



Present

Committee: Pete Foulston (FL Vice Chair / Leeds Urban Harvest - chairing the meeting), Sonja Woodcock (FL Chair / Leeds Food Partnership co-ordinator), Rob Moores (FL Treasurer / Growing Better CIC), Tom Bliss (FL Acting Secretary etc.), Sarah-Jane Mason (FL / RHS), Caroline Scott (FL / Bardon Grange = Rooted and Lemon Balm), Sue Ottley-Hughes (FL / Stank Hall Barn), Les Firbank (FL / UoL Chair Sustainable Ag).

And: Emma Strachan (LCC Public Health), Nigel Jones (REAP), Bobbie Bowker (Kirkstall), Catherine Jones (Urban Buzz), Cllr John Illingworth (KVP), Chris Hill (KVDT), Adele Rae (Burley Top Community Network), Marie-Pierre Dupont (REAP / LCC Housing), Ama Chaney (Grow to School), Karen Harris (Back to Front), Johanna Mawson (former reserves officer at Kirkstall etc), Tom Knowland, (LCC Sustainability), Sarah Priestley (Leeds 2023, LCC Sports and Chapel Allerton in Bloom), Mark Warner (Plate 2 Plate Compost and Leeds Beckett University), Isabel Swift (Lemon Balm).

Apologies

Alan Thornton (FL / Leeds Orchard Project), Luke Tilley (FL / Hyde Park Source etc.), Trish Cliff (FL / Growing Better and Trish Travel Food), Anne-Claire Blanvillain (Leeds Food Assembly), Emma Goodway (Space 2), Katie Greaves (Back to Front), Becky Mears (Incredible Edible Aireborough).

Chair's report (Pete):

Thanks to Cllr Illingworth for booking the room.

In the past year, including the last AGM, our general meetings have been attended by people from the following organisations:

Leeds City Council - about 7 different departments including council members, The Orchard Project, the RHS, The Conservation Volunteers, Stank Hall Barn, Leeds Urban Harvest, Permaculture Assn, Growing Better, Incredible Edible Kirkstall, Grow to School, Trish Travel Food, Halifax Food Assembly, REAP, Plate 2 Plate Compost, Federation of Gardeners and Allotment Growers, Leeds Food Assembly, Sustainable Food Cities, Hyde Park Source, Preserving the Harvest, West Leeds Activity Centre, Leeds Beckett, Back to Front, Marginal Lands Project, Space 2, Kirkstall Valley Park, Kirkstall Valley Development Trust, University of Leeds, other organisations also represented by people who came, plus many other interested parties whose interests and organisations we didn't manage to catch. With apologies from Tom for anyone he's missed!

We have:

Met at West Leeds Activity Centre, The Arium, House of Koko, Leeds Beckett and Technorth - (and have booked Inkwell for the February meeting).

We've hosted Potting Shed Drinks once a month, in Chapel Allerton, Chapeltown, the City centre and Headingley.

We've migrated the Think Tank blog and events to the Leeds Food Partnership, as the final step in our contribution to its creation. Three out of five of the FLP shadow steering group are still Feed Leeds officers and have helped the new organisation to host two events; a Think Tank (first under the new banner) on "The Great Food Conundrum; Health vs Sustainability" in May, and a Call to Action event in September, and also employed a dedicated Food Co-ordinator for Leeds, our Chair; Sonja Woodcock.



We've written and submitted an Expression of Interest proposal to the Leeds European Capital of Culture 2023 bid (by the way, this initiative, in spite of failing to win funding from Europe, is being taken forward by Leeds City Council anyway and there will be an open meeting in the Town Hall next Wednesday at 4pm to discuss what to do next. (More from Sarah on this later).

We've led on the development of the Kirkstall Island Farm project (more from Tom on this later).

LESSN has hosted two network events for school growers (thanks to Ama and Trish).

We've posted regularly on our news blog and Facebook pages - of which we have three; Feed Leeds (which has 998 followers and 1,013 likes), the new Potting Shed Group (with 72 members) and LESSN (280 followers and 290 likes). We've also tweeted regularly to our 931 followers on twitter, and managed our google group of 30 and our mailing list of 113.

We've pursued research into the effects of traffic pollution on food grown in cities (results still not released by UoL).

We've made a video to help with the Growing Better crowd-funding launch (more from Rob on this later).

We represented Feed Leeds and the Food Partnership at the Sustainable Food Cities conference in Edinburgh.

We represented Feed Leeds and hosted a stall at the School Food Conference at Leeds Civic Hall.

We hosted stalls at The Arium launch and at Rodley Nature Reserve open day.

We've helped to promote the launch of the Leeds Food Assembly, multiple Orchard events, and supported Chapel Allerton food growers and other projects though the year.

And we were given a special award by the Lord Mayor, no less, for our 'outstanding contribution to the citizens and communities of Leeds.'

Treasurer's report (from Rob)

In 2016/17 (reporting is one year in arrears), Feed Leeds bid for and won a fee of £8,000.00 from Leeds City Council to conduct an extensive Food Audit for the city. Sonja was retained to carry out the bulk of this work with Clare Devereux employed as consultant. Extensive assistance was also provided by Nigel Jones, Les Firbank and Tom Bliss free of charge. Sonja and Clare duly invoiced and there was bill to Oxford Place for room hire. The bank account is now once again empty pending future projects.

By the way - our [constitution](#) allows us to raise funds not only for Feed Leeds projects (we don't run these very often because network activity takes up most of the core team's available time) but also on behalf of any Connections/Partners who don't have the structures to manage funds themselves. Please get in touch if you have a project that could benefit from either option.

Election of Officers

We had one place available on the committee to bring us up to our full quota of 16. Marie-Pierre Dupont of REAP Gardening Group and formerly Back to Front, who also works for Leeds City Council Housing, kindly offered to stand and was duly nominated by Caroline and Sonja and elected with



enthusiasm by all. We welcome Marie-Pierre who has a wealth of horticultural knowledge and experience to share.

Sonja felt she had done her stint as Chair, so stood down with massive thanks from the group for sterling efforts especially in leading on the Food Audit in 2016 and in the creation of Leeds Food Partnership in 2017. Having been advised it was time he took some responsibility (!) Tom offered to replace her, was nominated by Pete and Sarah-Jane, and duly elected.

This left a slot for Secretary which Rob kindly offered to fill. He was nominated by Pete and Sonja, and duly elected.

This left a vacancy for Treasurer, and as Sonja is still named signatory on our bank account from her previous stint as Treasurer, she kindly agreed to return to the role, being nominated by Tom and Pete and duly elected.

Tom pointed out that technically he is still also Comms officer. He's happy to go on managing the web site etc, (this makes sense as he holds the files, urls etc) but would like someone to assist with social media and blogs - because the more the merrier. This could be handled by someone not often able to attend meetings. **If anyone feels they can help, please contact Tom.**

Project Presentations and Updates:

Grow to School (Ama) <https://www.growtoschool.co.uk/>

Ama's slides are included at the back of this document, inclusive with text. She also mentioned that though she mainly works in Huddersfield she has funding bids which will allow her to work in Leeds more in future. She works with nursery, primary and now secondary schools. Asked what happens when she moves on from a school she explained that it's essential to bring the management team on board to ensure continuity and to leave a resource pack with full schedule and instructions for anyone picking up on the project after the engaged staff move on. An important emerging activity is working with parents via the school - this can be a very good and sometimes the only way to reach some adults, and to offer the social and personal benefits that flow from growing food. The problem of watering in school holidays is managed by aiming to harvest as much as possible before the end of term, and providing a LOT of mulch to reduce evaporation until the school reopens!

