

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.

Happy new year, we wish you all a happy & healthy 2023

The 2022/23 tree planting season is now well under way, and we are set to plant another 25k trees by the end of March 2023 with support from the community, landowners, and local businesses. At the end of last year, we were presented with two awards, which was very welcome news. Looking ahead of the New Year we are looking to plant new beginnings with hedgerows habitats in schools.

Planting Our Future scoops two awards



Planting Our Future was recognised during The Green Apple Environment Awards on 21 November at a carbon-neutral ceremony held outside The Houses of Parliament, London.

The awards aim to recognise, reward, and promote environmental best practice internationally each year, so the team were thrilled to pick up such a prestigious award for their tree planting initiative, which recognises our work in the community, education and raising environmental awareness. Read the full article here: -

Council's climate change work recognised with two national awards | solihull.gov.uk

Local businesses help to green their communities

Street trees are at the heart of our community, they have the power to transform our neighbourhoods. Not only are they needed to help combat climate change, but they also bring so many more amazing benefits that can be enjoyed immediately, they have a positive effect on our mental and physical health, reduce air pollution, protect from flooding, create area of shade, as well providing a unique haven for urban wildlife.



Our street tree sponsorship allows businesses to sponsor the planting of new, semi-mature trees in urban areas. 608 Vets thought it would be a tree-mendous idea to celebrate 90 years of veterinary care in Solihull by sponsoring nine trees to mark each decade of its service to the local community.

Roshni Hothi, lead clinical director at 608 Vets, said the trees were planted in the area around the popular veterinary practice to provide a long-lasting, eco-friendly feature for both the 608 staff and local people to enjoy in the years ahead. We all thought this was a tremendous way to celebrate our 90th anniversary especially as it's something that benefits the community we serve.

Esther Broomhall & Partners decided they wanted to branch out and make a difference in the community and reduce their impact on the planet by sponsoring fifteen trees.

Esther commented: "We want to be an integral part of our local community and loving where we live is an essential part of our business model and these small details, or select standards in this case, can make a big difference. "We understand how important it is to protect the future of the next generation and we all need to make a difference to our planet to prevent global warming, ensure we protect natural habitats so nature can thrive and help reduce our carbon footprint. By supporting this local initiative means we are giving something back and making a positive impact in our community.



Celebration Trees, a gift that keeps on growing



For the 2023/24 planting season we are offering residents and non-residents the opportunity to sponsor a celebration tree at Hope Coppice.

Sponsoring a tree is the perfect way to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one, you could even plant a tree for yourself, simply to help the environment.

Giving a gift that keeps on growing will help to create woodland habitats that will benefit people and wildlife for years to come. Whatever the reason, from gifting a tree to a new-born, celebrating a anniversary to remembering a loved one; sponsoring a celebration tree is a great way to help plant more trees in Solihull.

Find out more at [Celebration Trees | lovesolihull](#)

Hedgerow Habitats for schools

Hedgerows are amazing, not only are they beautiful, with their ever-changing seasonal colours, but they also provide homes and corridors for wildlife. Like trees, hedgerows lock up tremendous amounts of carbon dioxide and store it in their roots and leaves and in the soil. In urban areas, they help capture air pollution and lower temperatures.

Planting our Future are looking to support to schools looking to grow hedgerows around their boundary to make a long-lasting beneficial contribution by screening airborne pollution, serving the school community better air quality. Find out more at [Free Hedgerow Habitats for Schools | lovesolihull](#)



To find out how you can be involved in any of these initiatives or to keep up to date with all our planting activities take a look at Planting our Future via Website, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Congratulations to the winner of Best of the Borough at Christmas Competition - Day 24

Our friends @visitsolihull ran a 'Best of the Borough at Christmas' competition to help support local retail/hospitality and events businesses. On Christmas Eve the prize included a tree provided by us at Planting our Future.

Lucy, the prize winner has chosen a Willow Tree to be planted on her local Open Space in Shirley.



Last but not least. Did you know?

Over 60 different native trees can be found in the UK.

The most common species include the beech, English oak, London plane, silver birch, hawthorn and hazel. Many of these trees are also found in our hedgerows but are just managed a little differently. Due to its cultural and historical significance, the English oak is the national tree of England. #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 @LoveSolihull / @PlantingOurFutureSol

