

NFWI-WALES NATURAL HERITAGE PROJECT TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PLANT URBAN TREES



Photo - Voluntary Arts Wales -
Woollen Woods

NFWI Wales are currently working with project coordinators to deliver Training Days in every Federation. You will get essential information from the training days which you can use to help guide you through the project. We are looking for WIs to get involved!

There are WI Tree Project packs available with information about the project. The pack includes a step-by-step guide to use in your own WIs. If you are interested, contact the NFWI-Wales office to get yours.

OPAL packs - OPAL packs are also available which have an easy-to-use tree identification guide to help you to measure and identify trees. These can be used alongside the WI tree project packs to record any data.

The **Data capture sheet** in the project packs can be used to record your data which will then be used to collate all information over the course of the project. It is vital that all data is recorded and that any project involvement is noted!

Trezilla, the monster map of trees is a handy online map resource which can be used to record tree measurements and locations. You can virtually plant your tree and record its height and species. Once recorded, the map will show your tree! You can also view the eco benefit of this tree.

Trezilla will help scientists to analyse the eco benefits from the trees.

There are a variation of ways in which you can get involved in this project. These are some useful links which may help you to get your project going:

To sign up for Street Tree Resource Packs from the Woodland trust which available in Spring 2018, visit:

http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/street-trees/?utm_source=%25streettrees&utm_medium=furl

The Woodland Trust also have Free Tree Packs for Communities and Schools. To apply for Free Tree Packs for Community Groups and Schools:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/community-tree-pack/>

The Welsh Government has introduced the plant! Scheme. This is a pledge to plant a tree for every child born or adopted in Wales. For more information about the Welsh government's Plant! Scheme, please visit;

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/forestry/plantatree/?lang=en>

Natural Resources Wales has useful information on their website about the importance of Urban Trees in Wales. This includes a study of tree cover in Wales' towns and cities.

<https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/your-neighbourhood/green-spaces/urban-trees/?lang=en>

Become a Tree Champion!

For more information contact the Wales office -
walesoffice@nfwl-wales.org.uk

or your local Federation



Federation details...

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| Carmarthenshire | Training Day held on 27th February 2018. Johnstown Athletic Club. Successful day with most WIs represented. WI representatives will now move onto creating an interest in their own WIs to plant, preserve and protect urban trees in Carmarthenshire. WI project packs and OPAL packs were given out on the day and the Treezilla map was explained so WIs can go onto measuring and recording their own trees. |
| Ceredigion | Training day held on 17th March, St Pauls Methodist Centre. Guest Speaker Gareth Coles from Voluntary Arts Wales explored ways to get involved in the project through craft. |
| Powys Radnor | Training Day held in Crossgates Community Centre on 28th March. Guest speakers Clare Morgan from Woodland Trust, Sam Milner from Natural Resources Wales and Lizzie Stonhold from Coastlines Cymru. |
| Anglesey | Training Day held on 21st March, Neuadd Ebeneser/Ebeneser Hall, Llangefni. Guest speaker Iwan Edwards from North Wales Wildlife Trust attended. |
| Glamorgan | Training Day 8th May, Carmel chapel, Port Talbot. Guest speakers include Lizzy Stonhold from Coast Lines Cymru and a guest speaker from Woodland Trust. |
| Clwyd Flint | Tree Training session held on 14th March to provide members with more details about the project. Tree survey and Training Day to take place later in June. |
| Gwynedd Meirionnydd | Held an introduction to the project on 15th March. |
| Gwynedd Caernarfon | Held a meeting on 26th February to introduce the project. |
| Powys Montgomery | Received funding and now deciding on ways to push forward the project. |

Some 11,000 large trees were lost between 2006 and 2009*

55 out of our 220 towns show an overall decline in canopy cover between 2006-2009*

If all 'green land' sites identified were planted, with the right trees in the right places, cover in towns could be increased by 35-52%.*



Photo - Dr Philip Wheeler, Open University

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| Gwent | Engaging members to take part in the project. Presenting the project packs to members. |
| Powys Brecknock | Held an informal meeting in February 2018 to discuss the project. |
| Pembrokeshire | Held a Tree Workshop on 23rd April. In contact with local gardens. |
| Clwyd Denbigh | Some requests from WIs in Clwyd Denbigh looking for more information about the project. |

*Natural Resources Wales - Tree Cover in Wales' towns and cities