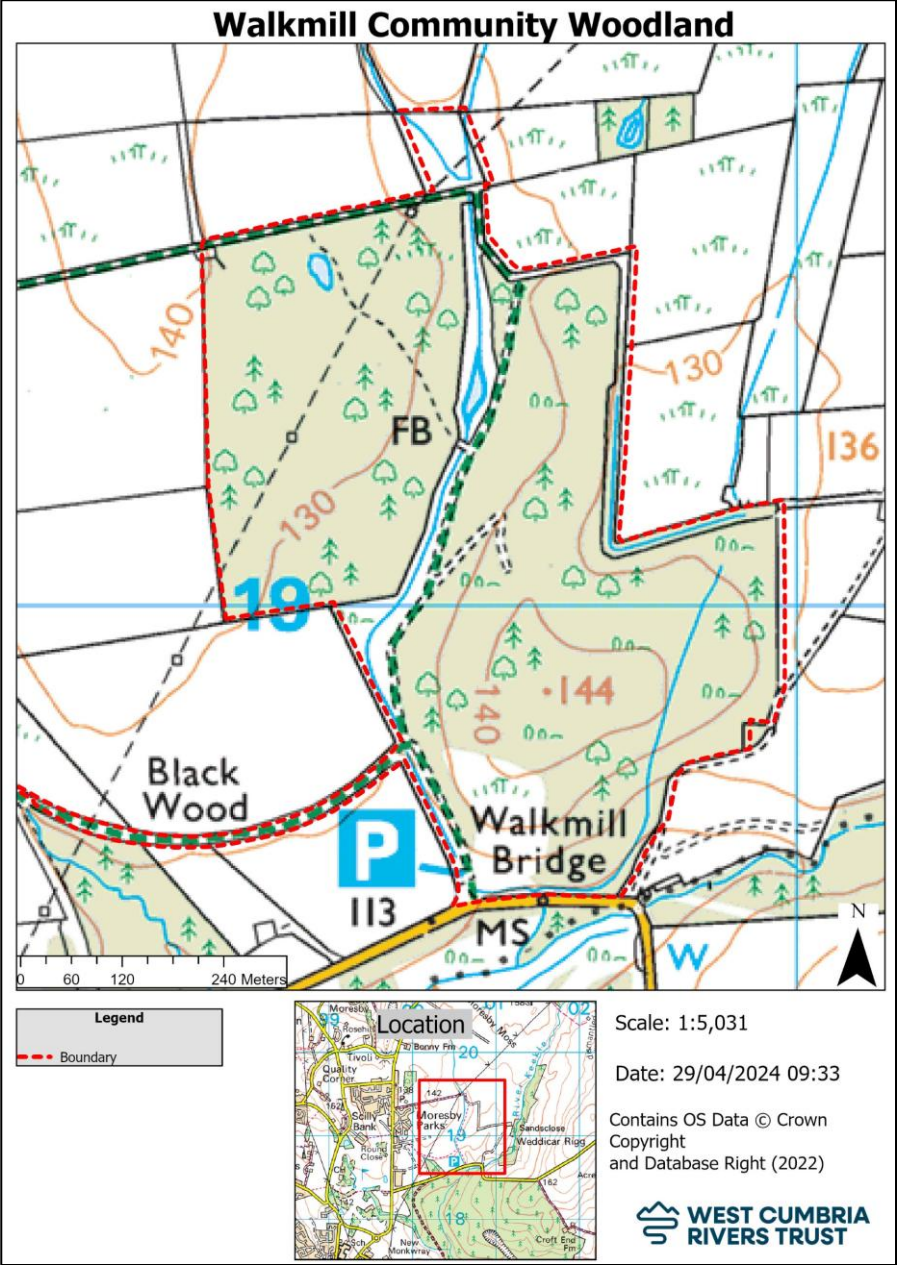
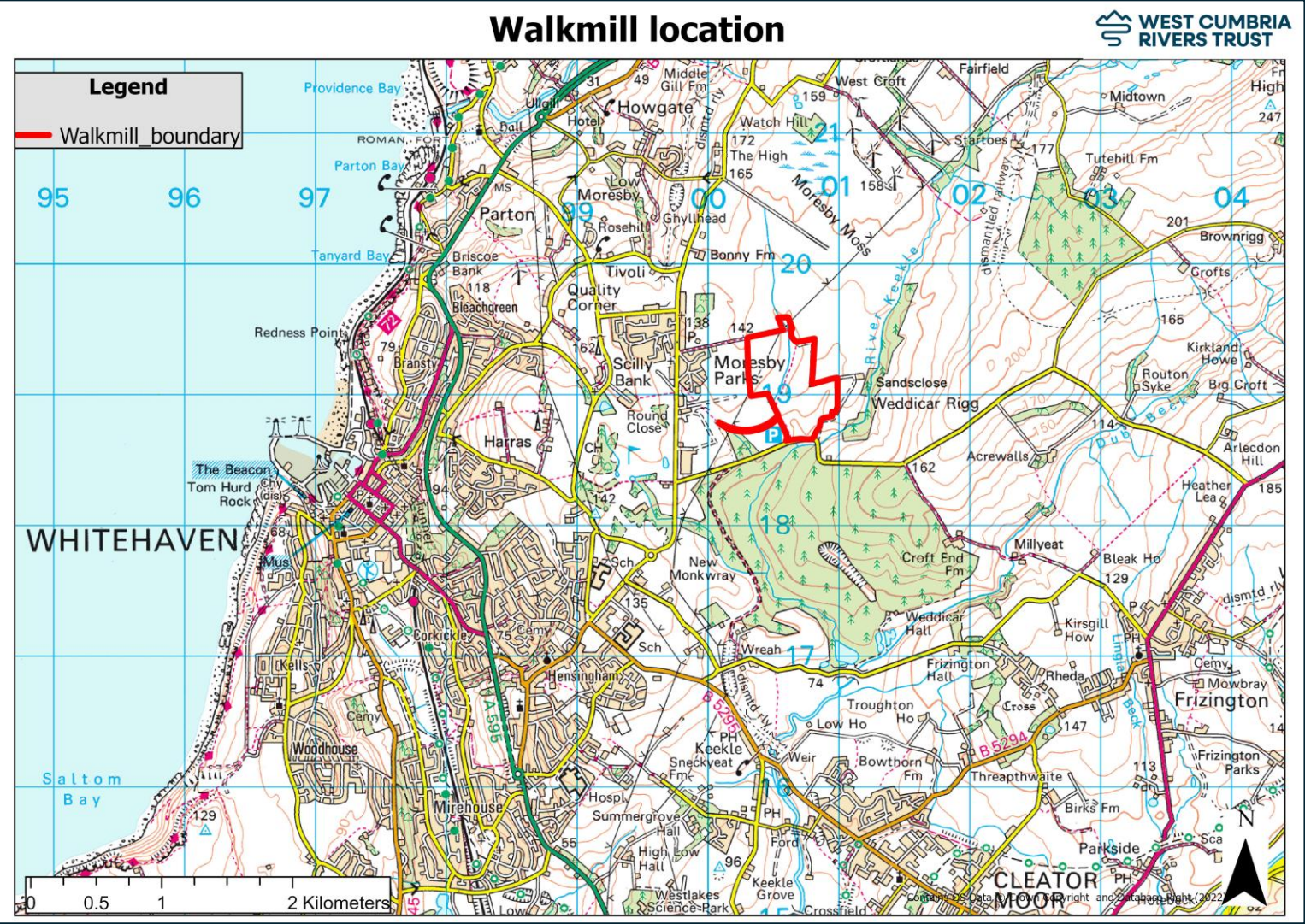
As a registered charity we are reliant on donations, grants and fundraising