Plate 2 Plate Compost (Mark) <https://www.facebook.com/Plate2PlateCompost/>

Marks's slides are included at the back of this document. This is a very professional hobby which may turn into a business in future. The slides illustrate his original bins at home and the new ones a WLAC, and the quality of compost produced from locally-collected food waste, coffee and woodchip - and recently a quarter tonne of apple pulp from the orchard project and Leeds Urban Harvest via All Hallows Church. He's also working with Roundhay Open Gardens, REAP Oakwood Farmers Market and the NSPCC via St Gemma's. Askham Bryan and Leeds City College tests have confirmed very high NPK values (Caroline suggested it might even be worth 'cutting' the compost to make it go further). Mark is looking for more food waste in North Leeds. **Tom to put Mark in touch with Lou at Opposite (done) - anyone else with good contacts please let Mark know. NB Mark's compost is for sale - it's a bit more expensive than garden centre stuff, but it's much better and goes much further, so works out cheaper!**

Back to Front (Karen) <https://www.backtofront.org.uk/>

Karen reported (no slides) that the 2018 workshops with Hyde Park Source have started really well. All the growers said they really liked it, learnt something, and would like to come to another one. At the last meeting, they discussed planting fruit trees in public spaces in the area (this was



picked up by Catherine from Urban Buzz for further collaboration). All the growers said they'd like to be involved, all seven sites have places trees could go, and Connect Housing has offered to donate £250 towards this. They're just waiting to find out how many sites they've got permission for. They now have an official BtoF volunteer who is doing this as part of her uni course, which involves a minimum of 100 hours volunteering. She has a family background in edibles and has experience with websites.

Leeds Food Partnership (Emma) <http://leedsfoodpartnership.org.uk/>

Emma reported on progress to date (no slides). Leeds aspires to apply for the Sustainable Food Cities Bronze award later in 2018, to hopefully be granted the award in 2019 <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/awards>. The award requires a city to be able to evidence an active Food Partnership and a food action plan for the city, so this now being developed by the shadow board and theme leads. Another call to action meeting, following the first very successful one last September, will be held on 18th of April, facilitated by Andy Goldring at the Fire Station, for anyone interested in the evolving work. Other key dates for partnership groups and action planning events will be released shortly on the LFP website. Tom has set up a competition for Leeds Beckett design students to convert the LCC-produced Food Charter into a city-owned infographics document that will function as a pledge for joining members. We aim to have a winner for creative style by early March for soft roll out at the Healthy Weight Declaration event, and then follow through with consultation and editing ready for a final version by the meeting on 18th of April. A public launch is planned for June. **Contact Emma for further details.**

Urban Buzz (Catherine) <https://www.buglife.org.uk/urban-buzz-leeds>

Catherine's slides are included at the back of this document. Urban Buzz has been highly successful in York - exceeding target significantly (see slides) and it will be a great project for Leeds, as it will inject resource expertise, funding, and energy into a various ideas and projects that are currently happening around the city - especially planting projects of any kind that support insects. "The city will bring together key council figures and fantastic local community groups passionate about their parks and open spaces. The city has already come a long way in its journey to improve the local open spaces and parks so that the public can gain more enjoyment from them, and Urban Buzz will bring an exciting new twist to this with the creation of lots more pollinator habitat, colour and life in key areas across the city. Leeds has a wealth of parks and open spaces dotted throughout the city with ample opportunity to create amazing pollinator rich habitats creating, corridors for bees, wasps, hoverflies, beetles, flies and butterflies to keep Leeds Buzzing.

Urban Buzz targets per city:

- Create 100 buzzing hotspots (York = 134)
- Enhance 25 hectares of pollinator habitat (York = 38)
- Engage 600 people in habitat creation (York = 2,229)

Tom to contact Jo (done) at Unity Chapel who asked Paul A (who is on a sabbatical) if they can have the beds back in City Square this year. Having had no reply to date, this might be a good site for Urban Buzz being high visibility, with bees from the Queens Hotel hives to feed.

Growing Better (Rob) - <http://growingbetter.strikingly.com/>

Rob's slides are included at the back of this document. The shipping container will be arriving in Leeds soon - and will go, as planned to WLAC. Meanwhile, hydroponics are being installed at the Unity Centre on Roundhay Rd, where GB's first employee, Ashley, is about to start work. GB collaborated with Fuel For School/Real Junk Food Project to run a school hydroponic growing pilot project at RoseBank primary school. This was a great success with lots of enthusiasm from the children and teachers and the organisers are looking at future funding to develop a system that can be rolled out more widely. A 6-week Growing Better Edibles course was held at WLAC. Rob's last slide outlines the planned community farm at WLAC. **Anyone interested in getting involved, please get in touch.**



Leeds 2023 (Sarah) - <http://leeds2023.co.uk/>

Sarah's slides are included at the back of this document. The project is being taken forward by LCC in spite of UK being ruled out due to Brexit - big announcements are expected at the Town Hall next Wednesday at 4pm. 'Leeds' here means anywhere with a Leeds postcode or phone number, with a broad inclusive approach. In some ways losing the funding could be an advantage because Leeds will be free to tailor the festival more to the city's core skills and needs - especially sport, where we excel, the environment and, of course, food! Newcastle lost to Liverpool in 2008 but put on a very successful festival form which Leeds is learning much. Various areas that could benefit were suggested to Sarah, including Harehills, South Leeds and Kirkstall - which have tended to miss out on project like these in the past but have great needs and exciting opportunity of you know where to look. She explained that over 300 EOIs had been submitted in the original bid, but while the event next week is largely about announcements, the door for ideas and suggestions remains open, with some very exciting opportunities coming down the track and hopefully a good spread of investment and activity across the city.

Chapel Allerton In Bloom (Sarah) - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/angela-talbot>

Sarah's slides are included at the back of this document. She outlined the four projects being undertaken, which have tended to have more of a wildlife focus than food to date, but include a number of fruit trees. They are now looking for more ideas and expertise to help develop a larger site, possibly with more food growing. Marie-Pierre, who was instrumental in the creation of the iconic Oakwood Clock project offered to help, and Nigel suggested Sarah might also contact FL's Mandy from St Stephens Well in Kirkstall, who has achieved something similar with great success. **Anyone in the area keen to help, please get in touch.**

