



**Installation of signage, display boards & posts for Archie's Nature Trail, May 2026**  
Huge thanks to local artist Steve Pardue (in hi-vis) for his fantastic design of the Trail; also to Cal, Derek & Yunus, the installation team; and to Border Signs for the production and supply of such exceptional works of art.



**Welcome to Forever 7!  
Archie's Nature Trail**

Explore the wonderful nature of the Parish Ponds, loved by Archie, and at each of the seven points of interest, pause a while and enjoy the nature here, just as Archie once did.  
Scan the QR code for more information and a map.

## **FOREVER 7: ARCHIE'S NATURE TRAIL**

Archie York (aged 7) was killed in the Benwell explosion, October 2024, caused by illegal drug activity in the property below the family home. The Parish Council has worked with the family to create a Nature Trail at the Parish Ponds in Archie's memory, in recognition of his love of the outdoors, nature and spending happy times there. They envisage that this Trail, including bespoke artwork on 7 posts along the way, will be engaging for children, like Archie, but also that it will be something for all ages to enjoy. **Please follow this link**





**29 May 2026 saw the opening of Forever 7: Archie's Nature Trail. This inaugural event attracted over 150 people who came to celebrate the life of Archie York**



**Community Engagement: The launch of the Parish Ponds and Upper Ouse Burn Facebook Page, March 2024**

To promote the Parish Ponds as a destination for all ages, a Face Book page was created. This provides information about accessibility, activities and upcoming events and photos of nature sitings.

Above all, the idea is it offers an interactive platform for the 'Ponds People' to engage with each other and the area.

Many thanks to Green Smoke Studio for the design work and set-up.

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