



This Tree Planting project is run by the Faringdon Churches' **EARTH & FAITH** group, supported by **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**. It is a local action against climate change, something we can all do to share our hopes for the future of the Earth.

The aim is to plant a lot of trees, starting in November 2021, to coincide with the UN COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow.

TREES FOR SCHOOLS and youth groups

Some Schools and Youth Groups will have land where they can plant trees. You will need permission to plant from the Head and Trustees/Governors and landowner/ local council.

If your School or Group does not have land available, you can still introduce young people to the debate about Climate Change and the importance of trees to the environment. They could talk to their parents about planting trees at home ([see our leaflet](#) PLANT A TREE IN YOUR GARDEN), or volunteer to plant trees for a local planting scheme (please talk to us about opportunities that may arise as the FARINGDON BRANCHES OUT project develops)

PLANTING ON SCHOOL / YOUTH GROUP PREMISES

Keeping in mind the planting space available, consider what sort of trees/shrubs/hedges would be suitable. There is good advice on suitable trees from the Woodland Trust, or www.rhs.org.uk and specialist tree nurseries.

Schools and Youth Groups can apply for packs of FREE trees from

- **The Woodland Trust**
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities>
- **The Community Volunteers**
<https://www.tcv.org.uk>

Both these websites give information, lesson notes and video guidance. The NT website has a link to [TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS](#) which includes an interactive planning app.

If space is quite limited, you may prefer to plant one special tree as a mark of hope for the Climate Conference, or as a celebration for a special occasion.

See our separate leaflet about a national campaign:

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

to honour The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

You can buy a well-grown tree, costing £20 and upwards, from a local nursery or garden centre, or from the Woodland Trust. Always check that the tree you buy has been sourced from Great Britain or Ireland, to avoid the risk of bringing tree diseases across international boundaries. Look for Plant Healthy certification, or the OHAS Grower Standard.

PLANTING AND CARING FOR YOUR TREES

The FREE trees you receive will be small 'whips' with bare roots, for planting during the trees' dormant season that starts in November. (However, if you miss this deadline you can still plant bare-root trees up to March provided the ground is frost-free.)

Both the Woodland Trust and the Conservation Volunteers give good advice on planting and after-care of your trees. For the first 3 years after planting the trees will need Water, Weeding and Protection (from rabbits, deer and mowing machines). You can order tree guards and canes/stakes when you apply for your trees. To avoid mowing or accidental damage, make sure everyone who uses or works on the space knows where the trees are planted.

BRANCH OUT WITH US IN 2021!

We hope you will decide to plant some trees this winter, for Faringdon and for the planet, and that they will enhance your site and community.

We'd love to hear from you so we can see how the project is going. Tell us your plans or send us your comments or questions using one of the contact forms on the [Faringdon Branches Out web page](#)

Thank you!