

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

BRIDPORT AREA TREEPLANTING CAMPAIGN



Some of our saplings waiting for new homes

Good news. We have negotiated the planting of 154 of these saplings (Blackthorn, Grey Willow, Hawthorn, Dogwood, Sessile Oak, English Oak, Hornbeam, Horse Chestnut) with two landowners outside Bridport, in the next couple of weeks.

Please contact me SOON if you can provide a good home for these other 130 saplings below. Planting should be done ideally before March. Saplings come with cane and rabbit guard.

For large gardens: Mountain Ash (Rowan), Downy Beech, Wild Cherry, Field Maple.

For small gardens: Crab Apple, Grey Willow, Bird Cherry, Hazel

For parkland : Silver Birch, Common Alder, Green Beech

In March we take delivery of another 400 trees from the Woodland Trust.

Here is early notice of a **tree festival** we are organising, which will end with a musical procession for children to plant saplings in Asker Meadows.

Festival will start at 1.30 pm at the United Church, East Street, on Saturday March 14th.

Come along for a short tree identification competition with prizes, a film from Friends of the Earth showing the benefits of carbon capture and increased biodiversity which trees bring. Come to draw trees in an art event from which we'll be making a permanent public display. Come to listen to a local tree expert talking about planting and care of trees. Come for free refreshments. Come to take home a free tree. For example bay trees and some other insect-friendly trees. Come to take part in a raffle of valuable fruit trees.

Thanks to the the United Church (Port East group) for a grant towards this afternoon, which we won in a bid at the Bridport Soup event in November.

We need help for this afternoon. Can anyone volunteer to cook cakes or biscuits, for example? We want refreshments to be free of charge. We'll need help to set up and take down tables etc and also a few stewards for the musical parade. Please email me back if you can help in any way.



(photo: Scott Morrison)

OTHER NEWS

This Campaign has put in a bid for monies from the Car Boot Sales fund administered by the town council and by March we should know if we are lucky winners. Funds would go towards our permanent tree nursery, for which we have a good site lined up. It will have to be fenced and we hope to build a shelter in which people can pot up saplings.

We also need to get in touch with all parishes, schools ... so lots to do! Our small steering group would welcome extra help.

Have you noticed how we are on the crest of a tree-planting wave, nationally? Today the National Trust announced plans for a big woodland expansion programme - 20 million new trees in ten years. Let's stay ahead of the game in real Bridport fashion.

**Bridport Area
Tree Planting Campaign**



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