Kirkstall Island Farm (Tom) - <https://kirkstallecoeducation.wordpress.com/>

Tom's slides are included at the back of this document. He stressed that this project is still very much at the concept stage, and the name and logo are not agreed (KIF has other meanings, which may or may not be useful by association)! An informal group from Feed Leeds, KVP, KVDA, Leeds Beckett and others has been working to take it forward, but to date there is no clear consensus, permission from LCC, funding, or road map to an actual farm on the island yet. Tom outlined the design concept developed by Leeds Beckett staff and students (i.e. not the working group) with input from Arup, whose primary purpose has been to initiate discussions aimed at minimising the threat and maximising the opportunities presented by FAS2 - both of which are potentially game-changing. This appears to have been either successful or lucky, because a very recent meeting has confirmed that the farm should not only escape major flood works (inundation risk will not change much, and should even reduce slightly when the full alleviation scheme is mature), but the possibility of funding and/or works compatible with the project aims remain a (strong?) possibility - specifically river crossings, new paths and perhaps some new water channels and wetlands too if we decide these are useful as security barriers and/or for biodiversity. These would, however, be less than as shown on the drawings in the attached slides because flood retention is not, as originally envisaged, now planned for this area. The group have been attempting to reach a consensus on how the project might be managed and developed, and now need to decide if and how they wish to proceed. In response to Tom's presentation, a number of people mentioned a need for local people to be involved. He explained that farm has been fenced and inaccessible ever since it was created, (rival bidders might well keep it fenced and inaccessible), whereas our primary objective is to open it up to be, at the same time, a functional farm, a park for all of Leeds (it belongs to the city but locals would benefit most), AND a nature reserve - with community access wherever and whenever possible. Local opinion has been canvassed in the past via KVP engagement exercises, and is fully intended again at the first suitable opportunity, bearing in mind that it's not usual to develop business plans in public, and that it's never a good idea to raise expectations beyond what is feasible. It's better to



find out what is viable first and then work collaboratively within these possibilities with local groups. Council Officers have been involved throughout via KVP, but Adele suggested that it might an idea to also have non-political community groups represented which Tom agreed with. This has in fact always been possible because the Feed Leeds door has always been open, and it remains so.

General

Please join the [google email group](#). This is a bounce-out system which is good for promoting your projects and/or initiating discussions with the group.

Please join the [Potting Shed](#) Facebook group. This is different to our Facebook page - you can post at will and comment rather than sending to Tom for posting - and we'd like to build the numbers up.

Please add all dates of workshops, events and meetings to the [Calendar](#). (Follow the instructions at the bottom of the page). **And send any news that would like to see on the Home Page to Tom.**

Next Meetings

Potting Shed Drinks: To be decided

General Meeting: Monday 19th Feb: [Inkwell Arts](#)



Ama Chaney

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COMPOST



Mark Warner

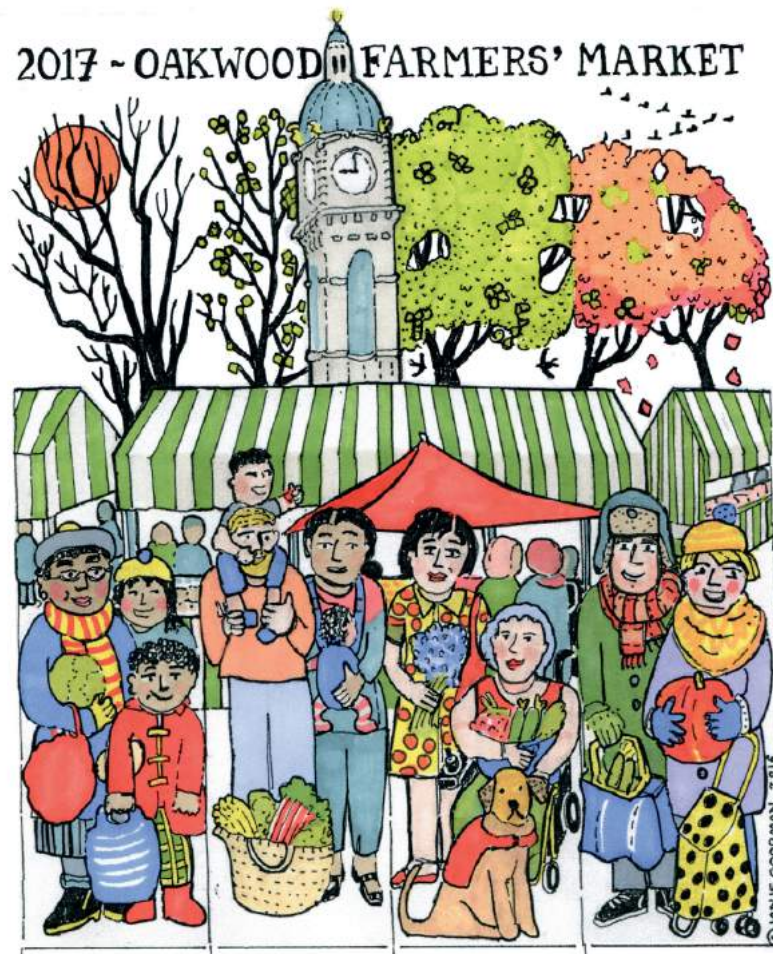




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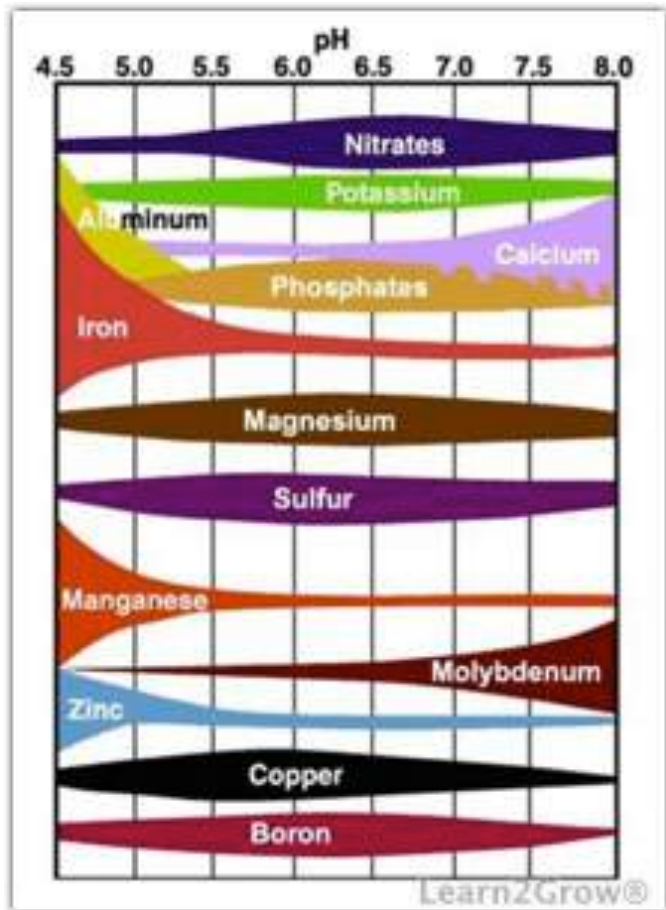
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Before planting or sowing

1. Make sure that the area is free of weeds and that the soil is moist.
2. Sprinkle pellets evenly over the whole area at a rate of 150g per square metre (5oz per sq. yard) and work lightly into the surface soil.

Feeding established plants

1. Ensure the area is free of weeds and that the soil is moist.
2. In spring and summer sprinkle pellets evenly onto the soil around established plants and crops at a rate of 100g per square metre (3.5oz per sq. yard) at 4-6 weekly intervals.
3. To feed established flowering shrubs and roses use about 150g (5oz) of pellets per plant when first flower buds appear and feed again 4-6 weeks later.
4. Water well after feeding.

