

MAY 2026 newsletter

BRIDPORT TREE PLANTING

Let's help double tree cover



Good luck and congratulations to Allington Hillbillies on their 40th Anniversary - TONIGHT! May 1st.

Live music, entertainment, food from 7pm at Cooper's Field, Hospital Lane, North Allington.

Tomorrow, May 2nd, from 10 am onwards, a Country Fair for all the family. See flyer below. Free entry! We recommend the Hillbillies for their dedicated work for trees and nature at North Allington. Long may they continue





Congratulations also to the Loders Wildlife Group for laying 200 metres of hedge, in about 10 two hour sessions. A lot of work. We gave them a few saplings in February to fill in some gaps. Pictured above.



We at Bridport Tree Planting, which has existed now since November 2019, are still sometimes asked who we are and how we work. We thought we'd put up a couple of weather proof notices near where we've planted and anyone interested can go the website in the link below where they'll find a full background plus all our newsletters since we began. Here is what the notices will look like. And don't forget, we'll continue to offer three free native species per household in the winter months.

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We finished off the planting season with a group of our volunteers plus some from the Asker Meadows Nature Reserve group putting in some good specially purchased saplings at the north east corner of the Show Field, which has now been fenced off from the grazing cattle. We hope to be planting more in the autumn to widen the hedge between the field and Sea Road South, including some nut trees for future foraging.

We've also promised a donation in the form of walnut and cob trees to Edible Bridport for their new project at St. Cecilia's allotments and have recently given some advice to Long Bredy Parish Council over planting and donating trees to parishioners with a grant they have received.

We are supporters of West Dorset Wilding and please read their latest newsletter, link below, for a long interview between local storyteller Martin Maudsley and Victor Crutchley who has interesting views about the hundreds of trees he has planted and is still planting at Powerstock.

<https://www.britvalley.org/community-noticeboard>

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Next week is National Hedgerow week. Information and lots more about trees here from the Tree Council.

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/>

And here is a fascinating recent review of a new book by the Canadian ecologist Suzanne Simard - all about Mother Trees, and inspiring to her many millions of followers.

https://www.theguardian.com/books/2026/mar/18/when-the-forest-breathes-by-suzanne-simard-review-the-indiana-jones-of-trees-returns?CMP=share_btn_url

And here's what Dorset Wildlife Trust are saying about their recent plantings

Creating new woodland across Dorset:

- 4,200 trees at Kingcombe Meadows for hedgerow creation
- 2,000 trees at West Holme, expanding woodland habitat
- 100m hedgerow at Lyscombe Nature Reserve
- 300 trees at Ashington Meadows, restoring gaps in hedgerows
- 50 trees at Happy Bottom to create seed bank clusters

Spread the word and do pass on this newsletter to anyone you know who might be interested in the Bridport area.

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