

JULY 2025 newsletter



BRIDPORT TREE PLANTING
Let's help double tree cover

DRY! Where did all the rain go?



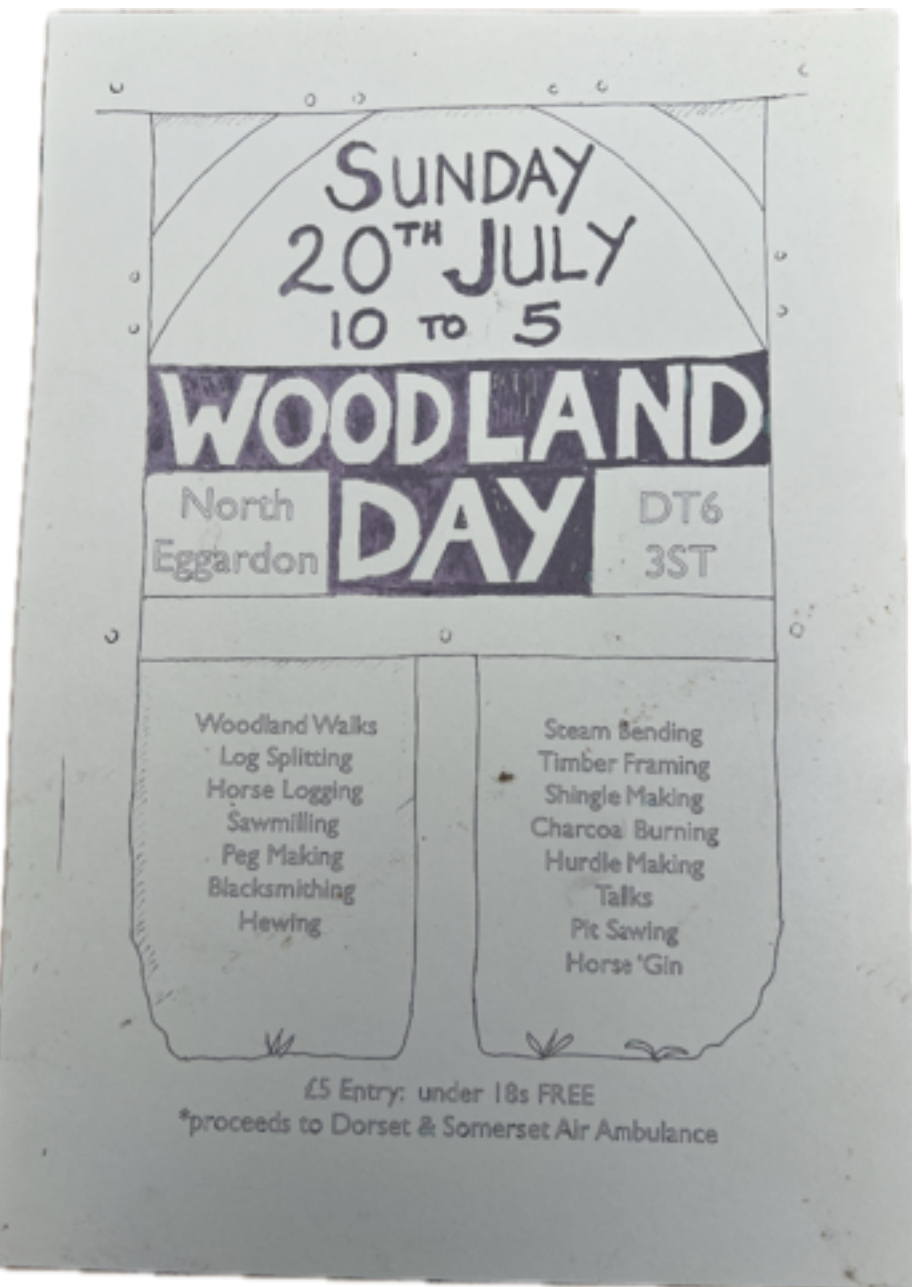
The recent heatwaves in Bridport as in the rest of the country have not been kind to our young trees - but there's an answer. The BOWSER.

Pictured above are young people at Court Orchard's new park getting water from the bowser kindly lent by Bridport Town Council to help the thirsty saplings including fruit trees they planted. Here's another picture of the watering on July 15th. Brilliant! Well done, kids!



All across the country, people have been coming to the aid of trees in the extreme weather. Here's a useful guide from TREES FOR CITIES on how to water saplings.

https://www.treesforcities.org/resources/expert-tree-watering-tips?dm_i=7AN3,9Z4Q,U202U,19ZF5,1



On this coming Sunday, July 20th, there's an interesting WOODLAND DAY at North Eggardon Farm, DT6 3ST, from 10 am to five pm. Discover ways of living and working with wood. Entry £5.00 per person and free for those under 18. Wear suitable footwear and dogs on short leads are welcome. See horses working. Learn how to make charcoal. Stand up for TREES!

THIS NEWSLETTER ALWAYS TRIES TO BE POSITIVE AMIDST ALL THE PROBLEMS OF THE CURRENT WORLD. HAD YOU NOTICED THAT NEW RESEARCH SHOWS THERE IS HOPE FOR THE ASH TREE? SEE BBC ARTICLE BELOW.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg45zrex7jo>



Volunteer? We need some more help. Our old list of TREE GUARDIANS who came out to help water and weed saplings is a bit out of date. If you can spare an hour or so occasionally, please email us at the address you received this newsletter from.

We at Bridport Tree Planting will be able to offer more fruit tree this coming winter, thanks to our sponsor. We intend to order soon about £650.00 worth to distribute free, as we've done before. This time they

will be half-standard plums, damsons, figs and cherries - not the apples and pears we've given out before. Stay tuned but meanwhile take a look at the website of Adam's Apples - the varieties they stock.

<https://www.adamsappletrees.co.uk/fruit-plants/>

Want to vote for Woodland Trust TREE OF THE YEAR? <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-of-the-year/>

News from the Great Big Dorset Hedge Project, which is thriving.
John Calder writes:

We have forty-eight GBDH volunteers in the DT6 post code area. Some of you are not getting out to our surveys very much, so I am trying to respond better to your personal needs. Are there ANY dates over the next 6 weeks when you could spare a morning to join a hedge survey? If so, we will try to create a survey on one or more of those dates. We could probably arrange for a carshare from nearby also... if that helps. You would always be in a crew where some are very experienced at this.

John Calder

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Also local, here are a few words from Dr. Sam Rose of West Dorset Wilding, on why he loves his job.



BEST WISHES TO ALL. JOE HACKETT, COORDINATOR, BRIDPORT TREE PLANTING.