WCRT is an independent charity working closely with partners and the community

We are proud to be part of the Rivers Trust movement, one of 60 local river trusts across UK and Ireland.



Walkmill Community Woodland



From Coal Mine to Woodland



Figure 2.12: A view looking south across the demolished colliery site

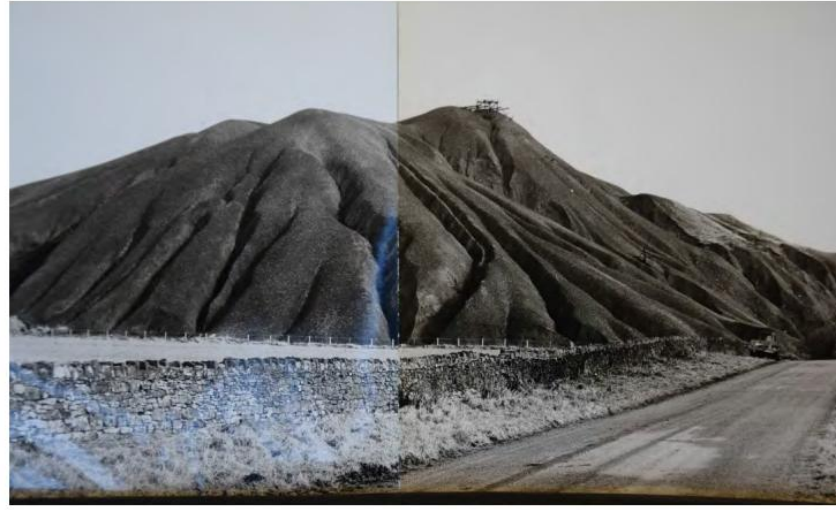
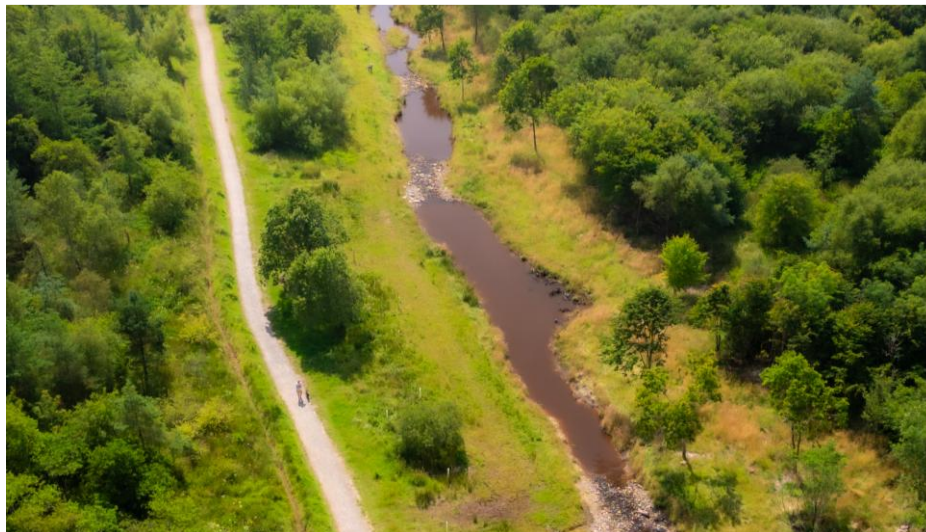


Figure 2.11: Huge black pit heap left at Walkmill after the closure of the colliery



Project aims

STRAND 1: SHAPING THE WOODLAND:

Physical improvements
& changes.