UK Fertiliser Declaration

Compound fertiliser 4-3-2.5	
Total Nitrogen (N)	4%
Phosphorus Pentoxide (P_2O_5)	3% (1.3%P)
of which, soluble in water	0% (0%P)
Total Potassium Oxide (K_2O)	2.5% (2%K)

ROI Fertiliser Declaration

Fertiliser containing Organic Material Compound 4-1.3-1.7	
Total Nitrogen (N)	4%
Phosphorus (P) soluble in water	0%
Soluble in mineral acids only	1.3%
Potassium (K) soluble in water	1.7%

Warning

- Wear gloves and eye protection.
- Avoid applying in direct sunlight or when dry at the roots as plants may become scorched.
- Do not exceed the recommended dose. Increasing the concentration may harm plants.
- Store in a safe dry place, tightly closed, away from children, pets and foodstuffs.
- Wash hands and exposed skin after use.

Always re-seal after use. Do not exceed the stated application rate. Increasing the dosage may damage your plants. Store in a safe, dry place, away from children, animals and foodstuffs. Wash hands after use.

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
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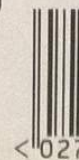
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E.C Fertiliser Compound Fertiliser (5-5-6)

Total Nitrogen (N)	5.0%
Phosphorus Pentoxide (P_2O_5)	5.0% (2.2%P)
soluble in water	0.45% (0.2%P)
Total Potassium Oxide (K_2O)	6.0% (5.0%K)

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Urban Buzz Leeds

Catherine Jones - Conservation Officer

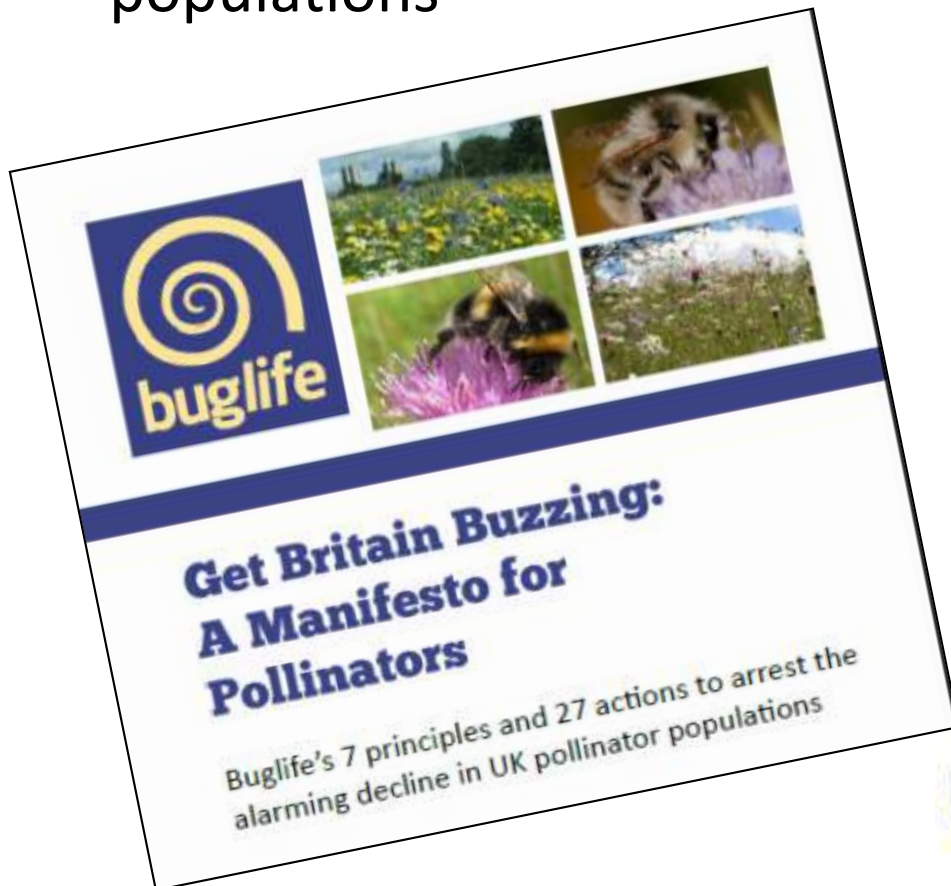


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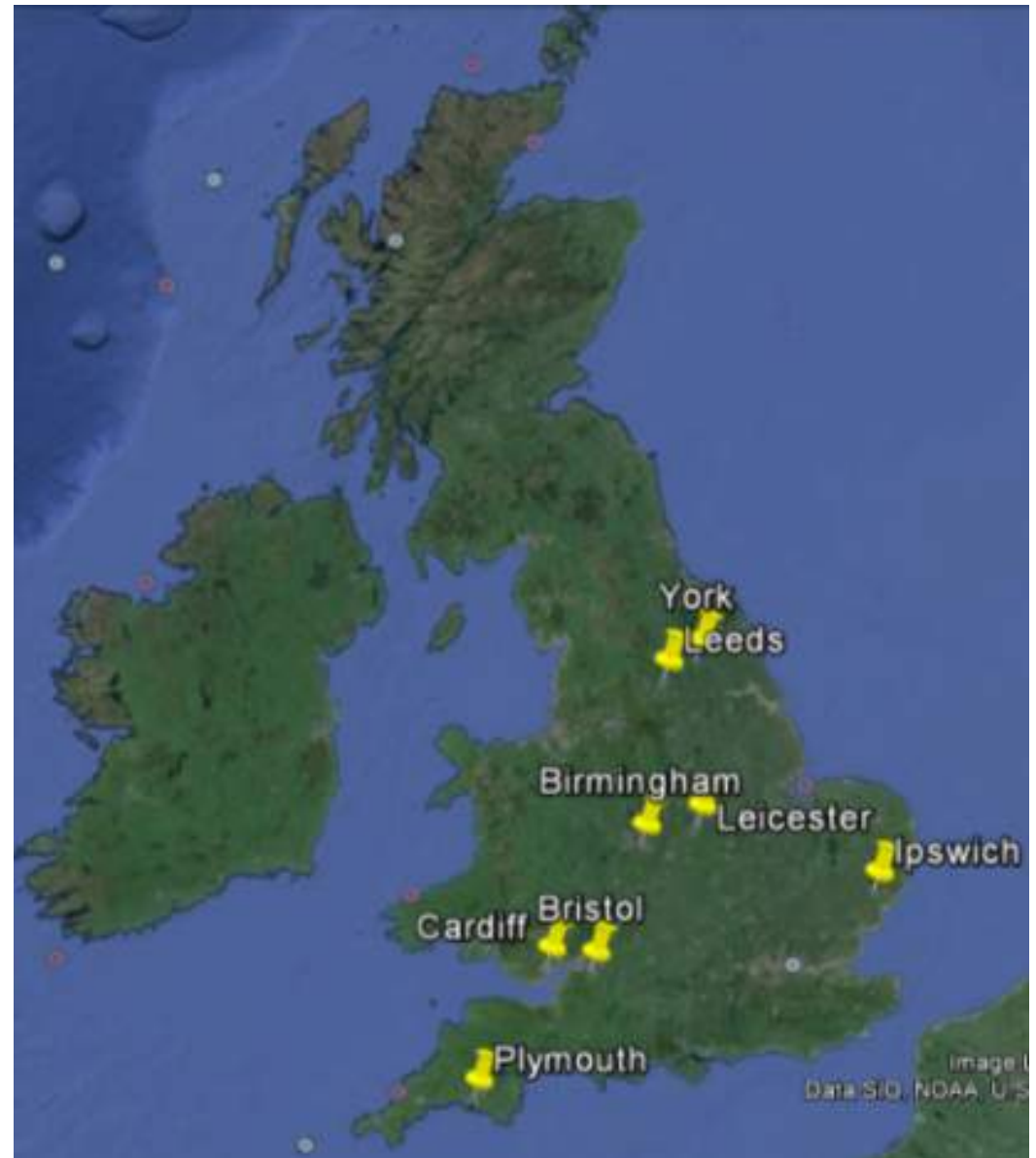


