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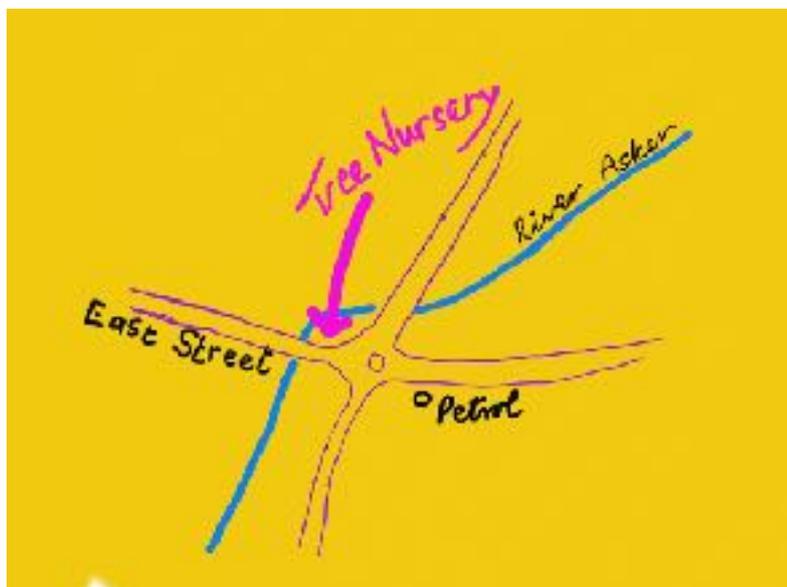
NEWSLETTER

BRIDPORT TREE PLANTING

Let's help double tree cover

Giveaway!

End of season: ~~bargain~~ free saplings



Three free saplings per household of: Downy Birch, Beech, Field Maple, Goat Willow, Wild Cherry, Bird Cherry, Alder, Oak, Silver Birch, Crab Apple.

Bring a carrier bag to our Community Nursery at Riverside Gardens at the bottom of East Street - across the river Asker from the Bridge House Hotel - at **10 am to 11**

am on Saturday March 13th. First come, first served, limited stocks at the end of the tree planting season so don't be late!



Our youngest planters to date! We supplied 40 trees to St. Catherine's Pre-School and here they are on Friday March 5th. There are 28 children leaving to go up to big school this year. Each will have a tree to watch over. Plus we supplied a dozen other trees for the school's grounds. That week we supplied/planted about 120 trees around the town - 32 more to the Millenium



Green where we had earlier planted and fenced other saplings. Then on Saturday March 6th we put in another 50+ trees in Asker Meadows on behalf of the Nature Reserve group. Here's a picture.

We are very grateful to people who supply us with free trees to pass on. This year Groves Nurseries here in Bridport were generous with a large gift, and earlier we had trees from the Woodland Trust and I Dig Tree (The Conservation Volunteers). Here is a link to a blog from I Dig Trees to tell you about the work they are doing nationally. One and a half MILLION trees given away to groups like us this year!

https://blogs.tecv.org.uk/2021/02/02/trees_form_species_rich_hedgerow/

In case you missed it, here is a link to the Mayor of Bridport's recent blog about trees. Cllr. Ian Bark points out that not everyone loves trees nor are some people apparently concerned about climate change. We'd be interested to hear your views on how to reach out to this minority. We try to work through parish councils and the Town Council. One new way for us to spread the word will soon be by the church magazine which goes to all households.

<https://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk/2021/02/22/bridport-tree-planting-investing-in-the-future/>



We have 170 people on this mailing list and a sub-list of nearly 30 who want to help plant and look after trees. If you want to be on that sub-group, tell us. Some of our members just want to know what is going on, some have planted several thousand trees on sites outside the town. Some have just a small garden, some have a bit of land and one of the latter sends a picture of his winter harvest of hazel coppice, left. As he says

“It warms you three times: when you cut it, when you process it and when you burn it”

Hedges

Bridport Tree Planting frequently gets asked for saplings to revive a hedge or even to make a new one. Sometimes we can help but the trouble is that closely planted hedges take up so many more saplings than open planting. We'd like to do more. Here is an inspiring and quite detailed article about the rich biodiversity which hedges provide. The naturalist Rob Wolton found 2,000 species in just one forty metre stretch of Devon hedge - four out of five species were insects. We'd love to develop a dialogue with landowners and interested people about how to revive our local hedges and even plant some new ones. Remember when farmers were paid to dig out hedges? How about a local push to put them back again?

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/feb/02/reservoirs-of-life-hedgerows-help-uk-net-zero-2050-aoe>

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EVERYTHING CHANGES by Cicely Herbert
after Brecht 'Alles Wandelt Sich'

Here is a poem
about tree
planting by
Cicely Herbert
and illustrated
by Christine
Taq.



Finally, there is a big planting of trees in Burton Bradstock on Saturday March 20th, starting at 10 am. Two hundred saplings to go in. We have said we'd do a shift from 10 am to noon. I'll be contacting our sub-group of Tree Guardians about this but if any of you really want to help, contact me below and I might be able to fit you in.

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