

Dear Tree Guardians,

I have to start with a massive Thank You to you all. The positive response to this project has been amazing, beyond anything I imagined. It is also thanks to the unexpected donation of the acorns in the Spring which kickstarted this project 8 months earlier than planned. From Zero in February there are now 125 names registered as tree guardians and an approximate 2530 oak saplings being nurtured. Isn't that amazing? Please see attached photos of the amazing tree that produced all the oaks we are now nurturing.

Your saplings

I hope that your young saplings are thriving, as all deciduous trees they will soon lose their leaves. DO NOT throw them on the compost! They are just resting until Spring.

I still have a few oaks in need of homes in case the squirrels got to yours.

Tree Planting

This does not include oak saplings planted this year.

I know there are a few people out there who have been nurturing trees that now need permanent homes. Broxtowe Borough Council are on standby to give us locations. If you have 2 year old + trees that need permanent homes this autumn, please contact me with species and quantities.

Tree Seed Harvesting

Now is the time to be collecting seeds for the next stage of this project, other species. I was hoping to get a session or two together for anyone who wanted to collect seeds. Without wanting to make excuses, my father passed away just a few weeks ago and my day job is demanding and I just haven't got it together, so sorry about that....

I am actually going seed collecting this afternoon if anyone wants to join me, around 4pm on Bramcote Ridge. If you are at a loose end, join me. We can meet at the top of Sandy Lane. If you want to call me first, 07852818178 is my number. This is not an official event and there is no insurance...

Alternatively I plan to go again on 24/10/2021. Please get in touch if you want to join me.

Or you can go by yourself. The tree species that Broxtowe Borough Council are interested in are the following;

Birch, oak, alder, ash, aspen, beech, birch, bird cherry and wild cherry, crab apple, field maple, hazel, holly, juniper, lime, oak, poplar (black poplar) Scot's pine, rowan, yew, whitebeam, willow, wych elm. With shrubs/small trees/hedging: alder buckthorn, blackthorn, broom, buckthorn, dog-rose, dogwood, elder, guelder-rose, hawthorn, spindle. General guideline, species native to Britain. Please keep a record of roughly where you collected the seed.

And this Tree Council clip is a great introduction to collecting and planting the various types of seed.

[Tree Seed Gathering Masterclass - YouTube](#)

CALL FOR HELP, BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Broxtowe Borough Council are very supportive of this project. In discussions with them it transpires that they could use our help for suggested tree planting locations. Perhaps you have a park near

where you live that you feel would benefit from more trees, perhaps there is a verge you pass regularly where trees were planted but didn't survive. Could you please send me your suggestions?

I'll pass them on to the council and they can investigate the viability of the locations.

CANOPY 2050 ADMIN

It has been a tough year for me. Whilst I am super enthusiastic about this project, I recognize that my project leader performance has been less than impressive. I've had a domain name and an offer for website building help for about six months, but I still have no website. I wanted to organize seed collecting forays and I have failed. I have been saying for the last five months that I will send a newsletter soon and you are only just receiving this newsletter today. I wanted to attend a couple of events with a stand and I haven't.

Next time I write, I hop it will be from canopy2050.org domain address.

I'm not trying to save the world alone. If you would like to be more involved on an organizational level, I'd love to hear from you.

I'm on holiday next week, if you write to me I'll get back to you after 20th October.

Helene