

NFWI-Wales Tree Project Noticeboard

Carmarthen Federation
Data Upload Workshop,
13 March, Johnstown
Athletic Club 9.30am.

Powys Radnor Tree
Workshop, 13 March,
Crossgates Community
Centre, 7pm.

Opportunity for Tree
Champions in
Glamorgan Federation
to take part in a
community project in
Swansea and future tree
planting.

Gwynedd Caernarfon
Federation will be
holding woodland visits
with a local countryside
warden. Contact the
office to register your
place.

Ceredigion Federation
tree planting in
partnership with Ysgol
Henry Richards and
Ysgol Plascrug in
March.

Clwyd Flint Federation
will hold another
meeting for Tree
Champions at Wepre
Park, 20 March.



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

March 2019

Heritage Lottery Display - 15 February 2019.

We were invited to hold a display at a National Lottery Heritage Fund's Event at Cornerstone, Cardiff. There was a display of members craft items, photographs of Tree Champions engaging in activities and case studies of federation involvement.



What has been happening in Federations?

Many members have been engaging in the project through craft and tree health surveys! Members in **Anglesey Federation** are getting prepared for a tree themed drawing workshop. **Llanfairpwll WI** and **Menai Straits WI** organised craft workshops in their meetings.

Members from **Carmarthenshire Federation** featured on Country Focus on BBC Radio Wales to talk about the project and how members in Carmarthenshire have been getting involved with planting and measuring trees! They will also hold a Data Upload Workshop for Tree Champions in March (more details on page 4).

Members from **Ysbyty Ifan WI** also appeared on Heno, S4C. Members were interviewed on how they are taking part to protect and preserve trees in Ysbyty Ifan and the wider community. They also showed the presenters the ancient trees in Ysbyty Ifan which had been nominated for the Woodland Trust's Tree of the Year.



Many Tree Champions have also been successful in applying to the Woodland Trust for Free Trees to be delivered in March 2019. Please see Page 4 for more details.



Season Tree Badges

This craft method was revived in the 1980s by adapting the pattern and making fun posy brooches. They regained popularity recently when they were featured in “stitch” magazine.

Materials

- Brass Curtain ring 1 ¼ inch
- Perle cotton No 8 in colours of your choice
- Medium size tapes to needle
- Small brass safety pin
- Sewing thread to attach pin
- A few small beads

Method

- Work blanket stitch around the ring, pulling it as firmly as possible;
- Push the outer ridge of stitch to inside of ring;
- Using a suitable colour for the trunk and branches, work a few stitches vertically from base to the top of ring, taking your needle through the existing buttonhole stitch;
- Next, work a few stitches horizontally and continue around the top half of the ring making a fan shape;
- Look carefully at trees to decide the shape you are aiming for;
- Next, fill in from spoke to spoke making a network of branches and twigs;
- Return to the trunk, needle weaving in and out of the threads to thicken and produce a realistic representation;
- Next, thicken some of the branches by weaving two together or by simply “wrapping” them;
- For the winter tree add a few glass beads. For the others, make French Knots all over the branches to resemble leaves or blossom fruit, using suitable colours for your chosen season. Add a few beads;
- Finally, sew a safety pin in central position on the back of your creation making sure that you position the pin with its back toward the stitching, and not the opening part.



How to Plant and look after your trees - Simple Tips and Advice

When your trees arrive, store them upright, sheltered from wind and frost. Gather your tools ready for planting! It is useful to plant them straight in the ground rather than in pots.

Methods of Planting

Pit Planting

- Suitable for all ground types;
- Dig a hole wider and deeper than the roots of the tree. Loosen the soil around the edges;
- Plant your tree and gently push the soil back in to cover the roots. Don't compact the soil too much to ensure water and air can get to your tree;
- Cover your tree with a spiral and use a cane for support and protection.

Split Planting

- Simple method suitable for bare soil and grass;
- Push spade into the ground and push forward to create a split in the soil (it must be deep enough for the roots of the tree);
- Whilst holding the split open, place tree inside (root plug 2cm below ground);
- Remove the spade and push the soil back around the tree;
- Cover with spiral and cane.

You can visit the Woodland Trust for more detailed methods and instructions of how to plant and care for your trees:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/how/>

