

Planting Our Future

'Re-wilding, re-connecting and re-imaging planting across the borough with community engagement, education and raising environmental awareness at its heart'

Solihull Council have pledged to plant 250,000 trees over the next ten years as part of its commitment to tackle climate change via its 'Planting Our Future' campaign. In the last year, we have worked with numerous partners including schools, community businesses and landowners to find homes for some of the 25,000 trees planted in the borough.

Tis the season to be planting



Ahead of our first tree delivery at the end of November, we wanted to kick things off with some bulb planting. Bulb planting encourages further biodiversity and helps provide an important source of nectar for insects when few other food sources are available. Volunteers from across the borough have supported in 'Planting Our Future' by planting over 6000 spring bulbs within our Parks & Open Spaces.

Two very special tree planting days have already taken place, which form part of the Queen's Green Canopy and this month we will celebrate National Tree Week (26 November – 5 December) by planting numerous trees kindly sponsored by local businesses, tree-mendous!

Volunteers help plant 6000 spring bulbs across the borough

Volunteers from schools, businesses, Friends of Parks and community groups have spent several hours over the last couple of weeks helping to plant daffodil bulbs within Solihull, which will see bright yellow displays emerging from the soil come spring. These bulbs were kindly donated by our friends at Notcutts Garden Centre have been planted in our local parks, greens spaces and schools.

One event that the team supported with was at 'Hope Coppice'. We had the pleasure of planting over 1600 bulbs within the newly planted woodland area with two businesses, Mott MacDonalds and the Mace Group, as well as the Ahmadiyya Muslims Women Association to help them celebrate their Centenary. The Leader of the Council and the Planting Our Future team also joined 14 of the Solihull Soroptimists, to plant native daffodil and wild bluebell bulbs in the Soroptimist International Centenary Wood, located within Dorridge Park. This was done on Armistice Day and gave everyone involved a chance to honour and remember those who have lost their lives in conflict.



Thanks once again to all volunteers who took part in bulb planting.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Tree of Trees

Two schools in Solihull have each received one of 350 British native trees that formed part of The Queen's Green Canopy 'Tree of Trees' sculpture outside Buckingham Palace to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Planting our Future had the pleasure of helping both schools plant their tree. Read the full story here www.solihull.gov.uk/news/trees-queens-green-canopy-planted-two-solihull-schools

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#PlantingourFuture are @windy_arbor school, the hole is all prepared ready for the Tree of Trees to be planted I'm it's new home with the help of @WMLieutenancy, @solihullmayor and the school children.
#SliverBirch #QueensGreenCanopy



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We've spent a sunny morning @langleschool with Deputy Lieutenant - Clive Stone, Councillor Karen Grinsell, and children from the schools Eco Team to plant the 2nd of #Solihull's Platinum Tree of Trees from the #QueensGreenCanopy
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National Tree Week 2022

National Tree Week runs from 26 November through to 4th December, it is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of tree planting season. Even though the event only lasts for one week, tree planting season lasts right up until March.



The 'Planting Our Future' team will be working on several projects during National Tree Week and throughout the planting season. To kick things off though we have partnered with a number of local businesses wanting to sponsor urban tree planting in the borough. During the week we will be planting with Knowle based estate agents EB & P and 608 Vets in Solihull, as a way of giving back something to the local community.

Looking ahead

This season we will see some new partnerships blossoming. This includes Birmingham Dogs Homes and Watertight Flood Resilience, who are sponsoring 3000 trees to be planted in the grounds of the dogs' home. We are also excited to be starting a 3-year partnership with Blythe Valley Business Park. Within the first year we will be planting 3000 trees at Blythe Valley Park, helped by local businesses and two local scout groups. Another project taking place within the new year is hedgerow creation at the West Midlands Police Dog Unit, this will be done with the help of the Solihull Police Cadets.

Last but not least. Did you know?

Trees are such an important part of our ecosystem, they take in carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and put out oxygen and they help keep our air clean, which is vital to keep climate change under control. Plus, trees help protect us from extreme weather, their long roots and canopy of leaves help prevent flooding and stop soil eroding. Big leaves provide lots of shade when it's very hot and provide shelter when it's very cold, so local temperatures are less extreme. They also look beautiful doing all this! #PlantingOurFuture

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
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