

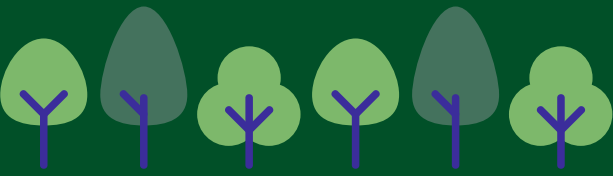
Planting Our Future

Autumnal Splendour



'RE-WILDING, RE-CONNECTING AND RE-IMAGING PLANTING ACROSS THE BOROUGH WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION AND RAISING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AT ITS HEART'

To Autumn



The time of year that Keats called the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', autumn is a season famous for its harvest times, turning leaves and cooling temperatures. One of the most stunning signs of autumn is the turning of the leaves. The shorter days are a sign to trees to begin to prepare for winter, and so we begin to plan for the planting season.

Over the spring and summer months the Planting our Future team have been busy finding homes for another 25,000 trees for the 2023 - 2024 planting season. We have visited schools, private landowners and farmers all willing to make a real difference to tackling the climate emergency and helping to create habitats for wildlife. The trees are all ordered and the first delivery will arrive at the beginning of November.

Countdown to the new planting season



Seed Gathering Season

Seed gathering is fun, free and easy. Wherever you live, whatever your age, you can get involved. You don't need to be a tree expert or have any special equipment – just a love of trees and nature and lots of enthusiasm!

Going out to gather seeds, fruits and nuts ahead of the winter tree planting season is a great way to help us all grow a greener, tree-filled future.

Trees and hedgerows do so much for us. They store carbon, reduce pollution, improve our health and more. By gathering seeds (and growing them into trees!), you can help make sure that our treescapes continue to thrive in the future.

Grow your own trees for free!

The Autumn Equinox is the official start of The Tree Council's Seed Gathering Season. Over the next month, they will be running online masterclasses and sharing practical information around how to identify trees and collect seeds; process and prepare them for growing, and then sow and plant them out.

How to get involved

- Join their free online talks, including a seed gathering masterclass, tips on grafting and an insight into the wonderful world of seeds.
- Download [The Tree Council's Tree Growers Guide](#) to get started and read more about how to collect seeds and grow them into the trees of the future.
- Get collecting! Whether you have a family day out, take a solo walk or organise a community event, every seed you gather will make a difference.
- Share photos and videos of your amazing seed gathering on social media with [#SeedGatheringSeason](#).



National Tree Week 2023

This year National Tree Week will run from 23 November through to 3rd December, it is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of tree planting season. National Tree week is about building awareness of the important difference planting trees can make to our planet, whether you plant one tree in a pot on your doorstep, a hedge in your garden or, a woodland as part of a community event.

The 'Planting Our Future' team will be working on several projects during National Tree Week, including planting Celebration Trees in Hope Coppice which have been sponsored by local residents.

During last years tree planting season numerous communities supported in planting 25,000 trees across the borough, from creating new orchards to hedgerow habitats, to singular trees and multiple larger scale planting projects.

Helping to raise the number of Female Foresters

Solihull Council & idverde UK are supporting equality in the forestry sector with their Female Forestry Apprenticeship, helping to grow equality in the sector.

Together we are showing women can thrive in the sector, improving equality and diversity is crucial as the industry is crying out for new talent, in common with many other sectors that are turning to apprenticeships to develop the workforce. The new apprentice will be learning everything from planting trees to managing their aftercare.

Solihull Tree Wardens Autumn Walk

Elmdon Park
Sunday 22nd October
Starting at 1pm
Elmdon Church car park

The walk will take approx. 1.5 hours, along woodland paths, enjoying the local nature and learning about the history of the park Suitable clothing and footwear recommended Refreshments are available to purchase afterwards at Elmdon Church.

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





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