

ELMS FOR ALL

Preserving nature for our children

Imagine your child or grandchild growing up, and visiting the tree they have planted in a new green corridor of woodland and seeing it develop into a significant tree in the landscape

A new baseline

We do not have to accept that the nature-poor environment in which we live (our current 'baseline') is normal or inevitable. Nature can recover if we help it. We can enjoy a 'new normal', a new baseline if we work to allow trees, plants and animals to come back into our lives.

In collaboration with the Wiltshire Tree Council

We are working with Wiltshire Council who are able to help source and fund larger tree planting projects and offer support to communities to maintain trees after they are planted.



Our Goals

- Encourage local groups and communities to plant Elms or other iconic species and look after the trees as they grow.
- Help them source the Elms and plan where to plant.
- Use the Wiltshire Climate Alliance network to celebrate and publicise what has been achieved, providing materials and practical support.
- Raise the profile of local groups to widen the volunteer base.

Our Resources

WCA has access to:

- Expert advice including from Wiltshire Council's Tree Council
- Sources of trees
- Information about funding
- Information about where, when and how to plant in your local area
- People who have done themselves before willing to help and advise



Why Plant Trees?

- They make towns and countryside look more beautiful and pleasant to be in.
- They support birds, insects and waterlife
- They soak up rainwater and store water
- They reduce air pollution and purify the air
- They soak up carbon that harms our climate
- They improve the quality of rivers
- They are a food source for fruit, nuts and berries
- They provide shade and relief in towns
- They reduce soil erosion and improve soil quality
- They reduce chemical run off from agriculture

How to get involved

Join our regular community meetings online or just drop us a line. Email us with the subject Elms Planting or for more information please visit our page on the WCA website:

Email:

Website:

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Why we care about Elms

g (History, paintings, childhood memories) Wicken Love Feast – does this still happen?? Lichfield – twigs on Ascension Day etc etc

A sad story

(Narrative about Dutch Elm disease and the mass felling of the trees. Explanation of the limited number of varieties and clones which we had and how this means regeneration does not happen much)

Hope for the future

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- Explanation of the efforts to grow different varieties, sub species etc and what we are going for??
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Tree...mendous

Elms can grow to xxx,

(few more interesting facts)

and are the plant food for the rare White – letter hairstreak butterfly



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Planting and cherishing significant trees in our communities

