

# Thursley Tree Planting Initiative



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We are launching the **Thursley Tree Planting Initiative** as a way for our community to start to mitigate the global warming emissions that result from our lifestyle. Each tree and equivalent hedgerow will help store carbon over its lifetime and the trees and hedges will also increase the biodiversity of our Parish. We aim to plant the “right tree in the right place” by using native species suitable for the location, and by choosing mixed varieties to provide support for the woodland habitat. We plan to use land that is a good choice for woodland. Each of us would need to plant 7 trees to offset the carbon that we produce **each year of our lifetime**, so we all need to consider helping to plant more than one!

**Our plan** is to seek donations from the community to support this initiative, with the aim of raising **£2,000** to purchase and maintain **400** trees (or the equivalent hedgerow) for a **November 2020** planting. We will need **volunteer labour** to help plant and maintain the trees/hedgerow to keep costs down. Each tree, stake and

protector can be obtained as 2-year-old saplings from the Woodland Trust or other suppliers for approximately £2.50. Hedge packs cost £50 for 30 saplings, which creates 6 to 10m of hedging. We would keep some money aside for ongoing maintenance as it's important to look after them. We have offers of **three** parcels of land for trees and **some field margins** for hedge planting from landowners in Thursley Parish to support our Tree Planting Initiative.

The money donated would be paid to Thursley Parish Council and kept ring fenced for the initiative. Any spending would be subject to Thursley Parish Council's strict financial controls.

**Please consider donating £5/tree to our Tree Planting Initiative.** You can donate for multiple trees. We would combine tree donations to purchase hedge packs. Please contact me at 01428 685120 or [jdswift.thursleyipc@btinternet.com](mailto:jdswift.thursleyipc@btinternet.com) to get the bank account details for Thursley Parish Council so you can transfer your donation.