



Canopy 2050 Newsletter, October 2023

Hello to you all!

Since my last newsletter in Spring, Canopy 2050 has gained a whopping 325 more guardians, so a big welcome to all the new and old tree growers out there! Due to your amazing response and enthusiasm for this project, it has been converted into a Community Interest Company. With this level of community support we can all make a difference and help our councils by providing free locally grown trees to help increase the Urban tree canopy.

NEWSLETTER CONTENTS: Autumn/Winter planting dates, Seed collecting events, Seed extraction event, Achievements, CANOPY 2050 news and plans.



I'm sure that by now some of you were wondering if Canopy 2050 still exists and if there is actually going to be any planting this Autumn/Winter. I'm very pleased to say that the answer is Yes! There may be some more events added in the new year. I will of course let you know.

At present Canopy 2050 is only supported by Broxtowe Borough Council so all of the planting sites are in the Broxtowe area.

Sat 18th Nov 10:30-12:30. Crow Hill, Bramcote Hills Park, NG9 3GF: Crow hill is the slope up from the main grassland area towards the leisure centre. Nearest car park is the far end of the leisure centre car park.

~~Weds 22nd Nov 10:30-12:30. Archers Field, Stapleford, NG9 7EU.~~ POSTPONED 🙄

Sat 2nd Dec 10:30-12:30. Pitt Lane, Off Stapleford Rd, Trowell, NG9 3QJ: Continue planting in the same area where we planted last winter. Enclosed area and extension of adjacent copse. This time with tree guards and signage!

Tuesday 5th Dec 10:30-12:30. Archers Field, Stapleford, NG9 7EU.

Sat 13th Jan 10:30-12:30 Return to Archers Field, Stapleford, NG9 7EU.

It would help if you could drop a message or text if you are intending to plant with the number of trees! info@canopy2050.org or 07542 851210



Whilst seed collecting is already ongoing, it would be lovely to get together and do it as a group. And it helps us of course to have enough seed to distribute to guardians. So if you are free, please come along!

Thurs 2nd Nov at 3pm, Attenborough Nature Reserve. Meeting Point by railway crossing, Meadow Lane. NG9 5AJ.

Sun 5th Nov at 3pm, Hetley Pearson Recreation ground, NG9 1RL. Meet at the sports pavilion.

Tues 7th Nov at 3pm, Bramcote Ridge. Meeting point at the top of Sandy Lane NG9 3GS.

Sun 19th Nov at 10:30, Bramcote Hills Park. Meeting point, Far end of Bramcote leisure centre car park NG9 3GF.

Again, it would help if you could drop a message or text if you are intending to come! info@canopy2050.org or 07542 851210



Sat 25th Nov 11:00 – 3pm Beeston. Lunch provided in return for your help. Address at end of newsletter.

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CANOPY 2050 ACHIEVEMENTS Spring to Autumn 2023

Canopy 2050 is now a CIC, a Community Interest Company, which will hopefully enable us to obtain funding going forward and allow us to dedicate more time to the project.

Seed collecting is always ongoing depending when the fruits are ripe on the various tree species. We now have seeds from 20 native species. Please reach out to us if you would like some more. Seeds available for the following; Alder, Alder Buckthorn, Ash, Beech, Bird Cherry, Blackthorn, Broom, Common Buckthorn, Crabapple, Elder, Field Maple, Guelder Rose, Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly, Hornbeam, Rowan, Silver Birch, Wild Rose, Yew. Looking out for Scotts Pine, whitebeam, Wych elm, Juniper and this year, decent healthy acorns.

Remember that 'rescued' native saplings are good too – pop them in a pot when small!

In 2023 CANOPY 2050 has attended lots of local events including The Hemlock Happening, Broxtowe Green Festival, Eastwood, Nottingham Green Festival, Bennersley Viaduct open day and various local summer fetes.

In summer 2023 CANOPY 2050 was awarded Certificate of Recognition by the outgoing Mayor of Broxtowe David Grindell.

FUTURE PLANS

Apart from council identified sites we are looking to target residential areas where the tree canopy is low or non-existent and offer free trees and the planting of them. The first area to target will be the Beeston Fields Estate. Please let us know of any streets/areas that you think would benefit from inclusion in this type of project.

We are looking to target local businesses with land with the same proposal, free trees and the planting of them.



It is a little late for 2023 but we all need to keep our eyes peeled for signs of OPM, the Oak Processionary Moth. It won't affect your baby saplings but can be found on trees with a trunk diameter of 10cm or more. The Oak Processionary Moth is a pest that has been present in some areas in South England for more than a decade but has unfortunately now been identified in Nottinghamshire. The caterpillars of this moth infest oak trees, eating the leaves and weakening the tree leaving it vulnerable to other threats. OPM nests and caterpillars are a hazard to human and animal health. In summer the caterpillars can be seen processing in long lines. Other times the caterpillars come together in well camouflaged nests. Any sightings should be reported to the Forestry Commission via the [Tree Alert online form](#). Alternatively, people can email opm@forestrycommission.gov.uk or call 0300 067 4442.



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If you want to get in touch, please email info@canopy2050.org or call on 07542 851210. Hope to see you all soon (and be inundated with requests for seeds!)
Helene