

Garsington Gets Green

Adopt a Tree (for free) Scheme.

The first phase of this exciting new village-wide project is underway.

With funding from the Parish Council, 9 young trees and some hedging plants are on their way, and will be planted in the Memorial Field next to the Children's playground.

Adopt a Tree - an invitation to volunteer.

Unlike most adopt-a-tree schemes, we are **not** asking for money. We are looking for volunteers to adopt one (or more) of the many trees we will plant in our village in 2023, starting with these 9 trees in the Memorial Field.

Adopting a tree means :

- helping to plant it
- caring for it -especially at the start when it needs water and protection,
- monitoring it as it grows, recording the wildlife that visits it, lives on it, helps it or threatens it.

This is an opportunity open to anyone and everyone, but we would particularly like to encourage families to get involved. Plant a tree with your children or your grandchildren, nurture it and watch it grow. It will be there for generations to come and it will be your tree. These trees will provide shade for those visiting the playground, an extra place for children to play, and a resource for those who want to know more about our natural surroundings.

Planting and caring for your tree

Once we have enough volunteers, we will hold a Planting Tree Party on the Memorial Field. Everyone involved will be invited to come to the Memorial Field with their spades and watering cans, and we will have a party. Led by our Garsington Green Gym, volunteers will be invited to plant their trees. Practical advice will be given on how to care for them and where to get help if needed as the tree grows.

Experts will be on hand to talk to you about your tree, about the wildlife you can expect to see, how your tree interacts with the environment around it, and ways to record and share information ...and it is a party, so expect cake.

Information about your tree.

Each tree will have a named plaque attached to it, and you will be presented with an information pack about your particular tree. The pack will include a wealth of information including how to care for your tree, what to look for as it grows, and some fun and interesting ways to gather and record information.

The data you collect will go towards a growing bank of information about the wildlife in Garsington. This overall information will appear as reports in the Parish Magazine and on the village website.

How to get involved. It's simple!

Contact Gary Leahy either by email garyleahy63@hotmail.com or by phone 07483 897715. He is coordinating our volunteers and will have all the information you will need.

So, go on, call Gary. Get involved.

Garsington Gets Green Team

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