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MORRISON UTILITY SERVICES PUTS DOWN ROOTS FOR THE ABLE PROJECT

Morrison Utility Services has planted 200 trees for The Able Project, an outdoor learning project based at Calder Vale Waste Water Treatment Works in Wakefield.

The trees, which are a donation from Morrison Utility Services, will help create woodland on The Able Project site which will eventually be available for the people of Wakefield to enjoy. The Able Project is working in partnership with the Green Business Network (GBN), Yorkshire Water, Wakefield District Primary Care Trust (WDPCT), Wakefield District Community School and West Yorkshire Probation Service to develop a sustainable fish farming and horticulture business on the 34 acre former landfill site.

The tree planting was led by Jason Young, Health, Safety and Environmental Manager for Morrison Utility Services, he says:

“I am a great supporter of the work of The Able Project. I visited last year and spent time helping some people who had been given unpaid work in the community. The sheer amount of progress made on the site since then is staggering and I am really pleased that we have been able to contribute albeit in a small way.”

A social enterprise, The Able Project in Wakefield aims to foster social inclusion for young people excluded or being in danger of exclusion from school or currently committing offences or misusing substances. They are offered guidance, training and ultimately the chance to gain skills and experience to increase their employment opportunities.

Graham Wiles, Project Manager for The Able Project, comments:

“The donation of these trees is a real boost for the woodland. We have a large site which has been generously donated by Yorkshire Water and it will become a great space for the local community of Wakefield to enjoy in years to come”.

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Photography

Caption (left to right): The Able Project's Julie Hargreaves assisted by some willing volunteers help Morrison Utility Services' Jason Young and Yorkshire Water Customer Service Manager, Nick Young plant a young Rowan tree in the proposed woodland area