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NEWSLETTER

BRIDPORT TREE PLANTING

Let's help double tree cover



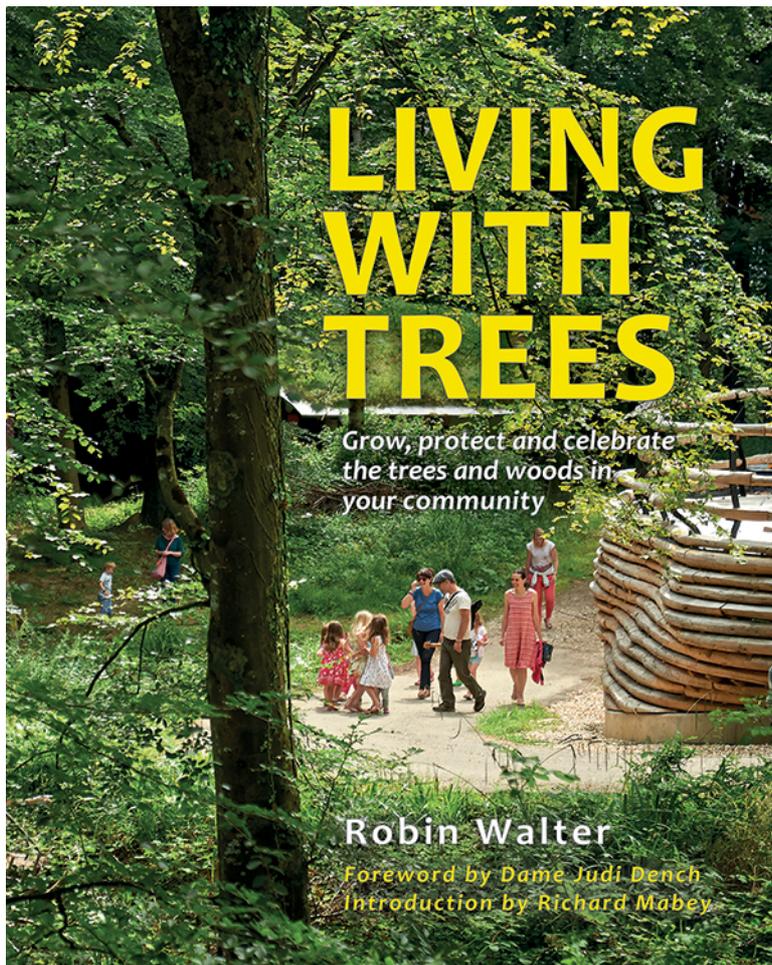
Just arrived! more than 400 saplings, ready for planting. *Crab apple , hawthorn, hazel, downy birch, silver birch, dogwood, dogrose, wild cherry, blackthorn, rowan, goat willow and others. These are free for small numbers. Also, free tree guards. Please contact us.*

We've been busy at Bridport Tree Planting since our last newsletter in September, spotting suitable plots for trees around town, getting in touch with parish councils who we hope will be planting trees. We've also been in touch with Magna Housing, who have lots of land, and hope to be co-operating with them on two sites before Spring.

Lock-down has meant we aren't able to organise any plantings involving large groups of people yet but hope that will change soon. There are more plantings to make in Asker Meadows, a big planting in Burton Bradstock in January/February (500 trees). We'll keep you informed.

Diary Date: We are holding another public event, More Trees Please, with lots of trees to give away, an art event and more. This will be (we hope if Covid restrictions are lifted) on Saturday February 20th, 2pm to 4pm, United Church.

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This is a wonderful new venture, published by our local Little Toller Books, and soon to be available at Bridport Books in South Street. It's comprehensive, covering ancient woods, trees at home, trees in our streets, trouble with trees, local distinctiveness, your local tree.

This book is about trees in art, working with wood, wood as fuel, trees on the farm, rewilding. Costs £25.00 but worth it, in our opinion.

We will have a copy of LIVING WITH TREES to give away as a prize for a separate five minute survey we'll be conducting soon among our 130 members. Look out for that.



Bridport Area Tree Plan gets the thumbs up from the Woodland Trust

Positive feedback from Heather Elgar, Woodland Trust SW re the Bridport Area Tree Plan - "a great example of strategic and joined up thinking." Heather offered some additional text around Biosecurity which will be added to the Tree Plan web page:

<https://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk/bridport-area-tree-plan/>

'New trees should be sourced and grown in the UK, or from a nursery with sound biosecurity measures (e.g. quarantine) to help avoid the spread of disease'. WT supports the UK & Ireland Sourced & Grown certified scheme. More info and certified nurseries here: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/we-plant-trees/uk-sourced-and-grown-scheme/>.'

Interested in helping with Woodland Management?

Dorset Woodhub is a newly formed Community Benefit Society that is working with woodland owners, timber processors and local craftspeople to make stronger connections between woodland management and the use of timber in the local economy.

Woodhub working with Wessex Community Assets recently ran a successful Tiny House course for unemployed students and are looking to run more courses and woodland events in 2021. Anyone interested in helping set up and run practical woodland management with volunteers; a 'Wood Club' should get in touch with dydixon@mac.com, who is setting up a Zoom call in the next month to discuss the running of Wood Club.

Have any among you been home-growing trees?
Now's the time to let us know and share them!

The winner of our last competition - location of the tallest tree within ten miles of Bridport - was Tony Jaques of the Othona Community. The tree is at Uplyme.

Here's a link to some useful advice on how to make leaf mould - an autumn activity. Leaf mould is suitable for mulching young trees.

https://www.theorchardproject.org.uk/guides_and_advice/making-leaf-mould/

Here is another link - a film of people in Oxford planting trees. It seems we are working along similar lines.

<https://www.oxtrees.uk/>

and an inspiring little film from Scotland, showing what can be done

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBHA8ZqHl_k&feature=youtu.be

From our colleagues at Beaminster area tree planting campaign

Our tree nursery at Beaminster School contains about 100 trees, of 20 different species, ready for planting out. We expect delivery in December of 500 native forest trees from The Conservation Volunteers through the Word Forest organisation. We have appealed to our members for offers of trees, voluntary effort and sites for planting. We have received offers of saplings, and offers of planting sites in four different parishes. Tree planting will start in earnest in December, including replacement of some trees (planted last winter) lost because of the drought.

We are exploring the sites shown on the Trees Maps provided by Dave Dixon and the Dorset AONB team, as suitable for tree planting to assist ecological strengthening or to alleviate flooding ... for example a very wet sloping field north of Chantry Farm in Beaminster. In order to be able to make a serious offer to farmers, we are seeking extra funds.

Looking further ahead towards tree planting in the winter of 2021-22, our tree nursery at Beaminster School has been enriched through the planting – by children from Beaminster School – of acorns, hazelnuts, horse chestnuts, plus sweet chestnuts from Edmund Coombe Coppice (the great woodland on the ridge south of Beaminster).

Michael Dower, Beaminster Area ECO Group

WE HAVE HEARD OF ONE LOCAL PARISH WHICH IS PLANNING TO PLANT A TREE FOR EVERY PERSON WHO LIVES THERE - MORE THAN 230. NOW, THERE'S AN IDEA!



Joe Hackett - Bridport Tree Planting Co-Ordinator

(Pass this newsletter on!)