

Jan-Feb 2026 BRIDPORT TREE PLANTING



Brief extra newsletter, including two planting dates.

We're in the middle of the tree planting season and have also been busy giving away fruit trees to the 15 lucky winners of our draw.



Trees against the skyline,
Bothenhampton,
December 2025

On Saturday January 24th at 11 am we're doing something a little different. A planting session with fifty more saplings going in next to the

previous 150 behind the Medical Centre, but also being entertained by **two songs about trees.**

Composed and sung by one of Bridport's favourite musicians, Sammy Hurden, these two songs are entitled Arbore Amor and Dig Your Dreams. Sammy is passionate about trees and will be performing live with a group of friends. There will be refreshments too - fruit juice, flapjacks, biscuits, maybe even a glass or two of Prosecco and it's a chance to come and see the trees we've planted next to the Symene river. Sammy will be singing from 11.30 but if you want to plant a tree come along at 11 am. Bring a spade if you have one, or we can lend you one. It's impossible to say how many people will attend this event but we're putting it in the main newsletter to spread the word about what we have been doing, are proud of and to give a musical treat to tree supporters.



Trees on
a misty
January
morning

We'll also be planting in Asker Meadows on Saturday February 7th, again at 11 am. This time its 74 saplings going in - a mixture of crab apples, blackthorn, rowan, goat willow, field maple, dog roses and alder and some specially bought in extra dog roses, spindle, wayfarer trees and guelder rose. This is to a fill in the north east

corner of the show field, next to the compound. More trees to follow in the autumn or next year such as damson, medlar and cob nuts - great for wildlife and foraging.

MEANWHILE, NATIONALLY, TARGETS FOR TREE PLANTING ARE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE, NOT BEING MET.

<https://eciu.net/media/press-releases/government-risks-missing-critical-window-for-tree-planting-analysis>

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