“**Shape, share
and sustain
the woodland
for people
and wildlife.**
Inspired by the **past**,
looking to the **future.**”

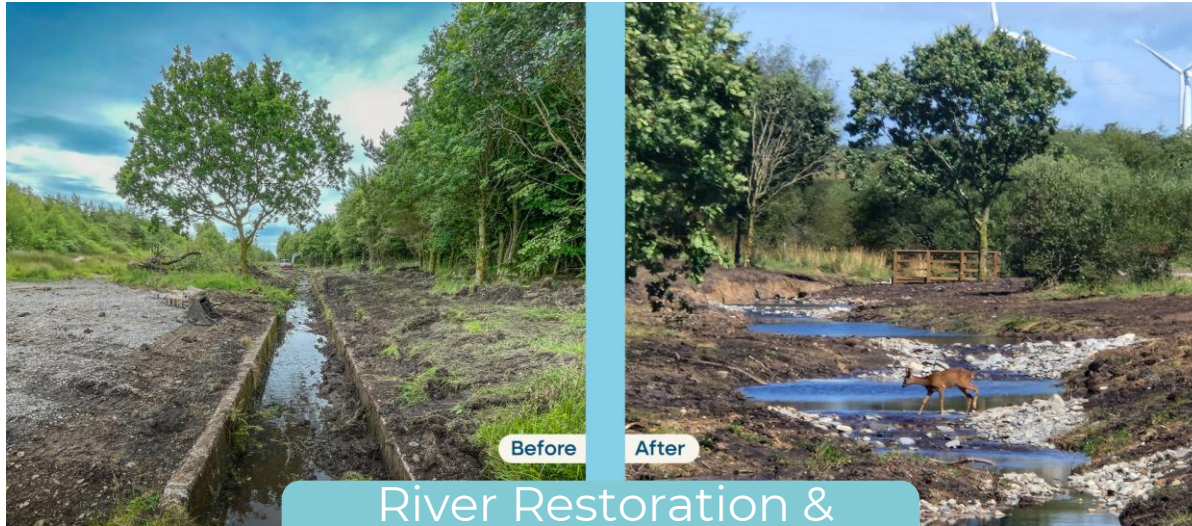
STRAND 3: SUSTAINING THE WOODLAND:

Support the management
and maintenance of
Walkmill Wood in the
future.

STRAND 2: SHARING THE WOODLAND:

Working with the local community on research
and co-creation projects.

