## Hedge Planting at Whitcliffe farm – Volunteering opportunity

The Skell Valley Project is going to plant 170m of new hedgerow at Whitcliffe Farm this winter and needs your help. Located on the edge of Ripon, Whitcliffe Farm is the perfect opportunity to come along and join in.

When: Saturday 17th December



<u>Where</u>: **Meet 9:45am at the Ripon Panthers Pavilion**, Hell Wath Lane, HG4 2SE. The day will run until 3pm, but you don't need to stay all day. You can start at any time and stay for as long as you want. 15 minutes of volunteering equals roughly 2 metres of new hedgerow!

<u>Why</u>: This new hedgerow, along with others being planted in the valley, will help to absorb water that falls into the catchment, reducing the risk of flash floods as well as storing carbon and help combat climate change. It also provides vital habitat corridors for wildlife to thrive.

<u>Who</u>: Anyone can come along and help out. The more the merrier. Parking will be limited, but the site is within a 25-minute walk from the centre of Ripon, or a 15-minute walk from the 36 bus stop at South Lodge or Lead Lane.

What to bring: Wellies or other sturdy footwear, weather appropriate clothing. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided for the planters. Gloves and a spade if you have a favourite one, but these will be provided by the team.

Family-friendly free event. Hours volunteered can contribute to your Power of 10 volunteering hours.

Feel free to turn up on the day or contact Gabby Crisp Skell Valley Area Ranger to confirm your attendance or for any more information on <a href="mailto:Gabby.Crisp@nationaltrust.org.uk">Gabby.Crisp@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>.

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