Community Tree Planting Day information - Saturday 29 November 2025

Thanks for taking part in this year's Community Tree Planting event.

Our aim this year, with your help, is to plant 3,000 native trees in Witcombe Valley during National Tree Week (22-30 November).

We have selected fifteen tree species that are all native and include oak, hazel, field maple, goat willow, crab apple and others. Many species we already have here but we have introduced more that are drought tolerant and beneficial for local wildlife too, including the hazel dormouse, of which, we already have a stable population. The rationale behind this planting scheme is to join four fragmented woodlands together, creating one larger woodland, which will benefit our local wildlife immensely. One of the biggest problems for good biodiversity is habitat fragmentation and joining these woodlands together will help to alleviate this.

Itinerary for the day is:

9.30am meet at the planting area at Pit Wood. This will be signposted.

9.45am receive instruction on tree planting.

10am Plant trees!

12.15pm stop for lunch, a cuppa, and a chat.

1pm Plant more trees!

3.30pm Team photo, thank you and goodbyes.

We will be outside in all weathers, but we want your day to be enjoyable so if the day looks like a washout we will cancel and notify you via our social media pages and rearrange another date.

Dress for Mess—We'll Handle the Rest!

Please can you wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, stout walking boots or wellingtons, wet weather gear (just in case!) and we will do the rest. We will provide you with tea, coffee and biscuits, PPE and all the instruction you need.

Parking is at the bottom of Witcombe track and will be signposted (What3Words ///waitress.state.custodian). Proceed down the track into the field and park on the flat area (What3Words ///gala.rekindle.footpath), which will be marked with road cones; please do not drive past this point. From the parking area (map attached) there is a walk of about 1,000m across a grass path to the planting area (What3Words///shampoos.penny.trample).