S1: Shaping



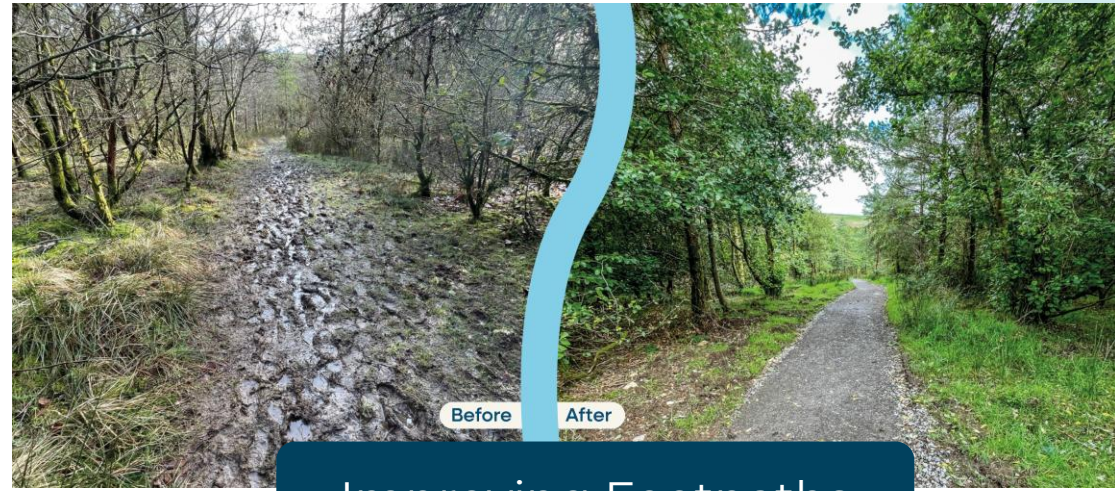
River Restoration & Wetland Creation



Woodland Management



Tree & Wildflower Nursery

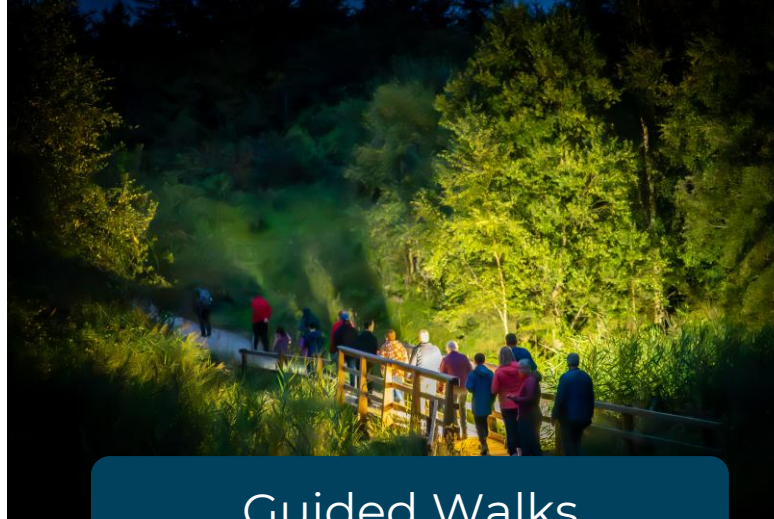


Improving Footpaths

S2: Sharing



Forest School



Guided Walks



Family Fun Days

S3: Sustaining



Practical Volunteering



Citizen Science

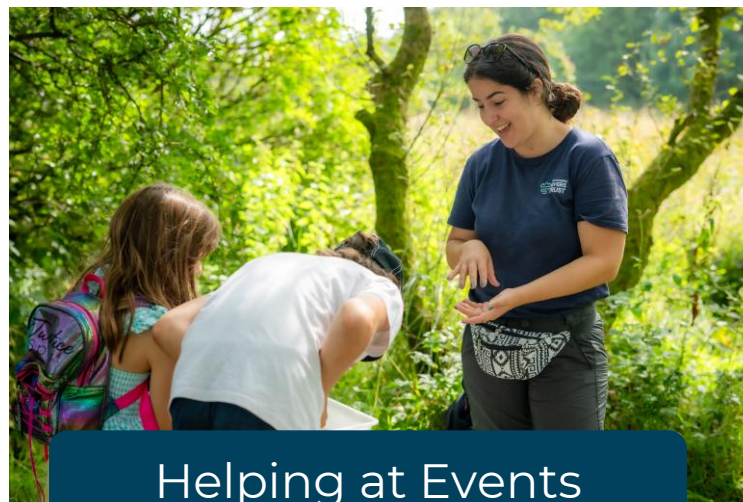


Friends of Walkmill

Volunteering at Walkmill



Practical Conservation



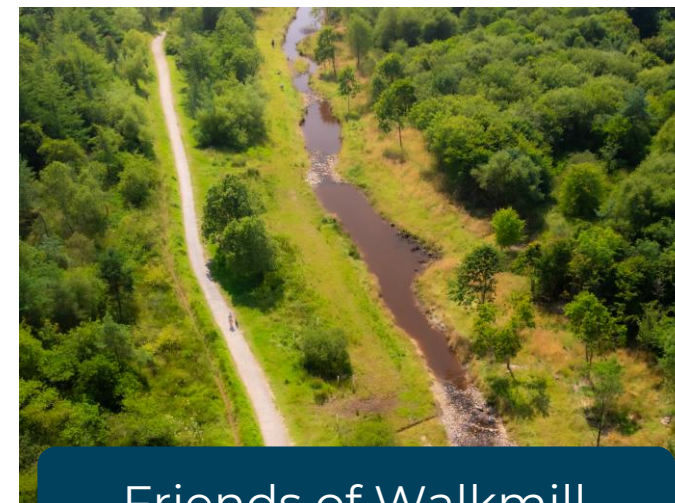
Helping at Events



Learning & Engagement



Monitoring Wildlife



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Benefits of Volunteering



- Opportunity to meet new people
- Make a real difference to your local community
- Physical exercise
- Spend time in nature
- Learn new skills
- Boost your mood & ease stress
- Tea and cake!

