

# Greenwood

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### **Tree Planting Grant helps Nottinghamshire's Community Forest to Grow**

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The Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grant Scheme provides funding and advice to help schools and groups carry out small-scale tree planting in their community. Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, over 100 schools and groups have received grants and been able to plant 1000s of native trees to help create the Greenwood Community Forest.

This year the scheme was oversubscribed and a record 22 groups and schools were successful in receiving grants. In total over 2500 trees were planted in schools or on publicly owned land.

Over £5,000 in grants has been given out this year with over 500 participants from 7 groups and 15 schools getting involved across the Greenwood area, helping to improve their environment. Groups and schools taking part included:

- Joseph Whitaker School, Rainworth, who planted trees in an area that will be used to study and assess the value of carbon offsetting.
- The Friends of Moor Pond Wood, who planted 750 trees to improve hedgerows at Moor Pond Wood, Papplewick
- Garibaldi School who joined the Friends of Vicar Water Country Park, Clipstone, to plant 250 trees on the old colliery spoil heap – now an attractive viewpoint over the whole of Clipstone and beyond.
- Mapplewells Primary School, Sutton in Ashfield, where pupils, teachers and parents planted 225 trees to improve the grounds, plant a hedgerow and provide shade and shelter.
- The Friends of Bestwood Country Park who planted trees to celebrate the lives of two volunteer rangers.

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**Nic Wort, Project Officer for Greenwood, said:** “Getting children involved is great as they are always so enthusiastic, and they can watch their trees grow which, hopefully, will encourage them to look after our environment. Tree planting makes school grounds look more attractive but there are other benefits too. They also block noise and particulates in the air and provide much needed shade and shelter, – an important consideration as our climate changes.”

Tree planting in the community also has wider benefits for the whole Community Forest as each tree planted helps to join up other areas of small scale planting to create green corridors to the wider countryside.

The Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grant will be available again for this year’s planting season. Contact Nic Wort on 01623 827328 to receive details.

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Photos attached

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