



# Greening Ashwell

IMPROVING SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY IN ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE

## Planting

**VOLUNTEERS:** come well prepared, warm clothes /boots, gloves, may be wet, warm drinks / refreshments etc

**EQUIPMENT:** bring (if you have them) spade, fork, rake, broom, water (in plastic container) watering can. Don't worry if you haven't these as I'm sure keen gardeners will have more than one to lend.

**GREENING ASHWELL:** will supply trees, stakes, tree guards, mulch to plant whips (bare rooted) 1/1 saplings (slightly larger /bigger roots) container grown stock (usually biodegradable container). We will demonstrate good practice before starting and children are encouraged but have to come with an adult.

**PREPARATION:** the site may be currently very rough and weed covered. So, as well as lots of broken chalk, stones, roots and some rubbish this needs digging out and removing. So initially some hard work is required to get the areas up to a standard for the new planting to thrive. Teams can be matched to achieve a good tilth for seeding and larger tree pits.

**PLANTING:** the location for the new stock and seeding areas will be marked out to ensure they are in the most advantageous location to be effective and in a species mix for maximum wildlife benefit.

**COMPLETION:** it is hoped all the stock will be planted on the day. If this is not possible further planting dates will be arranged to ensure bare-rooted trees especially are in the ground by the end of the dormant season (November to following March)

**AFTERCARE:** All planting and seeding requires maintenance and the stock watered in dry periods and the bases kept weed free, in the first season they will flourish. Tree guards where used can come loose /fall over and vandalism may occur so regular GREEN TEAM work parties will provide ongoing maintenance. This will be through the Green Team Leader Clare Docking [claredocking@gmail.com](mailto:claredocking@gmail.com) or Sherran Chalkley [sherranmandrell@hotmail.com](mailto:sherranmandrell@hotmail.com)