**Our pollinators are in trouble...
but we have a plan!**



Urban Buzz

- 🐝 Creating pollinator habitat in these cities to inspire others to follow our lead
- 🐝 Funders: Biffa Award, Heritage Lottery Fund, People's Postcode Lottery, and Garfield Weston Foundation
- 🐝 Working locally with Leeds City Council



Urban Buzz vision

-  Pollinators
-  Local communities
-  Space
-  Buzzing with life



Healthy environment



**80% of
wild
plant
species**

Potts et al., 2010

Food production



**84% of
EU crops**

European Commission, 2011



**£12.6
billion**

European Commission, 2011



Insect pollinators





Insect pollinators



↓ 38%



↓ 50%



↓ 66%








Pollinator Potential

We will use the information from this form to establish the current state of each site and assess what opportunities there are to improve the site for pollinating insects and other wildlife.

Please refer to the guidance notes for any help with completing this form

• Recorder Name: _____ • Date and Time: _____

• Site Name: _____ • Site Owner: _____

• Grid Reference/Postcode: _____ • Area of site (m2): _____

• Does the site have any designations? (If known) _____

• Have you taken any photos of this site? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please label them with the site name and email them to your Urban Buzz Officer.

• Use of land around the site: (walk perimeter of site and tick if any of the following occur)

Houses <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial Estate <input type="checkbox"/>	Recreational area <input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments <input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Farmland <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Body <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	(Please Specify) _____

Existing Habitat Features

• Please tick all that occur and give an approximate size (m2), number or length

 Woodland Area: _____	 Stand-alone Trees Number: _____	 Hedges Length: _____	 Shrubs Area: _____	 Planted flower beds Area: _____
 Ivy Area: _____	 Mown grass Area: _____	 Long grass Area: _____	 Wild flowers Area: _____	

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Shelter and Nesting Sites

• Please tick all potential nesting sites present and give an approximate size (m2)



Other Potential Habitats

• Please tick all other structures present and give approximate details on area (m2), length (m), or number





People and sites



100 buzzing hotspots

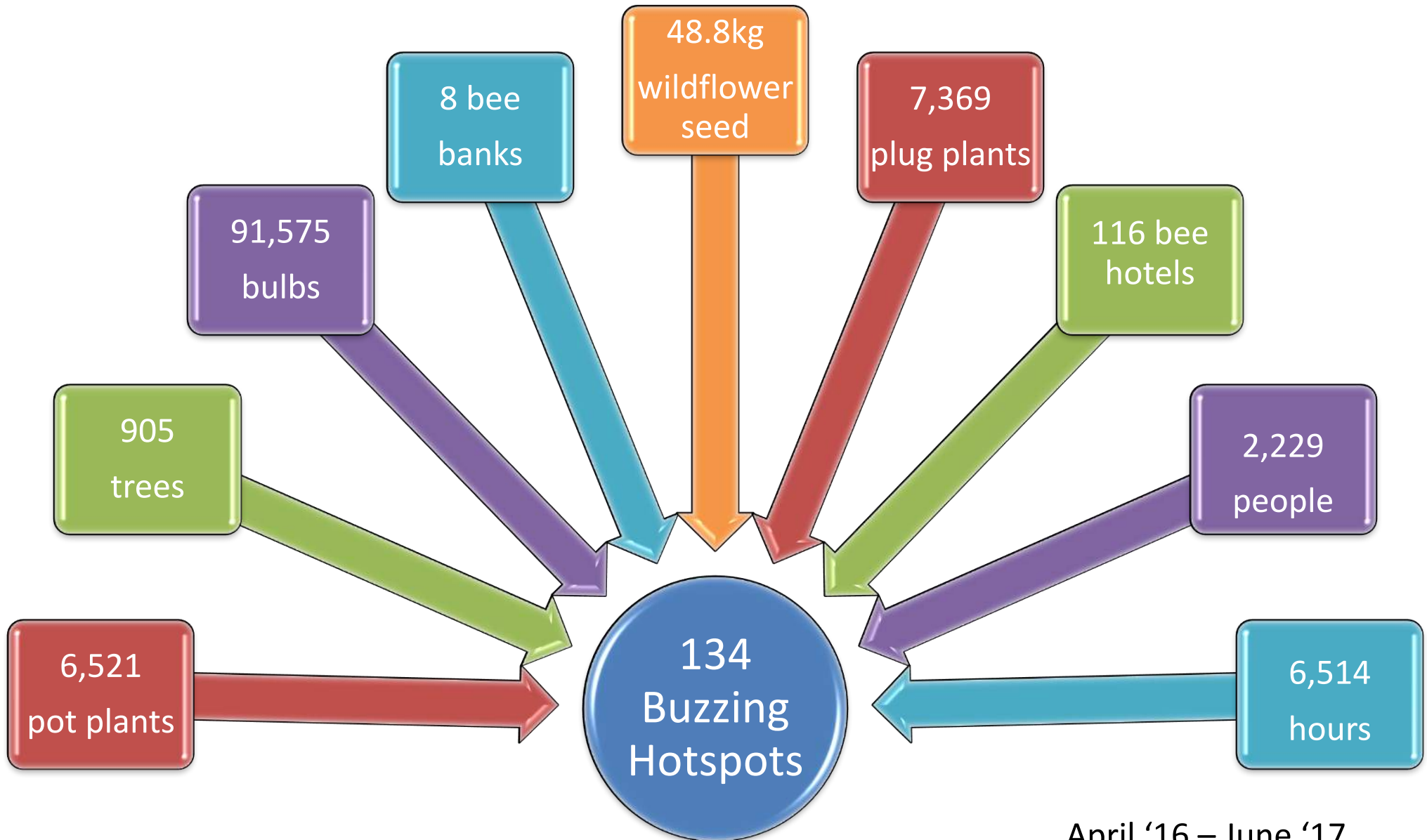


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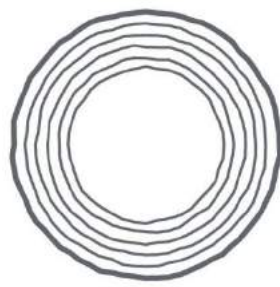
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- Consistent availability year round

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- Able to grow to order in short timescale

- Living and cut plants

- Single variety and mixes of microgreens (and mixed with pea shoots)

- Packaging and labelling options

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RED AMARANTH



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PEA SHOOT



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Sarah Priestley, Culture and Sport, Leeds City Council

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Timeline reminder

- Jan 2014 – Leeds starts bidding process
- June 2016 – EU Referendum
- Dec 2016 - UK Government launches the competition
- April 2017 – Article 50 invoked
- July 2017 – European Commission appoints Independent panel
- Sept 2017 – European Parliament publishes calendar including UK 2023
- Oct 2017 – bid book submitted
- Nov 23rd 2017 – European Commission cancels the competition





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Options

- European Commission reverses its decision
- UK Government organises a new competition
- Leeds takes forward our own plans
- Do nothing

Leeds takes forward own plans

- Harnesses energy and work to date
- Leeds 'comes out fighting'
- Culture Strategy priorities





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What will remain?