"I always come away from the volunteer days feeling a great sense of accomplishment, especially as we can always see a difference."



"I feel happy and free of the everyday stress and worry when working at walkmill."

"I look forward to the volunteering days as a place to socialise, spend time exercising in the fresh air, learn new skills and an excuse to eat cake!"

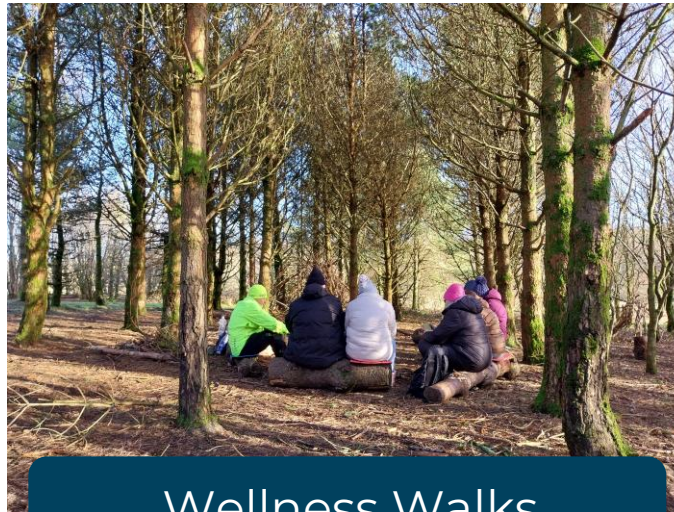


Wellbeing Events

Our wellbeing events are all about good company, fresh air, and trying your hand at something different. Whether it's sharing a story around the campfire, getting stuck into a bit of woodcraft, foraging or simply enjoying the peace of the trees, there's something for everyone.



Activities



Wellness Walks



Activities

Other volunteering opportunities- locally

People on the Keekle/ Mirehouse

Encouraging people from local communities to get involved in outdoor activities, nature conservation and volunteering.

- **Longlands/Cleator Moor** volunteering & events posted on local socials, (Cleator Moor Born and Bred Fb page). Posters around local areas
- **Mirehouse** events and activities, posted on local socials, (Mirehouse Matters, My Whitehaven Fb pages). Posters around local area.
- Contact karin@westcumbriarivertrust.org for more information

Green grounds improvements

- Whitehaven/ Egremont
- Transforming school grounds into wildlife friendly spaces, helping to tackle flooding, boosting biodiversity
- Planting trees, wildflowers and herbs
- Creating ponds and rain gardens
- Building bug hotels and bird boxes
- Contact mia@westcumbriarivertrust.org for more information

Other Volunteering Opportunities



Glenderamackin group

- Near Keswick
- Once a month practical volunteering
- 3rd Wednesday of the month



Cocker group

- Near Cockermouth
- Once a month practical volunteering
- 2nd Thurs of the month

Balsam bashing
June- Aug

Electro-fishing
June- Sept

Volunteer Registration & Other Events

- To see all our latest volunteer opportunities or to sign up as a volunteer head to our website:
<https://www.westcumbriarivertrust.org/volunteer>
- Here you will find a link to the volunteer management system we use – Better Impact. On here you can view upcoming volunteer activities or fill in a form to register as a WCRT volunteer
- All other events, including wellbeing sessions, wellness walks, guided walks and family events can be found on the 'What's On' section of our website:
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Volunteer with West Cumbria Rivers Trust
Come along on a fish survey in West Cumbria!



Any Questions?

Thank you

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