

RHS Memorial tree planting programme

Following a suggestion from St Anne's in Bloom, many of our groups have expressed an interest in planting a tree as a lasting and local memorial to Bill Blackledge MBE, who was our inspirational North West in Bloom Chairman for many years and who sadly passed away this year.

This idea has since been embraced and widened by all 16 In Bloom and Its Your Neighbourhood Regions and Nations. The RHS have confirmed that they will record any memorial trees planted this year and next year and this information will be accessible to all through the RHS website. This is a great initiative and we would ask as many people as possible to support and share. We'd love as many people to take part in this as possible and the RHS will also be providing some materials to help you gain further support in your communities. Please check the RHS website for further details.



This autumn the RHS are inviting you, along with other groups, schools, businesses, local authorities and individuals, to plant trees in memory of those who have lost their lives to COVID-19. Trees can be any size, shape or variety in order to suit everyone's budgets and capabilities. When trees are planted, we ask that you simply [complete our survey](#) letting us know the information listed below.

Postcode	Address	Name of Group
Name of tree (s)	Latin name (Optional)	Number of Trees
In memory of Individual/ Family/Group (Optional)	Area open to the public Yes or No	

The information will be used to populate a map of the UK displaying all the trees that have been planted for loved ones. A wonderful nationwide lasting memorial.



Free trees for schools and communities Woodland Trust

The UK needs millions more trees to reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. By digging in with the Woodland Trust, you'll help bring us nearer this important goal.



The Woodland Trust want to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree, so they are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. Together, we'll get millions more trees in the ground.

There are two delivery periods per year, one in March and the other in November. The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in **MARCH 2021**. To request a free pack fill out the application form on their website.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

National Tree Planting Week

28 November - 6 December 2020

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year) and is a great chance for communities to do something positive for their local treescape.



Please see the link below for a Covid aware tree planting guide.

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>

Wrea Green Remembrance Wood





NORTH WEST

Meet the Judges

A New Judge—Neil Harvey

Hello, my name is Neil Harvey. I've been a Green flag judge for a number of years I enjoy seeing open green spaces within the local community, meeting the volunteers and friends groups doing excellent work and seeing visitors enjoying the green flag sites.

In late 2019, I attended training to become a North West in Bloom judge. The late Bill Blackledge, Chairman of North West in Bloom gave an excellent presentation to the new judges sharing his many experiences and the pleasure and enjoyment he had over many years as a North West in Bloom Judge. Due to the current restrictions, judging for North West in Bloom couldn't take place this year but this didn't stop the excellent work within North West in Bloom and the community. The judges have kept in touch with Zoom meetings sharing experiences of what's been happening within their areas.

I work for Cheshire West and Chester Council as a Public Realm Inspector. Below is a little about one of our Green Flag Parks, Grosvenor Park, Chester, CH1 1QQ, located just outside Chester's historic walls overlooking the River Dee. Together with the riverfront and neighbouring St. John's Church and ruins, the park forms a significant cultural precinct in the heart of the city. One of the finest examples of Victorian parks in the UK, it has a considerable history and now forms a valuable open space for the local community and visitors to the city, offering a wide variety of activities including an Open Air Theatre and Miniature Railway.

The park is well worth a visit with 5.8 hectares of landscaped parkland or enjoy a walk along the River Dee and the Groves. Below are pictures of flower beds in Chester Grosvenor Park with Willow Statues celebrating VE Day.