- The ambition to deliver a transformational, cultural programme
- Galvanise the city
- Secure long term investment
- Cultural Strategy

What will change?

- **International** Programme, not just European
- 5 years up to and including 2023
- Not just a focus on art, but also sport





Join us

- It has been a transformational, sensational journey
- It is only the end of the beginning
- It is now necessary to harness the momentum generated and continue



Act II

**Wednesday 31st January
4-6pm Leeds Town Hall**



Chapel Allerton in Bloom

- 12 fruit trees planted
- Wildlife sanctuary – bird houses, bug hotel, mud kitchen area
- Pocket park revitalised



Chapel Allerton in Bloom

- Additional green spaces being adopted
- Project Pebble
- Mural and media boxes
- Partner & funding ideas!



Community Supported
Agriculture, in a
Productive Nature
Reserve, with research
education and
recreational benefits



Landscape Architecture

 **KIRKSTALL VALLEY PARK**





The Vision...



Canalside Community Food <https://communitysupportedagriculture.org.uk/>



Hof Pente Farm



Stirley Farm



The Carrs Wetland Project



London Wetland Centre Learning Zone



Stirley Farm

Kate Thorneberry



UCSC Farm and Garden

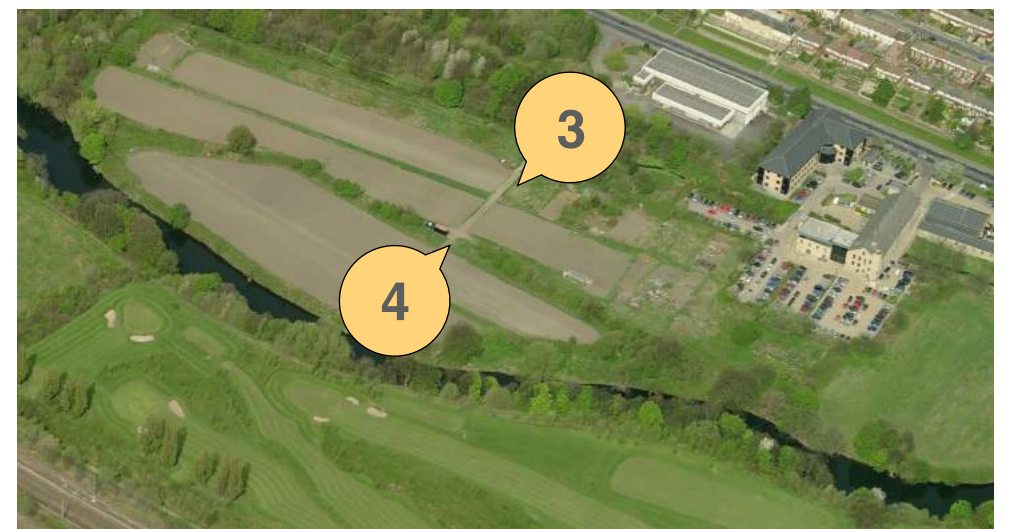


CSA Website



The farm is owned by Leeds City Council and is situated on Grade 1 agricultural land formerly classified as allotments. Until 2017 it was farmed by the late Bill Simpson, who worked tirelessly to grow delicious produce and maintain the land in good condition against threats from builders, vandals and the waters of the River Aire. Shed and polytunnels belong to the Probation Service





Photos by Lindsey Arkley and Bing





Kirkstall Island Farm

This is a design concept / discussion document which follows from Arup's report;

Kirkstall Valley Park - A Strategy for Delivery* and continuing work by KVP, Feed Leeds, KVDT and Leeds Beckett

AIMS

To unlock the park area and make it accessible, usable and enjoyable for public health benefits

To secure the future of the agricultural land for commercial, community, research and educational use

To enhance and secure wildlife and biodiversity, including provision or educational resources

To use natural capital to deliver improved carbon capture, water storage and air pollution mitigation

