

# Planting With Purpose

**We want to do more than just plant trees – we want to create a thriving ecosystem that benefits our community.**

We already have a few ideas for how we can use new woodland:

## Forest School

An opportunity for children to explore the natural world



## Working wood

Craft and forest skills classes for adults

## Foraging

Locals can learn to identify edible plants and forage for their own food



## Wildlife habitat

Expand the biodiversity of the area and facilitate activities such as birdwatching



# What do you think?



We value the opinions of our community – please submit any thoughts or ideas for where we could plant trees via the details below.

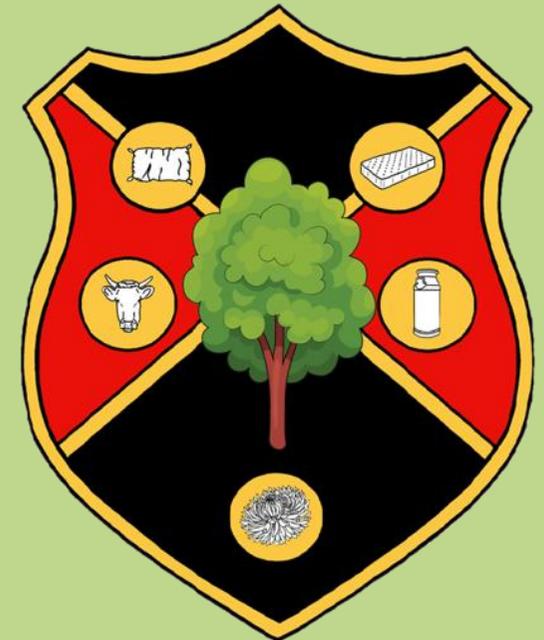
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# Tree Planting Strategy



A plan for a greener future



Working in partnership with Transition Town Wellington

# Our Aims

**We want to increase the volume of trees in Wellington over the next 20 years.**

Increasing Wellington's tree cover from 6% to as much as 25% would help us:



Improve absorption of carbon emissions

Provide food and shelter for native wildlife



Develop recreational areas for public use

Facilitate diverse ecosystems within our boundaries



# How We Will Do It

## Step 1: Identify suitable land

Wellington Town Council will soon be leasing the 64-acre Green Corridor from Somerset West and Taunton. This huge tract of land has potential for large-scale tree planting.

We want to identify areas where we think we can plant trees such as roadside verges, car parks and play areas. We intend to open discussions with landowners about planting trees where there is space to do so.

Where possible, we would like to increase the tree cover around the streets of the town. We will work to identify locations where street trees will be planted.

**We can't do it alone** – residents, schools, and businesses are encouraged to undertake tree planting on their own land. We will be on hand to provide advice and assistance on reaching your own tree planting goals.

## Step 2: Acquire trees

There are many programmes available to help local authorities, groups, and individuals obtain trees for planting. The Woodland Trust has a range of tree packs suitable for different growing locations and woodland uses.

## Step 3: Plant, grow, nurture

Trees planted on public land will be planted by members of the community at events organised by the Town Council and its partners. Keep up to date on our tree planting progress by following our social media pages and checking our website.

Growing saplings will be protected from the elements and wildlife with plastic tubing, cardboard, and poles. We will make regular checks on trees we plant and encourage the public to report any damage to us as soon as they spot it.

