

Planting Our Future

National Tree Week 2023



2023 marks the 50th year of National Tree Week, an event that celebrates all things 'tree-related'

Since the start of the planting season volunteers have been pulling on their boots to help plant trees and hedgerows across the borough. These will provide connectivity and increase habitats for wildlife, as well many other benefits for our climate, as they help capture carbon and reduce pollution levels.

Lloyds Banking Group took part in the first event at Robin Hood Cemetery by planting 1,000 trees to create two new hedgerows that will connect people and nature. The new hedging will provide a barrier along the road benefiting families visiting loved ones. The volunteers planted a mixture of Cooper Beech, Purple Beech, and Hornbeam, which will provide food, cover and shelter for a variety of birds and wildlife.

Annabel Dolphin, Strategic Lead at Robin Hood Cemetery, said:

"It is our hope that the installation of these hedge whips will allow improved water runoff and provide privacy for those families and friends with a burial taking place adjacent to the road."

Lloyds Banking Group came back for a second event this time at Dorrige Cricket Club, to plant 700 trees on the club's new ground. Leader of Solihull Council, Councillor Ian Courts, along with John Wright, Fiona Mullins and Phil Smith from the club, joined forces with the twenty-five strong volunteers to plant a mixture of mature and young trees, which included a small woodland in the corner of the grounds.

Planting our Future continued to mark National Tree Week with a wide variety of projects. Including planting a weeping willow tree at Nethercote Gardens for the winning resident of the 'Win A Gift That Keeps On Growing' competition, cherry trees with the Friends of Shirley Park at Shirley Park and celebration trees that residents have sponsored in Hope Coppice.

We wanted to say a big thank you!

To everyone who got involved planting trees during National Tree Week, despite the cold and wet conditions, everyone worked hard and their efforts will have a lasting impact on our local environment for many years to come.



Solihull Tree Wardens



As the glorious autumn colours have almost faded and the leaves have continued to fall, Solihull Tree wardens held their last guided walk of the year at Brueton Park during National Tree Week. The walk gave everyone attending a last chance to enjoy nature's seasonal display.

The Solihull Tree Wardens organise and lead on guided walks throughout the year.

Upcoming walks and talks to be announced in 2024.

Coming up in the New Year

The Planting Our Future team will be working with numerous schools in the borough to plant boundary hedgerows in their school grounds. This season we have partnered with a number of private landowners to create small woodlands and hedgerows on their land. Planting will be taking place in the New Year.

Once again we will be highlighting our tree planting initiative aimed at businesses, colleges, schools and landowners with at least half an acre of land available to plant trees or hedgerows.

The land could be the corner of a field or parkland, part of field boundary or a hedgerow, it doesn't matter. With half an acre being suitable to support up to 500 trees, it makes a significant contribution to reducing CO2 levels in the borough.

The team is always looking to partner with new landowners to create areas for tree planting, hedgerow and green corridors. Whether you are interested in supporting this and have suitable land, or you would like to get involved in planting, please email the Planting Our Future team at plantingourfuture@solihull.gov.uk



We hope you have enjoyed reading our December newsletter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

The Planting our Future Team



To find out how you can be involved or to keep up to date with our planting activities Follow us and our journey via our social media platforms to watch our plans unfold @LoveSolihull / @PlantingOurFutureSol

