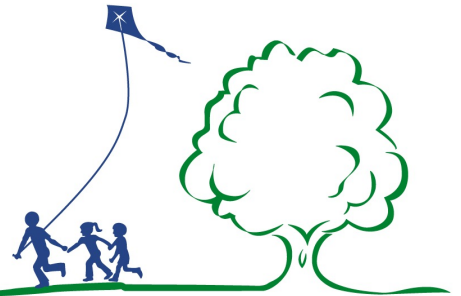


# Warley Woods Community Trust



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## Press Release: photocall

### Two hundred children to plant trees in Warley Woods

Two hundred local school children will be visiting Warley Woods this week on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November to plant new trees.

Students from Lightwoods Primary, Abbey Junior, Bearwood Junior and Infants and St Gregory's will be visiting the woods over the two days, armed with spades and ready to plant for the future. Over 850 trees will be planted during National Tree Week; planted by the school children and by adult volunteers. Trees being planted will include beech, oak, ash, lime and sweet chestnut, alongside other native species.

The tree planting will be the culmination of the Heritage Lottery Project which has seen an extensive refurbishment of the park. New railings have been installed and a new driveway and paths. There have been new benches and bins and all hazardous trees have been dealt with. Some views have been reinstalled to restore part of the design by Humphry Repton, the landscape architect who laid out Warley Woods in the 1790s. There has also been a community archaeological dig when over 300 people took part. The project has been jointly funded by Heritage Lottery and Sandwell MBC.

Viv Cole, Trust Manager said "It is fantastic that so many young people will be able to get involved in this project. They will be planting trees which they will be able to see grow and which will also be their for their children. We hope that it will give them a long term connection with Warley Woods."

There is still a chance for others to be involved in the tree planting. Forty-three volunteers took part in the planting on 25<sup>th</sup> November and there is another day planned on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Volunteers should meet at the Pavilion, Lightwoods Hill at 10.30am.

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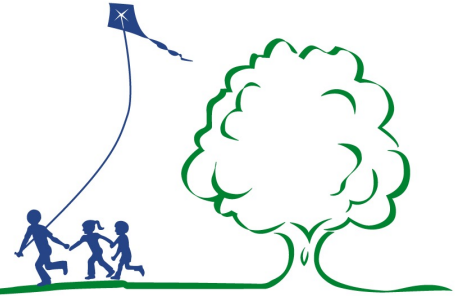
#### Notes

**Photocall: if you would like to capture tree planting in action then please call the Trust to arrange. Children will be on site planting both mornings and afternoons on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

- For further information contact: Viv Cole, Trust Manager, 0121 420 1061, 07947 805746, [trustmanager@warleywoods.org.uk](mailto:trustmanager@warleywoods.org.uk)
- Warley Woods Community Trust (WWCT) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. WWCT is the only charity in the United Kingdom to have taken responsibility

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for an urban park. The organisation was formed to take action, following the long term neglect of the park by Birmingham City Council and to ensure local people had a say in what happened to their park.

- The park is leased to Sandwell MBC for 99 years and has been subleased to WWCT for the same period of time.
- It is managed by a Board of Trustees which is made up of local people. The Trust's membership now numbers around 700 individuals and there are over 60 active volunteers.
- The Park was named the People's Park after it was saved from becoming sold for housing by public subscription in 1906.