To provide opportunities for historical and cultural interpretation

OBJECTIVES

1 Rationalise the agricultural land to create Kirkstall Island Farm

2 Enhance the quality of access and park frontage

3 Identify opportunities afforded by Leeds FAS2 flood scheme

4 Develop pedestrian routes through the area

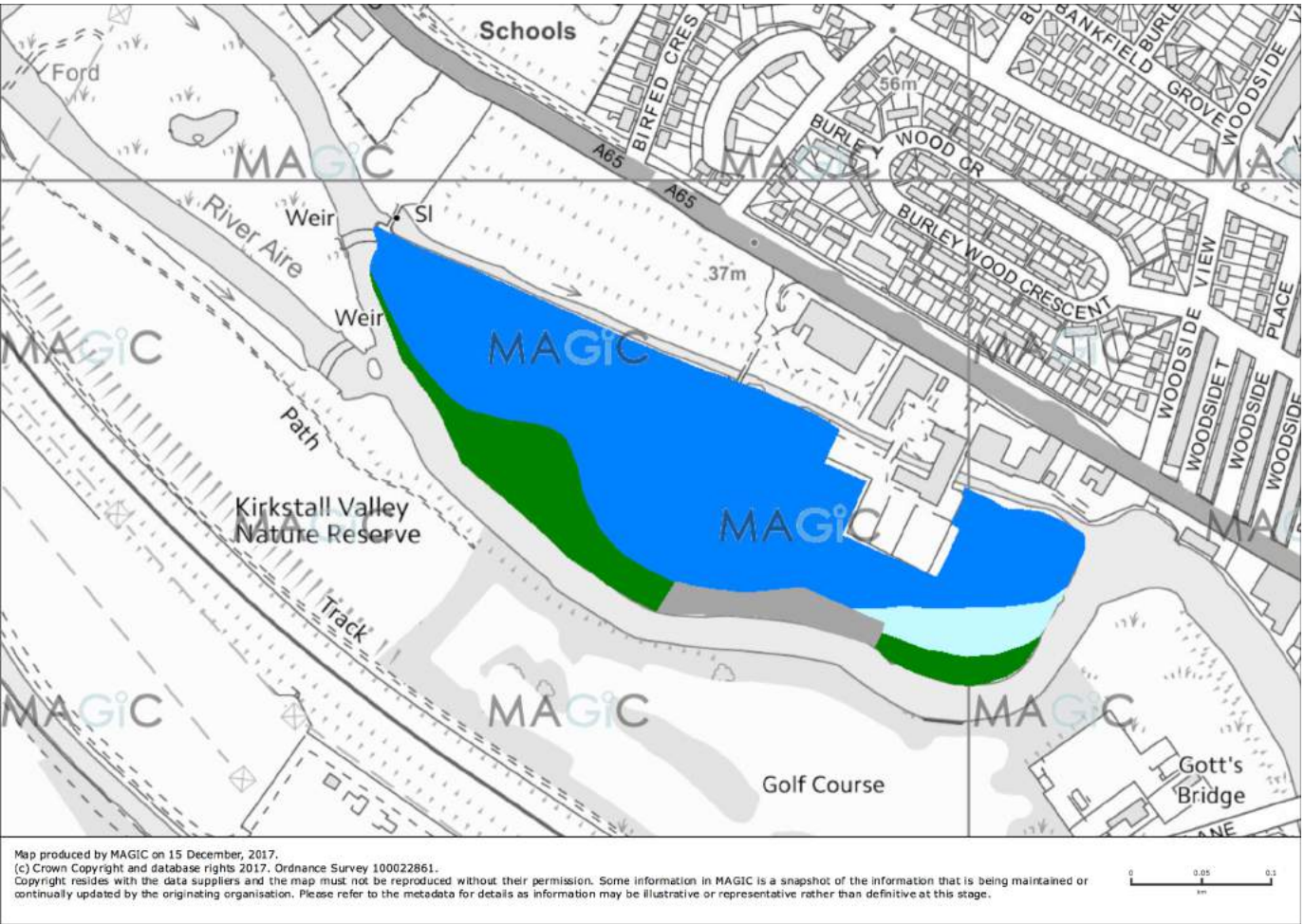
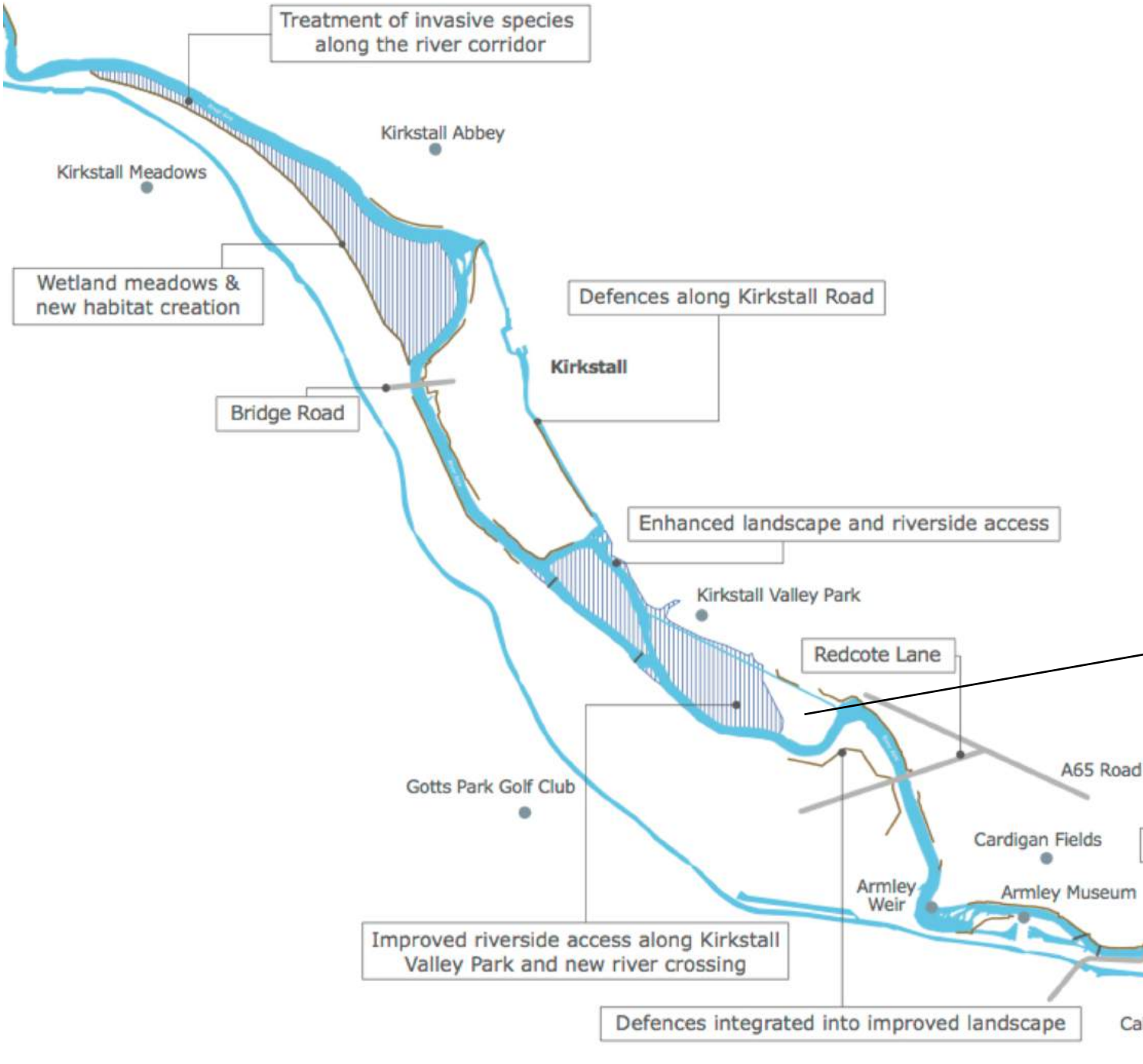
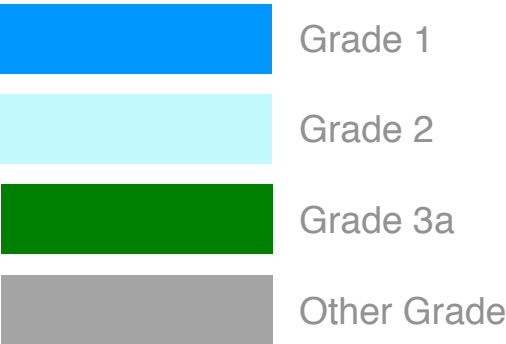
5 Explore potential bridge locations subject to future funding

NB This is not a formal proposal at this stage. Some of the suggested ideas will prove to be undeliverable and/or superfluous, and other potential elements will be suggested by other stakeholders including local residents and communities which will be incorporated where feasible

*The Arup report can be accessed at <https://kirkstallecoeducation.wordpress.com/>

