



Northern Roots Phase 2 Urban Farm

FAQS

Q. What is the Phase 2 Urban Farm development?

Northern Roots established a small Phase 1 Urban Farm area on the meadow adjacent to the car park in 2023.

Phase 2 will expand the Urban Farm by a further four acres on the field directly in front of the proposed Visitor Centre at the northern end of the 160-acre site.

Phase 2 will enable Northern Roots to showcase upscaled urban and regenerative farming techniques, such as agro-forestry and ally-cropping, with a focus on providing healthy, locally grown food.

Chickens will be kept to help control pests and weeds, fertilize the soil, and produce eggs. The current apiary will be expanded to include more hives.

Q. Who is responsible for managing the Phase 2 Urban Farm expansion?

The Northern Roots charity is managing the expansion of the Phase 2 Urban Farm, including the fencing that will be put in around the Phase 2 site.

Q. Why is the Urban Farm Phase 2 development being fenced and will it remain fenced in perpetuity?

Fencing is required around the Phase 2 Urban Farm as a security measure - to protect the development from vandalism, theft and anti-social behaviour, and to protect visitors to the site during the development phase. The fencing will be permanent.

Q. How long will the works take?

Work will start on the fencing in February 2024 and will complete by May 2024. The Phase 2 Urban Farm will develop over the next 18 months.

Q. In future, will I have to pay to enter /access the Northern Roots site?

There will be no charge for entry to the Northern Roots site and it will remain a free and open community resource for all users – cyclists, equestrians, walkers, mountain bikers etc.

The Northern Roots charity is still developing its future business model. Over time the project and site need to become self-financing. It is therefore envisaged that there will be charges to access some of the facilities or activities provided on site, for example, training courses, performances or holiday clubs. The Northern Roots charity is developing plans for a subsidised model that will ensure inclusion and equality of access for all, especially the communities living directly around the site.

Q. I have a question about the Phase 2 Urban Farm development that hasn't been answered here. Who should I contact?

You can get in touch with the Northern Roots team by emailing info@northern-roots.uk The team monitors the inbox regularly and will respond to you as promptly as they can.