Soil quality

Post 1988 Agricultural Land Classicification (England) www.magic.gov.uk



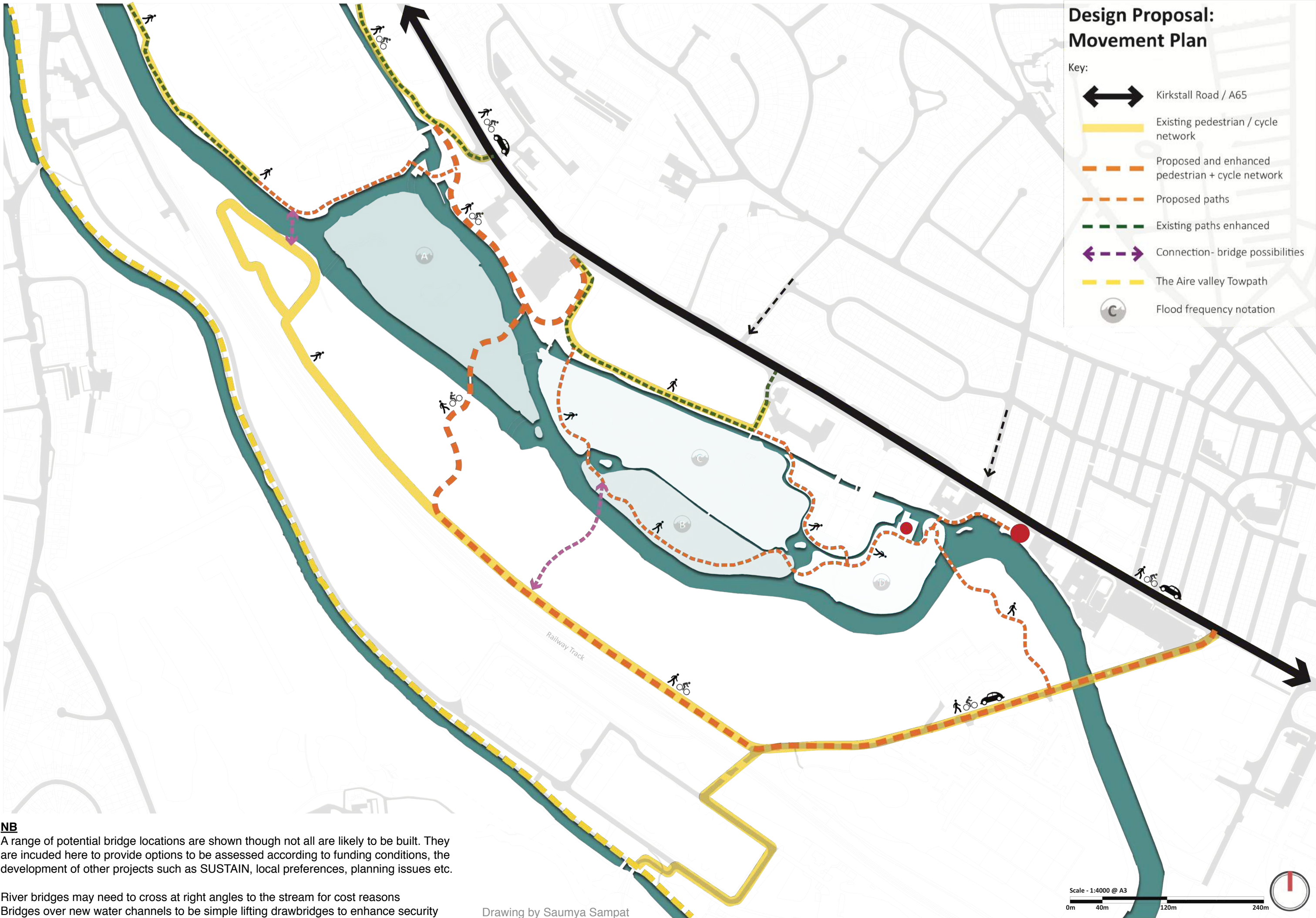
Flood Interventions

Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2, Public Consultation Leaflet 2017

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/LFAS%20Consultation%20Leaflet%20Information.pdf>

Note that the 'Bottom Field' is excluded from the blue shaded area which indicates a potential storage zone, and that a river crossing is proposed.





NB
A range of potential bridge locations are shown though not all are likely to be built. They are included here to provide options to be assessed according to funding conditions, the development of other projects such as SUSTAIN, local preferences, planning issues etc.

River bridges may need to cross at right angles to the stream for cost reasons
Bridges over new water channels to be simple lifting drawbridges to enhance security

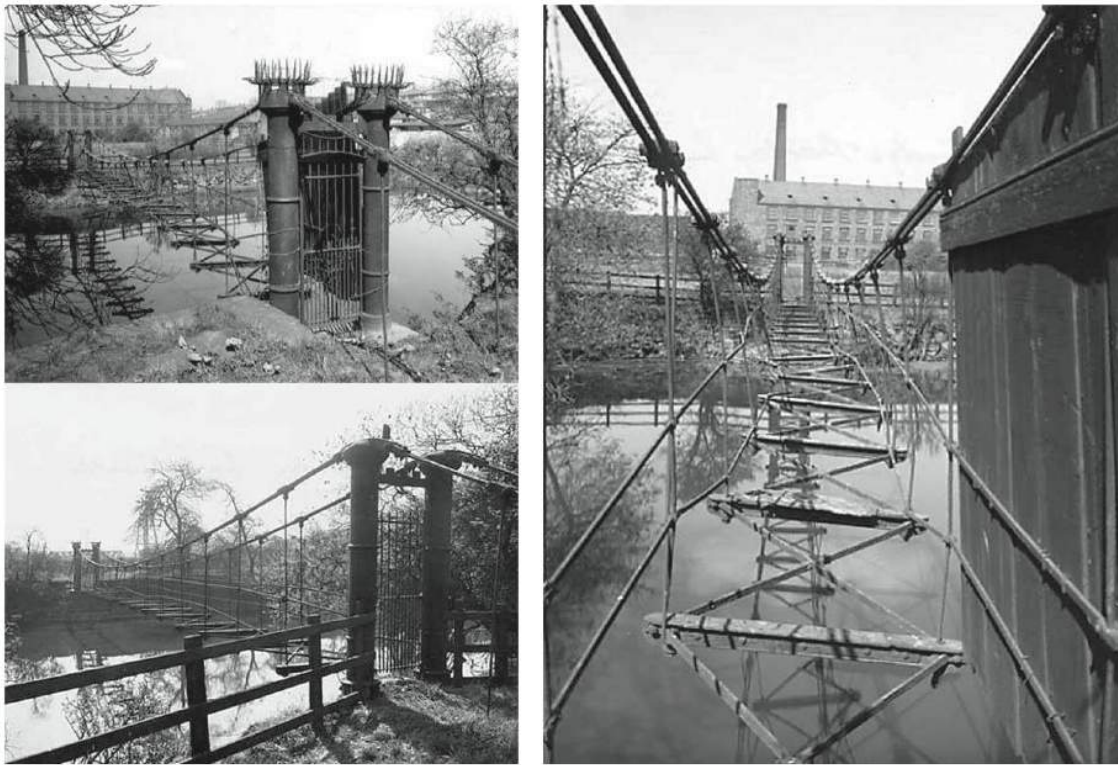
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Gotts Bridge Restored



Gott's Bridge in 1954.



Gott's Bridge today. Photo: John Illingworth

Benjamin Gott's Bridge was constructed in the early 1900s, and it allowed workers at Burley Mills to cross the river. It was a suspension footbridge made of wood, iron and steel. Unfortunately today there is not much left of it, only the iron pillars on the banks. Now a restoration of the old bridge is suggested following its old design.



Sketch: Gott's Bridge Restored